



Northwest Cary YMCA Homeschool:

Frequently Asked Questions

When does the program operate?

The Fall Semester runs from September 6 - December 15 for 14 weeks. We will be closed for the holidays and not run homeschool November 21- 2.

Monday & Wednesday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday 9 a.m.- 11 a.m.

There will be a rides in drop off period from 8:15-9 where students can come and join our open gym activities until classes start.

At the time of registration, Monday/ Wednesday participants will have an option to register for a full day, AM half day, or PM half. The schedules for each are as follows:

Full Day:

8:15 a.m.- 9 a.m. Open Gym Arrival Time

9 a.m.- 9:55 a.m. Class Choice 1

10 a.m. – 10:55 a.m. Class Choice 2

11 a.m. – 11:55 a.m. Lunch/ Recess (Offered free of charge for Full Day Participants Only)

12 p.m. - 12:55 p.m. Class Choice 3

1 p.m.- 1:55 p.m. Class Choice 4

Half Day AM:

8:15 a.m. - 9 a.m. Open Gym Arrival time

9 a.m. - 9:55 a.m. Class Choice 1

10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m. Class Choice 2

11 a.m. Dismissal

PM Half Day:

12 p.m. - 12:55 p.m. Class Choice 1

1 p.m. - 1:55 p.m. Class Choice 2

2 p.m. Dismissal

How do I register?

Both members and participants can register online beginning April 15. Classes can be paid for in full or by monthly draft. Class choices will be made at the time of registration.

What will my child do on a typical day?

Students can arrive anytime between 8:15 a.m. – 9 a.m. During this time students can come and play with their classmates in the gym. Classes will start promptly at 9 a.m.

Monday/Wednesday classes will last 55 minutes and will be followed by a 5-minute bathroom/handwashing break before the next class begins. From 11 a.m.-12 p.m. we will offer a supervised lunch/recess for students who are enrolled in our full day program.

Tuesday & Thursday classes will last for two hours from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. There will **not** be lunch and recess on these days.

How large are the classes?

Each class is capped at 15 students with one teacher.

Who are the staff?

Teachers are chosen based on prior teaching experience and/or professional expertise. All teachers are thoroughly screened, and background checked, and all have a passionate interest in the topic they teach. Teachers will receive ongoing professional development in best practices for working with students and will align their instruction to meet the individual needs of the students in their classes.

What if my child wants to attend two classes that are not back-to-back?

In addition to our academic classes, we are offering Discovery Labs as an opportunity for students to complete independent work including homework, arts and crafts, and STEAM activities. This class is offered at all program hours and can be used if there is not a class you would like your child to take at a given class hour. Please see our class descriptions page for more information about this course.

My child has special needs. Can they sign up?

Our homeschool program is designed to be inclusive for all students. Our teachers are trained on meeting the needs of each individual student and have experience working with a variety of student needs. If you have any questions about your particular situation, please contact Nicole Currin at Nicole.currin@YMCATriangle.org.

Will my child receive grades?

No, while teachers will use informal assessments to guide their instruction and determine when students are ready to progress through the course, no formal grades will be issued. Students will be given feedback on their performance. This feedback will be shared with families on a mid-semester progress report.

Can my child attend if they are enrolled in Virtual Academy through the public school system?

No, all students enrolled in the Homeschool program must be legally homeschooling students in the state of North Carolina. You will remain the administrator of your homeschool. The Y provides only supplemental programming.

How does drop-off and pick-up work?

When you arrive to drop off, please follow the directional signs to our Rides-In area. There a staff member will greet you. We ask that you please stay in your car. They will check your child in and they will join our open gym activities until it is time for them to go to their first class. If you arrive late, please call the number posted outside to let us know you are there to check in and a staff member will walk out and meet you.

When you arrive to pick up, please follow the directional signs to our Rides-Out area. There a staff member will greet you. We ask that you please stay in your car. They will check your child out and walk them out to your car. If

you need to check out before class is over, please call the number posted outside to let us know you are there to check out and a staff member will walk out and meet you.

What should my child bring?

Each teacher will have a class supply list of materials that will need to be purchased and brought to class on the first day. Supply lists will be sent out to enrolled families as soon as they are available, no later than August 17.

Students who are enrolled in the whole day and are staying for lunch/recess should also bring their own lunch, as these will not be provided.

Whom do I contact with questions?

Please contact Nicole Currin at Nicole.Currin@YMCATriangle.org