

YMCA BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE (BASC) Information and FAQ

YMCA of Lethbridge

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In Fall 2021, the YMCA of Lethbridge will offer Before and After School Care at the Cor Van Raay YMCA. Please see the Frequently Asked Questions below. If you have additional questions or feedback, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Community Development Manager Kristina Larkin at kristina.larkin@lethbridgeymca.ca

How do I register?

Registration will be available soon at www.lethbridgeymca.ca.

To stay connected and be the first to know when registration opens, please complete our inquiry form. <https://lethbridgeymca.ca/BASC-Form>

Who can attend?

This program is for children registered in Kindergarten to Grade 6.

Is Transportation Provided?

Yes! We are finalizing a third-party transportation provider to ensure children are safely transported to and from the Cor Van Raay YMCA to their **west side elementary school**. Unfortunately, we do not provide transportation for schools in other areas of the city. Kindergarten children attending west side schools are also eligible for mid-day transportation to accommodate morning or afternoon class. Please note: Children attending Coalbanks Elementary School will be walked to school with YMCA BASC staff as part of the YMCA's commitment to healthy living which includes active transportation!

What will it cost?

Our aim is to ensure our fees are comparable with local before and after school care programs and to make sure families have great options no matter where they live.

\$720/month for Kindergarten

\$200/month for Grade 1-6 Before-Only (Does not include School Closure Days)

\$475/month for Grade 1-6 After-Only Care

\$525/month for Grade 1-6 Before & After School Care

Do I have to pay a deposit?

There is a one time registration fee of \$50 per family due once your family has confirmed with BASC staff that you would like to proceed with registration. Please note: If you are currently actively registered with YMCA Childcare (Crossing, Redwood, Round Street), the registration fee is waived.

Is this program eligible for Alberta Child Care Subsidy?

While we await final approval, we anticipate offering this as a licensed program which is eligible for subsidy for approved families. We will have staff on hand to support your application process if needed. You can learn more about subsidy here: <https://www.alberta.ca/child-care-subsidy.aspx#jumplinks-1>

What are the hours?

The hours for YMCA Before and After School Care will be 7:00am – 6:00pm.

What will my child do at YMCA BASC?

The YMCA of Lethbridge is proud to offer the “A Place to Connect” curriculum, which centers play, relationships, and activities based on children’s interests. This includes activities within the Cor Van Raay YMCA including small group rooms, fieldhouses activities, and use of the pool.

More information here: <https://ymca.ca/What-We-Offer/Child-Care/Before-and-After-School-Care>

Will there be food?

Children will receive morning and afternoon snack, as well as lunch on full days (i.e. PD Days). Kindergarteners receive daily lunch as well. Children are always welcome to bring their own food.

Will part-time care be available?

For Kindergarten children attending half day/full week or full day/part week programs, part-time care will be available for the times they are not in school. For children in grades 1-6, there will be options for Before-Only, After-Only, or Before & After school care. Unfortunately, we will not be offering part time care (i.e., 2 days per week after school) for children in grades 1-6.

Will there be PD days/holiday available?

Yes, there will be care available for PD days and school breaks (including half days), but closed for Statutory Holidays and YMCA staff professional development days which will be provided on a calendar to families.

Will there be care in the summer?

Yes, there will be care available for summer months, and families will have the opportunity to register for this in the spring.