

About Children's Yearly Meeting

CYM is for children between 0 and 11 (children who have not yet finished fifth grade).

Because there are very different needs within this age group, we provide nursery (0-3+ for those who use diapers and still need naps), preschool (potty-trained, 3-5) and children's (6-11) activities.

During IMYM proper, CYM provides planned activities in the mornings and afternoons for all age groups in CYM to allow parents to attend Worship Sharing, Plenary Sessions, Intergenerational Worship Sharing, and Interest Groups.

Care is not provided during scheduled meal times, and parents/caregivers are asked to arrive promptly prior to meals so that our caregivers can also enjoy their own meals. It is hoped that families will plan to attend evening singing, dancing and creativity night.

EARLY DAYS SCHEDULE

During the early days we provide care and activities in the mornings (when adult workshops are scheduled) and encourage families to play and nap together in the afternoons and evenings (no care or activities are scheduled).

If you plan to attend a full-day workshop offered during the early days, and therefore need full-day childcare, please call Valerie Ireland at 303.657.8238 or email at VIreland@comcast.net so that appropriate arrangements can be made. If there is a need, CYM will be looking for volunteers to help with daycare in the afternoons and/or evenings during early days.

IMYM CYM DAILY SCHEDULE

Wednesday: 6:30-7:30pm

MANDATORY Family Orientation Meeting (outside of the Lower Pavilion). The JYF orientation will be happening at this time as well. If this presents a scheduling conflict for your family, please let the CYF coordinators know ahead of time.

Mornings: 8:15am – 12:00 –Activities provided by Ghost Ranch staff

Lunch: 12:00-1:00

Early Afternoon: 1:15-2:15

Nap (alternative #1) – Toddlers who need naps are asked to join the nursery immediately after lunch so that all children settle into sleep together.

Swimming (alternative #2) – In addition to utilizing Ghost Ranch's lifeguards for water safety, this year we will use red (non-swimmer), yellow (intermediate swimmer) and green (qualified swimmer) wristbands. We will also use a buddy system and an adult-to-child ratio of no more than 1:6. A minimum of two adults will accompany kids to the locker rooms/restrooms.

Activity Choices (alternative #3) – Children who do not wish to swim will be able to choose from a range of activities such as playground, reading, drawing etc.

Mid-Afternoon: 2:30-3:40 (& Snack)

Interest Groups – CYM will host or co-host intergenerational activities as scheduled. On Thursday join

us to complete our quilt project and participate in a sewing workshop. On Friday we'll be participating in the "Color Exchange.

Late Afternoon: 4:00 – 5:00pm

Activity Choices – Children will be able to choose from a range of activities such as storytelling, playground, reading & activities with JYF and SYF.

Dinner: 5:30 – 6:30pm

Evening: 6:00 – 10:00pm

IMYM Intergenerational activities (singing, Sandia Hots dancing & creativity night)

CONTACT INFORMATION and THINGS TO REMEMBER

Be sure to bring your sunscreen, hat, white clothes to dye, swimsuit, towel, good humor, hiking shoes (strollers or child-carrier pack), water bottle, games, and plenty of positive energy to share.

We request that families notify us of special needs - whether dietary, behavioral, or physical - so that staff and volunteers can provide a safe and comfortable setting appropriate for the entire group.

Please be sure to complete permission form A, the one-page with three sections: 1) release 2) permission and 3) health FOR EACH CHILD, and send them in as part of your family's registration packet.

We are looking forward to an exciting and enjoyable time with each of you at CYM! Valerie Ireland (303) 657-8238 / vireland@comcast.net

VOLUNTEERING

We are in need of volunteers to make CYM a success for our kids! Please look at our CYM schedule and sign up on the volunteer list for the section of the day you are available and interested in. Volunteers are asked to be interactive with the kids, and show great curiosity and role modeling for the children.

Volunteers are especially needed during swimming times, 1:15-2:30 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday so we can have the best adult:child ratio possible for safety reasons.

If you have a talent to share, or a story to tell, if you enjoy holding babies or cuddling / running after toddlers, if you enjoy reading books out loud or playing tag or splashing around in the swimming pool, then CYM would love your volunteer energy! Come share your Light with the youngest Friends, and enrich your Yearly Meeting experience. Children's Yearly Meeting is located near the Dining Room, so it is accessible to Friends of all ages who can help. We especially encourage Friends without young children to volunteer so that parents with young children have an opportunity to volunteer for other kinds of activities. We hope to be able to confirm with you prior to arrival at Ghost Ranch as part of our effort to coordinate volunteers so that you can choose your volunteer hours at times that work for you in the IMYM schedule. Contact Valerie Ireland at vireland@comcast.net or (303) 657-8238 with questions.