

Welcome to YMCA Kids Clubs

We would like to take this opportunity to share with you some important information about our YMCA Kids Club programs.

Important Dates and Information:

- Tuesday, September 2, 2025 - All YMCA Kids Clubs are closed for care
- Wednesday, September 3, 2025 - All YMCA Kids Club open for the 2025/2026 school year.
- Monday, November 10, 2025 - All YMCA Kids Clubs are closed. This closure is to support staff well-being by providing them with a well-deserved four-day weekend.
- December 22, 2025 - January 2, 2026 - Winter Break (camps offered at select locations).
- March 16, 2026- March 27, 2026 - Spring Break (camps offered at select locations).
- Thursday, June 25, 2026 - Last Day of YMCA Kids Clubs.
- Friday, June 26, 2026 - All YMCA Kids Club programs are closed.
- Thursday, July 2, 2026 - Friday, August 28, 2026 YMCA Summer Camp (offered at select locations).

Professional Development Days:

- Hours of operation: 7:30am - 5:30pm. Please note, care on Professional Development Days may not be offered at all YMCA Kids Club locations, we may choose to combine some programs.
- Families will be asked to confirm attendance prior to the Professional Development Day.

Kindergarten Gradual Entry:

- The YMCA is not able to provide extended hours of care during the Kindergarten gradual entry schedule. We do encourage children to attend during our regular before and after school care hours during this time.

Absences:

- In the event that your child is going to be absent, we ask that you notify the YMCA Kids Club staff in advance. If we are not notified and a child does not arrive after school, we will call 911 for assistance.
- You can notify staff of an absence in person, by sending an email to the program or calling the program directly.

Affordable Child Care Benefit and 3rd Party Agreements

- Families who have applied or who wish to apply for the MCFD Affordable Child Care Benefit (ACCB) are responsible for the full cost of care until an approved benefit has been received by YMCA BC child care administration.
- Monthly child care payments will not be deferred during the MCFD application process.
- Once approved for the ACCB, families will be credited retroactively.
- If your ACCB has expired without renewal, your monthly child care fees will be collected without notice from your pre-authorized payment method in full.
- Families are responsible for keeping their ACCB & up to date.
- The YMCA of BC will not be responsible for arranging 3rd party payment agreements.

ePACT:

- ePACT is a secure emergency network that YMCA BC uses to collect medical and emergency contact information electronically. ePACT maintains the same levels of security as online banking, and limits access only to the administrators we assign for enhanced privacy.
- We are not able to have children in our care if their ePACT information is not complete.
- You can update your child's information at anytime and we will be notified.
- Please be sure that your contact email in ePACT is up-to-date, as this is the email address the YMCA will use to communicate important information. If you wish to receive text messages for important information, please be sure to indicate that in ePACT. If you have any questions or issues with the online medical forms, please contact ePACT directly at 1.855.773.7228 or help@epactnetwork.com.

Outdoor Play:

- Regardless of the weather, we spend time outdoors every day.
- Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for the season (rain gear and winter coat, etc.)
- During warmer weather, please ensure your child has a hat and sunscreen.

Screen Time:

- As part of our commitment to healthy child development, YMCA Kids Clubs have a no screen time policy during program hours.
- We ask families to refrain from sending electronics, such as phones, iPads, or handheld gaming devices, with their children.
- If a child must bring a phone or device for school purposes, they will be asked to keep it in their backpack during the program.

Winter, Spring and Summer Break:

- During school breaks, the YMCA operates at a reduced number of sites. Please note that locations for our day camp programs can change from year to year in order to serve as many communities as we possibly can.
- Break programs require a separate registration process and fees are not included in the monthly child care fees.

YMCA Memberships:

- Children registered for full time care (Monday through Friday) will be given a complimentary children's membership and 10 guest passes to one of our Health & Fitness facilities.

How to Redeem Your Child's Membership:

- Simply email us at ymcakidsclubs@bc.ymca.ca to request your child's membership. We will send you a short form to complete, and then you will be able to visit your closest YMCA Health and Fitness Facility to collect their membership card.
- YMCA membership centres are located at the following four locations:

Langara Family YMCA
282 West 49th Avenue, Vancouver

Robert Lee YMCA
955 Burrard Street, Vancouver

Tong Louie Family YMCA
14988 57th Avenue, Surrey

Bob Chan-Kent Family YMCA
45844 Hocking Avenue, Chilliwack

Bettie Allard YMCA
555 Emerson Street, Coquitlam