

DeWitt Area Recreation Authority After School Program

2019-2020 School Year



DARA's After School Program is designed to provide Kindergarten - 5th-grade students with enrichment and recreational activities in a fun and safe environment. The cost is \$8 per day.



Please Note:

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We do not provide after-school programming on National Holidays or DeWitt Public Schools Snow Days

Enrollment Process:

The registration form is due on or before the first day the child participates in the program. The registration form must be on file at the DARA office in the Valley Farms Community Center. As space is limited you may be placed on the waitlist, you will be contacted as space becomes available and payment will be accepted at that time. Your child is only enrolled when we have received both payment and registration forms.

There is limited space available as we maintain a 1:10 ratio. If your child does not attend for two weeks on dates that you signed up for, DARA will contact you to see if you would like to disenroll to allow for waitlist children to be added. If you decide you would like to have your child participate again at a later date, please notify our office.

*When enrollment for a new three month period begins, previously enrolled students will be given at least a week of priority registration before registration is opened to new students. For instance, students already enrolled in the first three months will be able to register beginning September 27th and open enrollment will begin December 4th.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

DARA will offer a variety of clubs, activities, and programs throughout the school year. Most will meet once a week for at least one month; children will be able to choose their activity each day they attend.

Clubs may include:

Crafts, Gym Activities, Game Room Activities, Guest Speakers, Dance & Reading Club

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who can attend?

Children, grades K-5th, will discover the awesome benefits of recreation through a variety of daily choices of activities; sports, arts, crafts, creative expression, cultural and educational enrichments.

When is the program offered?

The After School Program is offered Monday – Friday throughout the school year. It will be closed on National Holidays and DeWitt Public School snow days.

Where are the programs held?

The After School Program is located at the Valley Farms Community Center. Each program will meet in Activity Room #1 and will use various rooms and outdoor playgrounds and fields of the facility.

Is bussing available?

DeWitt Transportation will provide bussing from Scott Elementary, Schavey Road Elementary, and Herbison Woods Elementary to Valley Farms. A DARA staff member will be on the bus to greet children that wish to come to after school programming.

This program is DROP IN: This simply means that the children are free to come and go as they wish, however we will have staff to help throughout the day if they need it. Meaning we will have staff to greet them on the bus, and will have staff at the program who will notify parents if their child is leaving or wants to leave, and we will also notify parents if their child does not want to board our bus.

Is there a cost for the program?

Yes, there is a fee of \$8 per day due upon enrollment. You may either turn in an enrollment form, or children may drop-in with the \$8 per day fee. All drop-in campers are free to come and go as they please. If camper decides to leave the site, we will contact parents immediately to ensure the child’s safety.

What does the daily schedule look like?

In general our programs follow a similar schedule Monday – Friday

Hour 1	Check in, Open Play, Fit & Fun time and Snack
Hour 2	Enrichment Time Clubs/Activity Choices
Last half-hour	Group Activity/Wrap Up and Dismissal

Is there snack?

Yes! DARA provides each participant with a school snack. Children are also welcome to bring their own snack.

What is enrichment time?

A variety of recreational enrichment time activities are available from which to choose. Some examples include: gym activities, arts, crafts and more. Enrichments may change according to the requests of the participants, staff certifications and availability of visiting groups.

When can I pick up my child?

Children can leave at any time by their own choosing or after being picked up by an adult. Parents will be notified of

What if I am running late?

We do not have staff available for child care after dismissal time. Children must be picked by dismissal time. According to our Late Pick-Up Policy, **we will charge \$1 per minute that will need to be paid before your child may attend the program again.**

What if my child won’t be attending for the day?

Please call the DARA office so that we do not expect your child to attend. Please call us at 517-482-5117.

Please know we make every effort for every child to have an enjoyable time and find success in our programs. This may include meeting with parents, a behavior plan or sometimes dismissal from the program, especially if there has been violence or impediment to other children’s experience.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time please contact the DARA staff at 517-482-5117

After School Program Registration Form 2019/2020



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Participant's Name: _____ Male/Female Birth date: _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Residency: City of DeWitt _____ DeWitt Township _____ Other _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell/Other _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ Email: _____

**Does the Child have a special need or medical information DARA should be aware of? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, please request and complete a Participant Health Form and return with registration.

Please Circle the dates you will attend DARA's After School Program.

Month: November 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1
4	5	6	7	8
Veterans Day- Closed	12	13	14	15
18	19	20- CLT ½ day	21	22- Record Day ½ day
25	26	Thanksgiving Break- Closed	Thanksgiving Break- Closed	Thanksgiving Break- Closed

Month: December 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18- CLT ½ day	19	20

DARA does not offer after school programming over winter break. Please visit the DARA website for Holiday Fun Club information and registration

Month: January 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15-CLT ½ day	16	17
MLK Day- Closed	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

Number of days attending: _____ x \$8/day = Total Due \$ _____

Credit Card Info: Type: Visa / MasterCard Card# _____ - _____ - _____ Exp Date ____/____

Release of Liability

In order for your child to participate, you must read and sign the following:

Waiver and Release to Hold Harmless Agreement

For consideration of certain services provided by the DeWitt Area Recreation Authority/City of DeWitt/DeWitt Township and the use of the facilities and fields for the City of DeWitt/DeWitt Township for scheduled or unscheduled recreational events to be held, the undersigned as a participant and/or parent/guardian of a minor participant, hereby waives, releases, forever discharges and holds harmless the DeWitt Area Recreation Authority/City of DeWitt/DeWitt Township and their respective Councils, Boards, Committees, Commissions, Officers, all parties involved, Employees and Representatives and their Events Coordinator from any and all claims, actions, causes of action, demands, rights, damages, costs, expenses and compensation whatsoever, for bodily injury and/or property damage, or other loss which may hereafter accrue to the undersigned, including claims for injury to any minor child or children of the undersigned participating in the events, arising out of such recreational events or activities related thereto, whether on or off the premises. I also understand that any activity or event has possible inherent dangers and present the possibility of injury.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name _____

Consent to Photograph/Videotape and Disseminate Without Compensation

I hereby consent for my child to be photographed/videotaped while participating in any activity offered by the DeWitt Area Recreation Authority (DARA). In addition, I consent to the reproduction and use of any such photographs and videotapes by DARA for educational, informational, public relations and promotional purposes and I waive any claim by myself, the above-named minor child, or anyone claiming under or through us, for compensation of any kind in exchange for such photographs, videotapes and use.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name _____

Register online at www.dewittrecreation.org, or at one of the following locations:

DARA-Mailing Address	DARA-Physical Address	DeWitt Township-Drop-off	City of DeWitt-Drop-off
1401 W. Herbison Rd.	16101 Brook Rd.	1401 W. Herbison Rd.	414 East Main St.
DeWitt, MI 48820	Lansing, MI 48906	DeWitt, MI 48820	DeWitt, MI 48820
Phone: 482-5117	Fax: 482-1293	Phone: 668-0270	Phone: 669-2441

Checks made payable to DARA. Returned check fees may apply. *Become a fan of DARA at [http://www.facebook.com/dararecreation!](http://www.facebook.com/dararecreation)*