



for children ages 4 - 12
looking for an exciting summer

June 10 - August 14

Monday-Friday 6:30 am - 6:00 pm

*Dates may change to accommodate
snow days and school availability.*

Sign up for one week or all of them!

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A little bit of this and a little bit of that. Each week will contain exciting opportunities for fun, learning, growth and relationship building.



Registration begins March 16, 2026. Register early! Space is limited!

Summer Daze 2026 will be offered in two locations, at the YWCA in downtown Waterloo and an elementary school in Waterloo.

The decision of which program to enroll your child in for the summer is important. Please feel free to call with any questions or to arrange a meeting and tour of our building. We truly enjoy sharing our summers with area school-age children and would love the chance to share our program with you. Call Sherry Davenport, Childcare Director, for more information (319) 234-7589 ext: 224.

Before you register:

- * **Choose a location: Off-Site at a Waterloo Elementary School or the YWCA building**
The YWCA site will be serving **ONLY** children entering 1st grade or higher in the fall. The Off-Site location will be serving all ages, 4-12.
4 year olds must have finished one year of preschool and be potty-trained.
- **Choose method of payment** – **Please note: If you want to register immediately, but are waiting for financial aid approval or DHS funding we will, of course, take your registration, but it could cost as much as \$255 to complete registration for one child and a portion of that cost is non-refundable.*
 - * **Price: \$150/week member—\$175/week non-member**
 - * You might qualify to use **YWCA Financial Assistance** to reduce your weekly cost by 25% or 50%, based on household income and size. The **Financial Aid approval process within a week** upon receipt of completed Financial Assistance application with income documentation.
 - * Payment by a **third party** such as DHS childcare contracts, JPTA, and other alternative funding sources. **We must have written notification of coverage** before the time of registration. If you are using DHS funding, please read the Guidelines for Families with DHS Funding on the back of this sheet.



To register: → All items listed below must be completed and turned in at the same time.

- * **Completed Summer Daze Information Form** (white, folded, four-page information packet)
- **Immunization Form** – 8 ½ x 11 Iowa-Approved form. Copy of most recent, dated and signed by your doctor.
- **Physical Form** – (needed for those entering Pre-K or Kindergarten) Copy of most recent physical exam, dated a year or less from the registration date and signed by your doctor.
- **Yearly Join Fee - \$30.00 non-refundable.**
Approval for YWCA financial assistance could reduce that cost to \$7.50 or \$15.00. Join Fee is not required for those with DHS funding.
- **Registration Fee - \$25.00 non-refundable.** Maximum of two (2) registration fees per household. Maximum of one (1) registration fee per household, if you have a YWCA financial assistance or DHS funding.
- **Deposits – \$20.00/week at full price, \$10 week at 50% off, \$15/week at 25% off.**
The amount of deposit depends on method of payment and number of weeks you want to reserve. The deposit will be taken off the fee for each week. For example, if you pay a \$20.00 deposit, you will owe the balance of \$130.00 for the week, due the Thursday prior to the week. No deposit is required for those with DHS funding.

Guidelines for Families Receiving DHS Funding

Summer Daze is designed to meet the needs of families requiring a full week of care. Please do not enroll for this program if you only need, or are approved for sporadic days of service.

Summer Daze is reserved and paid for by the week. Participants that receive DHS funding and attending less than a full week will be given 2 options:

- 1) Pay out of pocket the difference between what we can bill DHS for and the cost of a week of Summer Daze
- or -
- 2) Withdraw from Summer Daze realizing that the structure does not best meet your family's needs.

This policy refers to general schedules, and is not meant to include non-attendance due to illness or other unpredictable situations. This of course does not apply to documented instances of extended illness or family emergency; if these situations arise please contact the YWCA Childcare Director immediately.

Your child's spot in the program is not guaranteed until:

1. The YWCA receives written notification from DHS that a contract for service is in place.
We understand that receiving the written paperwork from DHS can sometimes be a lengthy process.
2. Your DHS certification must be current at the time you enroll. If that certificate expires before Summer Daze begins or at any time during program coverage, it must be renewed by the expiration date or your Summer Daze registration will be suspended with no guarantee of getting the spots back.
3. You have paid the \$25 registration fee. DHS typically does not cover this expense.
4. You must also complete and return a Childcare Information Form, an Immunization Record and a Physical with a date of one year or less from the registration date (only for those who have not completed Kindergarten) at the time of registration.

If there is co-pay involved with the DHS contract, the co-pay is the responsibility of the parent or guardian. The co-pay total must be paid at the YWCA by Thursday at noon of the following week.

At the time of registration, you will be asked to reserve the weeks in which you will need service. Any changes to that reserved schedule must be given to the Front Office at least one week in advance. Because the program is often full with a waiting list, it is very important that you let us know if your child will not be attending during a specific week or you may be charged for that week at regular price.

The YWCA is required to submit parent-signed attendance sheets to DHS each month to verify service. We ask your cooperation in getting these forms signed in a timely manner.

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