

YMCA of the Highland Lakes-Child Watch/Club Guidelines



Child Watch Hours: Mon - Fri 7:45am-11:15am
Mon, Wed, Fri 4:30pm-7:15pm
Tues, Thurs 4:30- 7:30pm
Saturday 8am-11:15am

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General Information:

- Child Watch is a service provided for Williamson County YMCA - Family Memberships only.
- A guest pass will allow your guest a ONE time ONE hour limit in Child Watch.
- YMCA Child Watch is not licensed by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

Child Watch/Club Ages: children 6wks-9yrs old.

Drop Off

1. Member will sign in child on the iPad with their member I.D. number.
2. Please print their label with child's first and last name and we will attach it to his/her shirt.
3. Child Watch Staff will direct each child to the age appropriate area.
 - Members may only check in their **own** children. The same parent who drops off must pick up. *(If you have guardianship or custody of another child other than your own, you must have a form showing proof of guardianship)*
 - Before dropping off – we ask that you please assure your child is well rested and fed *(breakfast, lunch or dinner)*.
 - A small snack is allowed but NO Peanut or Tree-nut products due to allergies; snack that may contain or was manufactured in a plant that processes nuts is not allowed.
 - Please label ALL children's belongings. **The YMCA is not responsible for stolen or lost items.** *(please make sure no valuable items are left in your child's bag; lockers are available)*

Pick Up

1. Member who signed in must sign out child on the iPad.

****Child Watch Staff will do the best they can to redirect an upset child****
In the event a child is inconsolable for 15 minutes the parents will be called.

Outside Play: Children play outside each day, weather permitting. We assume that if a child is at the YMCA, they are well enough to participate in outdoor activities. Please be sure your child dresses appropriately *(ex: Shoes, jacket etc.)*.

Illness: Please do not bring your child if he/she is not feeling well. Diarrhea, fever of 100 degrees or more, and vomiting are common symptoms for a child to be removed from Child Watch. If your child has been diagnosed with pink eye, strep throat or any contagious illness he/she must be excluded from Child Watch for 24 hours after taking antibiotics or must be symptom free for 24 hours without medication. Head Lice requires a doctor's clearance.

Behavior: Children who hit, kick, bite or hurt others including verbally, must follow our disciplinary policy steps.

1. Talk problem over with child and discuss future consequences.
2. Redirect/provide time away from the activity or other children.
3. Notifying the parents of child's behavior.
4. An incident/injury report will be filed for every incident
 - After 3 of the **same** occurrences within a 3 month period, the child will be suspended from Child Watch for 2 weeks.

All participants are required to fill out an Emergency Form for each child. Please list any allergies, asthma, or conditions we need to be aware of. The YMCA will make every attempt to accommodate children with special needs; however we are not able to provide one-on-one care.

CHILD WATCH AREAS



Nursery/Toddler

- Ages: 6wks - 4yrs
- **2 hour time limit** per day for 6wks - 2yrs
- **3 hour time limit** per day for 3yrs - 5yrs
- Please make sure your children **have a clean diaper on**. Staff change diapers as needed; parents must supply own diapers and wipes.
- Staff will bottle feed if water and formula are pre-measured; staff does not spoon feed or warm up meals but staff will give snacks that you provide.
- No glass bottles/containers allowed

The Club

- Ages: 5yrs - 9yrs
- **3 hour time limit** per day

Late Pick Up Policy

- Late fee of \$1.00 per minute per child after the time limit has been reached.
- Over 30 minutes late and cannot be reached by Child Watch staff, authorities will be called.
- While exercising outside the building on park grounds, you must carry a cell phone and leave the cell phone number with Child Watch staff in case you need to be contacted.

Programs offered by Child Watch

Free Family Friday: for **YMCA Family Memberships Only!**

Members can take advantage of free babysitting **one** Friday per month from 4pm-8pm. Pizza is available to purchase at the time of registration for \$3.50 and an extra hour is available for an additional \$5. If you are sending a meal with your child, please make sure it is already prepared; we will not be able to refrigerate or microwave it. Children eat between 5:30pm-6:30pm.

Kids Night Out: offered on the 3rd or 4th Saturday of every month from 3pm-8pm. Pizza is provided and an extra hour is available for an additional \$5. Program Fee: \$17/non-mem and \$20/member.

- Program registration takes place on the last Saturday of each month
- Please let our Child Watch staff be aware of any allergies, asthma, or special conditions
- Late Pick Up Policy applies to all Child Watch programs

Themed Birthday Parties: book your child's next birthday party with the YMCA!

We set up, clean up, and provide just about EVERYTHING! All you need to do is bring the cake!

We have different party options including: Nerf war, Dance, Canvas Painting, Gymnastics, Super Hero, and more!

- Payment is due at the time of registration in order to get your date
- A 2 weeks' notice is required in order to book your party