



SKANEATELES YMCA  
**Y Pre-School**

# Terrific Two's Program

**Play, Learn & Grow Together**



Dear Parents,

For many of our parents, this will be the first time leaving your child with a non-relative environment. Your teachers will help you along the way. You may hear go ahead and leave- "I'll hold him so you can leave now", etc. It may be hard at first, but you have to remember these are all new experiences and we understand change and how difficult it may be at first, we are here to support the journey.

Almost everything done in class of two year olds will be the "first time" for them. As we move into the fall of 2019, you will be taking a wonderful adventure with your child, as they grow and develop, investigate ,experience and learn. So many wonderful and exciting things are about to happen. Join us in the journey. We have put together a few thoughts that will help you negotiate the Skaneateles YMCA Terrific Two's Program.

Each day we reinforce what it feels like to be in "school" and how each child and adult fits into the school rules and schedules that they must follow. It sometimes takes weeks for them to realize that being in a class meant that they were in a group of people.

We notice in the classroom at first that the children may get up and walk away from an activity, they haven't experienced a group setting where everyone is doing the same thing at the same time. This is a developmental stage and will be worked on throughout the year.

Two year olds are at a very physical stage wanting to touch and investigate, not always willing to share with others. Teachers will remind and redirect children by showing them what to do on a daily basis at the beginning of their new experience. You will often look in the room and see a two year old teacher right down on the rug during circle time as that is the goal for the children. Sitting on the rug setting the expectation and imitating, just what you want them to do.

This is an amazing time for growth and development, with patience and support your child will have an exciting year in the Skaneateles YMCA , Terrific Two's program. Thank you for choosin; Skaneateles Y for your family.

Sincerely,

*Sheila P. Card*

Skaneateles YMCA  
Program Director

## **Welcome to the Skaneateles YMCA's Terrific Two's Program**

We are happy that you have chosen the Y for your child's pre-school needs. We are committed to providing safe, affordable, quality programming for children. Children will have the opportunity to engage in activities that will benefit them emotionally, socially, physically and academically. This program provides your child new experiences for growth on many levels.

### **PHILOSOPHY**

The YMCA Pre-School programs maintain a whole child developmental philosophy. Each program is designed to fit the needs of the children according to their age and individual progress and according to the Y's philosophy of the development of spirit, mind and body. Our teachers also introduce, teach and reinforce the four core values of the YMCA caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

Children learn through purposeful play and guided discovery experiences at the Skaneateles Y. We will take an active and supportive approach to children's learning in all areas of development. We seek to stimulate and facilitate development of the whole child intellectually, physically, socially and emotionally, without stressing one area of development over another. The program will encompass all of these areas, often simultaneously.

Our program environment is designed to encourage both independence and a cooperative spirit. Sufficient time is provided for large and small group instruction and for children to choose their own activities. All children will be encouraged to learn by participating in group activities initiated by the staff, thereby growing in self-confidence and gaining independence. They will also grow socially and emotionally as they learn to work with and care for others.

We recognize that the major responsibility for raising children is with the parents. We strive to strengthen and support that relationship. Parents are encouraged to speak with the staff about any questions or concerns they have about their child's involvement with the program and their development.

### **WE PROMOTE THESE GOALS:**

To strengthen and support the family unit by recognizing the importance of the parent as the primary influence in the child's development.

To provide supervised childcare in an environment that is safe, supportive and caring, but most importantly, in an environment that is sensitive to each child's individual needs.

To stimulate and facilitate intellectual, physical, social and emotional development in each child.

To provide peace of mind to parents by making our program the place their child looks forward to coming every day.

To work continuously toward quality childcare by evaluating our program on a regular basis. All taught through the four core values of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility

# **Skaneateles YMCA Terrific Twos Program**

Your child does not need to be potty trained, your instructors will work with your child to use the toilet.

The program will run 9 am-11:30 am

**Two days** :Choose any two days that fits with your schedule

**Three days**: Choose any three days that fits with your schedule

**Five days**: Monday -Friday

## **Cost of the Program**

### **Two Day Program**

Skaneateles/Auburn Y Member:\$105 per month

Additional child \$95/month

Non-Member:\$140 per month

Additional child \$130/month

### **Three Day Program**

Skaneateles/Auburn Y Member:\$135 /month

Additional child \$120/month

Non-Member: \$170 per month

Additional child \$160/month

### **Five Day program**

Skaneateles/Auburn Y Member:\$ 195 per month

Additional child \$185/month

Non-Member: \$230 per month

Additional child \$220/month

## Payment Options

**Monthly over the counter payments:** Monthly payments must be made by the 5th of the month or a late fee of \$10 will be added.

**Monthly Bank draft:** All families have the option to pay by bank draft option. This automatic withdrawal from your checking account is made on the 15th of each month. You will sign an authorization form and pay your first month at the time of registration. For the remaining nine months your payment is automatically deducted from your account.

### Withdrawal from the program:

Please be aware that if you would like to withdraw from the program, you have to provide a two week written notice to the Program Director.

## Welcome to the Skaneateles YMCA Terrific Twos

We use emails as well as the methods below for communication, please make sure to leave a working email address with us please.

### Feeling Social?

Keep up on what is happening at the Y and in our preschool programs by checking in on our [www.auburnymca.org/skaneateles](http://www.auburnymca.org/skaneateles) and on our varied social media outlets.

We will use emails and social media to notify you of special announcements and school delays and closings, we follow the Skaneateles Central information for delays and closings when needed

### Skaneateles YMCA Social Media



Skaneateles YMCA @skanymca  
Skaneateles Y Kids & Families @skanykids



Skaneateles YMCA Preschool@skanypreschool  
Skaneateles YMCA & Community Center



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## **Health and Safety Policies**

Due to the short duration of YMCA Pre-School programs, we ask that all medications be given prior to or after each class.

The staff will only administer OVER THE COUNTER MEDICATION under the following conditions: bug spray, sunscreen

### **TOPICAL**

A written form from the parent allowing the staff to administer topical treatments to the child is required. This can be done only as directed per package instructions or a Doctor's note will be required.

Due to risk to the child as well as other children and staff in the program, the child may not be at the center as long as the following conditions exist:

Vomiting

Diarrhea

Yellow discharge from the eyes

-Fever greater than 100 degrees.

-Severe cold symptoms, with difficulty breathing, wheezing, or other unusual respiratory signs present.

-Green mucus from the nose which may indicate an infection not just a simple cold.

## **Parent Communication**

During the year you will receive , newsletters, forms and reminders concerning the program. Please remember to check your parent boards and sign in areas for information.

1. If at any time a parent would like a meeting with the staff, Program Director or Director, it can be arranged upon request.
2. Please inform your child's teacher immediately if your child has been exposed to any communicable illnesses or if your child was ill during the night.
3. Whenever it is suspected that a child is ill while in the program, the parent will be notified and it is expected that the child will be immediately picked up.
4. Any new allergy reactions or changes in health conditions should be reported to staff immediately.
5. The staff needs to be notified by parent or guardian if another child or family member becomes ill with a serious illness such as hepatitis, meningitis or H. Influenza Disease (Hib), etc.
6. If a child is injured while in program, the parent will be notified and an accident report will be completed with each injury. This includes documentation of the accident and both parent and staff signatures. Please remember that the Skaneateles YMCA does not provide accident insurance.