

## Reedy Creek After School Program

Grades K - 5

### Location

Reedy Creek Elementary School  
940 Reedy Creek Road  
Cary, NC 27513

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### What does After School Cover?

The After School Program covers all 180 school days as outlined by the Wake County School System. This includes scheduled days of early dismissal. The program runs from the final school bell until 6:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. The After School Program does not cover teacher Workdays and Student Holidays. These days are covered by the School's Out Special Program and must be purchased apart from After School.

### How will my child get to the YMCA's Reedy Creek After School?

Reedy Creek Elementary students will be met in the back lobby and Kindergarten hallway by YMCA staff members and walked to the playground or trailer. YMCA buses will transport students from Kingswood and Northwoods Elementary to Reedy Creek Elementary to join the program at the beginning of snack. Buses are driven by YMCA certified drivers who are 21 years of age or 20 years old with three years driving experience. Drivers undergo a YMCA vehicle training program and, those driving a large bus must have a current CDL license with a passenger endorsement.

### What will my child do during the After School Program time?

Reedy Creek After School is a safe, fun, and active alternative to an afternoon at home. Skill development clinics, devotions, character development programs, arts & crafts, homework time, gym games, assemblies and outdoor games are all part of the After School experience.

### What are Skill Development Clinics?

Clinics are an instructional time offered 2 days a week. Clinics teach or improve student's skills in certain areas. The focus is not simply playing a game but developing skills. For example, during soccer clinic the campers will be doing passing drills, discussing team strategy, and learning how to play soccer. Clinic choices vary from month to month and will be announced in the monthly newsletter. Possible clinics include soccer, arts & crafts, basketball, science, and drama.

### What is the Character Club?

A main focus of the YMCA is character development. One way this is integrated into After School is through our Character Club. Throughout the week, during assembly counselors will recognize campers who exemplify one of our five character traits. Once a camper has earned all six traits, they will become part of the Character Club. The character traits vary in color and meaning, and are a great encouragement and incentive to all students.

Red = caring

Green = responsibility

Purple = Faith in God

Orange = Camper of the day

Blue = honesty

Yellow = respect



### **What about Homework Time?**

Homework time is offered daily Monday through Thursday. During homework time, a counselor is available to help answer questions that students may have. This is NOT one on one tutoring, but rather an opportunity for children to work on homework independently. Homework time is offered from 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

### **Family Fun Events**

Several times throughout the school year, Reedy Creek families are invited to come and join us for family events. The purpose of these events is to get families involved with what is going on at After School and the Cary Family YMCA. These events are free of charge and always a great time.

Family Fun Events for 2009/2010 are:

October 2009	Trunk or Treat
December 2009	Movie Night
February 2010	Pinewood Derby
April 2010	Healthy Kids Day

### **How does the Rides Out system work?**

Rides Out begins at 5:00 p.m. Beginning at this time, a YMCA Counselor will be waiting at the sidewalk in front of the school with a walkie-talkie. They will announce your arrival and your student will be sent out to your car. Please have your YMCA Traditional School Pick-up Card visible in your car window and your picture ID in an accessible place. Your child's safety is of utmost importance to us and no child will be released until positive identification is confirmed. Pick-up cards will be given out the first day by the Reedy Creek staff during Rides Out.

### **What if I want to pick up my student before Rides Out begins?**

If you need to pick up your child before 5:00 p.m., please come in to the building and sign your child out at the Reedy Creek YMCA Desk. Please have your identification and pickup card available.

\*\*For more program information please visit our website [www.ymcatriangle.org](http://www.ymcatriangle.org) \*\*