

YMCA Youth Members

Use of the Clay County YMCA and the Vigo County YMCA

- Youth Members 5 years old and under may come to our YMCAs with an adult who is providing direct supervision. They may not be in the fitness areas. We have Child Watch available for children 6 weeks to 6 years old during posted hours.
- Youth Members that are 6 to 9 years old may come to the YMCAs with an adult who remains in the building. They may not be in the fitness areas. They may participate in Group Exercise classes noted as Youth classes. They may use the supervised Teen areas of the YMCA.
- Youth Members that are 10 and 11 may be dropped off at the YMCA without adult supervision. They may not be in the fitness areas. They may participate in Group Exercise classes noted as Youth classes. They may use the supervised Teen areas of the YMCA. The maximum time a youth this age may stay at the Y without adult supervision is 3 hours. Please refer to age specific policies for the pool for this age group.
- Youth Members that are 12 to 14 may be dropped off without adult supervision. They can be in the fitness areas with an adult if they have completed an orientation with a YMCA staff member. These orientations can be scheduled at the membership services desk. They can also attend Group Exercise classes with an adult. (Note that some classes are restricted to adults only). Access to the fitness activities is a privilege at this age and can be suspended due to unsafe behavior or disrupting other YMCA members. They may use the Teen areas of the YMCA. The maximum time a youth this age may stay at the Y without adult supervision is 3 hours.
- Youth Members that are 15 to 18 may come to the YMCA without adult supervision and may use all the common areas of the building as an adult. They may attend Group Exercise classes. (Note that some classes are restricted to adults).

Clay County YMCA Walking Track

Youth members from 6 to 9 years old may use the walking track as part of the Clay County YMCA Clickers Club if an adult is walking or running with them. Youth Members from 10 to 11 years old may use the walking track as part of the Clay County YMCA Clickers Club if a supervising adult is on the track while they are using the track.

Vigo County YMCA Pool

The Vigo County YMCA Aquatics Director and lifeguards reserve the right to complete a swim test with all youth 11 years of age or younger. A parent or guardian must be present during the duration of the swim test. Once the test is complete the following guidelines apply:

- Youth members 7 and under may be in the pool with a parent or guardian in the water.
- If a Youth Member 8 to 11 years old **does not pass** the swim test, the child must remain in the shallow end of the pool and the parent or guardian must be on the pool deck or in the water. If a Youth Member 8 to 11 years old **does pass** the swim test, the parent or guardian does not have to remain on the pool deck, but does need to remain in the building. Please let the lifeguards know where in the building you will be without distracting them from their duty to focus on the safety of the swimmers.
- Youth Members 11 or younger who do not have a parent or guardian in the building will not be allowed to use the pool.
- Youth members interested in lap swimming may do so at the discretion of the lifeguard. The child must show the ability to swim laps consistently, pass a deep water test and will not swim in a lane that is occupied by an adult member.

We do have lifejackets and pool noodles that you may use. You may bring US Coast Guard approved inflatable devices. Inflatable support rafts and inner tubes are not allowed. Water toys can be brought from home, but are subject to being checked by the lifeguard or Aquatics Director prior to use. Water pistols, cannons and water guns are not permitted in the YMCA pool.

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Pool

Youth members (under 18) will not have access to the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology pool.

All Youth Programs

When there is a program for children such as Youth Sports, Summer Day Camp, Youth Fitness Classes, please make sure that your child is checked in with the adult in charge before leaving them. This transfer of control assures that our staff and volunteers have assumed the responsibility for your child during that period of time. They will remain with the adult until your return at the designated end of the program.

These policies will be in effect beginning November 15, 2013. These policies are subject to change at the discretion of the YMCA. Any changes will be posted at the YMCAs.