

After School

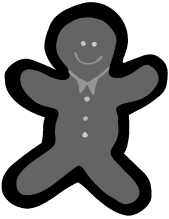


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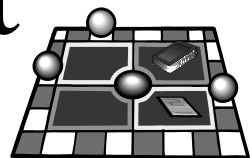
Program



Provided by the

Watseka Park

District



Statement of Need

After recognizing the changing needs of the Watseka community, the Watseka Park District began offering the After School Project Adventure (ASPAs) Program in November 2008. This program was designed and implemented to provide comprehensive child supervision for its attendees.

Program Overview

ASPAs is offered each day after school until 5:00 pm at 110 South Third Street in Watseka. The program operates in accordance with the school's calendar year. ASPAs is not available if school is not in session.

Available to children in kindergarten through 5th grades, ASPAs currently has six children who attend daily¹.

Activities

Coordinated by Melinda Torbet, the program offers a nutritious and healthy after-school snack, followed by a variety of activities. Activities are non-academic and focus on enrichment, creativity and recreation. Children engage in arts and crafts, technology, dramatic play, games, music and story time.

Transportation

Children are picked up by either Sherry Johnson, Executive Director of the Watseka Park District, or Melinda Torbet, ASPAs Program Coordinator, at Glenn Raymond School at 3:15 pm and escorted to the Park District office.

Parents/guardians are responsible for providing transportation home at the end of the day (i.e., 5:00 pm). Children will be released only to those parties listed on the release form. Proof of identification is required.

Tuition

Tuition may be paid weekly, biweekly or monthly; but must be paid on the same timeline for the program duration.

Fee per child attending Monday through Friday	\$25.00/week
Fee per child attending three days per week	\$15.00/week
Fee per child on a drop-in basis	\$6.00/day

¹ As of January 13, 2009

Registration Form

I am enrolling the following child/children in the Watseka Park District's ASPA Program:

Parent's/Guardian's Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

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Schedule: Please check the days your child/children will be attending.

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

*You must notify the Watseka Park District **in writing** if your schedule changes.*

The following people have my permission to pick up my child/children:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Child's medical condition(s): _____

Treatment to be used by the Watseka Park District for the above condition(s):

Child's food allergies: _____

Child's non-food allergies: _____

My child is afraid of or becomes anxious in the following situations: _____

Any other information that we should be aware of: _____

Please make sure that your child/children can be picked up by the persons listed in case of an emergency. If you will be late picking up your child/children, please contact the office at 815-432-3931.

I understand that if my child/children cannot follow the rules and is/are disrupting the program, or if I am unable to pay the tuition on time, then my child/children will no longer be allowed to participate in the ASPA Program.

I further understand that I am responsible for any costs incurred by the Watseka Park District/ASPA Program to initiate legal services for payment issues.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Date

Overview of Activities

During the first two months of ASPA, the children engaged in the following activities:

- Painting: children completed paint-by-number pictures and canvas paintings
- Gingerbread Workshop: children built their own gingerbread person with the assistance of their instructor, Pat Childs
- Dinosaur excavations: children learned about the roles of a paleontologist; discussed the various types of dinosaurs; and excavated dinosaur bones
- Museum visits: children visited the Old Courthouse Museum and walked down Christmas Tree Lane
- Library outings: children learned how to make Shrinky Dinks at the Watseka Public Library
- Board games: children have enjoyed learning new games to share with their family and friends
- Jewelry-making: children created their own jewelry to wear for the holidays
- Candy-making: children created chocolate-covered peanuts and chocolate-dipped pretzels
- Medieval adventures: children stepped back in time as they learned about the food and activities of the Knights of the Round Table
- Homework: children are encouraged to finish homework and ask for assistance if needed; they also have access to a computer lab, which is equipped with the necessary safeguards to protect children from encountering unacceptable content



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