



The fun starts here!

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MSAS NEWSLETTER

Middle School After School



Community Health Partners

Welcome to Middle School After School!

It's back to school time and we are so excited that you have chosen to spend your afternoons with us here at the YMCA. Middle School after school is a program that is designed specifically for teens. Our day will be made up of intense games, thinking activities and even service projects around the YMCA and the neighboring community. We offer a separate homework area for campers who wish to work on homework, where staff are there to assist with any problems. We look forward to a year of good times with good friends.



Can I get a punch please?

One of our main focuses at the YMCA is character development. The way integrate this into our middle school program is through our incentive program. Campers can will receive punch cards on Wednesday, August 25. These punch cards will be used to keep track of their progress through our incentive program. Campers will receive punches on their cards for demonstrating the four character traits of the YMCA during the day. Each punch card will have different levels that campers are trying to reach in order to earn a special prize, trip or event. Be sure to take a look at your campers punch card and track



Things to know:

- MSAS runs from 2:30-6:00 Monday-Friday.
- Pack a snack with your child everyday. We offer a time everyday for campers to enjoy a snack and spend time with their friends.
- We allow campers to check out of the program at 5:00pm if they have a YMCA membership card. Please send in written permission if you would like for them to leave.
- We have fun!

What huddle is my child in?

- 6 - Yellow Jackets
- 6 - Jayhawks
- 7 - Banana Slugs
- 8 - Boilermakers

*Campers will spend a majority of their time with these huddles. We keep a 1:12 staff to camper ratio during after school.

Who are all of these counselors?

Many of our staff members here at MSAS have been with the program for many years and have a great passion for working with teens. Our staff will create a fun and safe environment for the campers all while being great role models. Our leadership team consists of:

- Mike Hubbell, Director
- Sarah Johnston, Assistant Director
- D'Vario Daughtry, Program Coordinator
- Kelsay Hitchcock, Office Manager

If ever you have a question or concern regarding the program, please contact one of these individuals so that we can make sure that we have a program that fits everyone's needs. Contact information is listed at the bottom of this page.

Rides Out

Our Rides Out procedure runs from 5:00-6:00pm at the drop-off circle at the front of the building. When you arrive, enter the second entrance on YMCA Dr. where a staff member will be calling names from our corner. Please have either a **PHOTO ID** or a **YMCA PICK-UP CARD** with you when you arrive. Our staff must confirm that each child is going home safely with the right people. After your child is called, they will meet you in our rides out circle where staff will walk and load your children.

Late Fee Policy

Prime Time ends promptly at 6:00pm. We ask that all campers are picked up prior to the close of the program. Any parents arriving for pick-up after 6:00pm will be charged a late fee of \$5 for the first ten minutes and \$1/minute after that. If you know you will be running late, please let our office staff know. Thanks for your help with arriving on time.

Office Location

The Prime Time office is located in a room we all know as the "Dugout." It is located to the left of the main lobby in the first room on the right. We also have a familiar face in our office. Kelsay Hitchcock will be our office manager once again and we are very excited to have her smile and positive attitude back with us every day.

"Want to be a UNION member?"
Teens will this year be given a chance to be part of the MSAS UNION where they will help to make important decisions around after school such as what activities to do, prizes to be given, and much more! Stay tuned to find out who makes our Union team!

Homework Help

During each day of after school we offer two sessions of homework help where campers may skip their activity to work on school work if they choose. We offer a quiet area with counselors available to assist campers with any homework problems and an incentive program that rewards campers in homework for having good behavior and working hard. If you would like for your child to attend homework help everyday please call or send in a note to the office.

Contact Information:

If you have questions or comments you can call the Middle School Office at 919.469.9622 x143. If you know your child is going to be absent from after school, please call and leave a message letting us know your child's name and the school they attend.

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