

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday–Friday
7:50 AM–8:15 PM

Saturday
7:50 AM–12:00 PM

Closed Sunday



DAILY SCHEDULE

8:00–9:45 AM..... Free Time/Craft
10:00 AM Snack/Story Time/Show
10:30–10:45 Toddler Gym Time
10:45–11:30 AM..... Gym Time
11:45 AM–12:50 PM..... Free Time
1:00–1:30 PM..... Show/Free Time
1:40–4:50 PM Craft/Free Time
5:00–5:30 PM Snack
5:45–8:15 PM Free Time

CHILDWATCH & ACTION ZONE



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YMCA OF SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN

Benton Harbor–St. Joseph Branch

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2019 Parent Handbook



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WELCOME TO YMCA CHILDWATCH!

The goal of the YMCA Childwatch is to serve the best interests of the children in our care. Our rules help us run our Childwatch in the smoothest way possible and allow us to address the health and safety concerns of your child. **If you have any questions, please contact Nori Larkin, Childwatch Supervisor, at 269-428-9622.**

CHILDWATCH

AGES 6 WEEKS-6 YEARS

Open year-round!

- Household YMCA Member: Free
- Daily Drop-In for Adult Members: \$5
- Daily Drop-In for Non-Member: \$9
- Monthly Pass: \$22

Payment must be made beforehand. Please give your receipt to the Childwatch or Action Zone staff when signing in your child(ren).

RULES & REGULATIONS

- We have a 2½-hour time limit per child per day.
- Only a parent or legal guardian on file may sign in and out their own child(ren).
- You must remain in the YMCA facility at all times while child(ren) are signed in.
- Toys from home are not allowed. If brought, we will ask to put them away. The YMCA is not responsible for any lost or broken toys.
- All walking children must be wearing dry hard-sole shoes. Slippers and flip-flops are not allowed. Non-walking infants must have on socks or booties.

SNACKS & DRINKS

- We are a nut free facility.
- In case of extreme allergies or sensitivities, we ask that parents provide a snack for their own child. Please alert the staff to any allergies they have.
- To follow HEPA standards (Healthy Eating & Physical Activity), we appreciate snack donations that are not fried, do not contain trans fat, have less than 8 grams of sugar per serving, and contain whole grains.
- Sippy cups and water bottles are acceptable, but must be clearly labeled with your child's name. They may contain water, except for baby bottles containing milk, breast milk, or formula for infants.

ACTION ZONE

AGES 7-12 YEARS

Only open during Summer Sessions.

- 10-Punch Card for \$10

Please supply a snack for your child.

Check out Y-Club during the school year for after-school child care!

BATHROOM NEEDS

- Diapers must be freshly changed before signing into Childwatch.
- You will need to leave a diaper bag with disposable diapers, wipes, extra clothes, and other items your child might need.
- If your child needs assistance in the bathroom, we will assist as much as possible before calling you.

ILLNESS

To keep all children healthy, we ask that children with a fever, persistent cough, heavy nasal discharge, diarrhea, vomiting, eye secretions, rashes, or who have been prescribed antibiotic must be in the medication for 24 hours before returning to Childwatch.

- We reserve the right to refuse entry if we feel your child is too ill to attend.
- If your child becomes ill while in our care, we will contact the parent immediately.
- Please contact the Childwatch Supervisor if your child becomes ill after attending Childwatch.

BEHAVIOR

If your child cries heavily for longer than 10 minutes, you will be called over the intercom to assist us.

Biting, choking, hitting, or any other destructive or violent behavior towards another child or staff will not be tolerated. If an incident of this type occurs, the first priority will be the victim. The offender will be placed away from the children for his/her safety as well as the other children. The offender's parent will be called immediately and the offender will be removed for the remainder of the day. If this behavior continues to be an issue, the offender will be respectfully prohibited from Childwatch for 3 days.

Profanity in Childwatch or Action Zone will not be tolerated. We will call the parent if any child is heard using profanity and the child will be asked to leave for the remainder of the day. If this behavior continues to be an issue, the offender will be respectfully prohibited from Childwatch for 3 days.