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# COMMUNITY ROCK

YVONNE RICHARDSON COMMUNITY CENTER  
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## FALL YRCC CLOSINGS

LABOR DAY  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 31  
& MONDAY, SEPTEMBER  
2ND, 2019

VETERAN'S DAY  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER  
11TH, 2019

THANKSGIVING  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER  
28TH THROUGH  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER  
30TH, 2019

CHRISTMAS  
MONDAY, DECEMBER  
23RD THROUGH  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER  
25TH, 2019

## THE MISSION OF YRCC

The Yvonne Richardson Community Center is committed to shaping today's community for tomorrow's challenges by providing recreational, educational, and social opportunities.

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# MEET OUR NEW STAFF



## **BRYTTNI HARDIN: PROGRAM COORDINATOR**

Meet Bryttni Hardin, the new Program Coordinator for YRCC. Bryttni is a recent graduate from the University of Arkansas with a degree in Human Development and Family Sciences. In the past year, Bryttni has served as a YRCC Summer Camp Counselor, Recreational Assistant, and a Girl Scout troop leader to a Daisy Group that meets at YRCC.



## **ERIN LOWERY: REC. PROGRAM ASSISTANT**

Meet Erin Lowery, the new Recreational Program Assistant for YRCC. Erin is a Fort Smith native who moved to Fayetteville in 2010. Erin holds an Associates in Graphic Design from the University of Arkansas, Fort Smith and a Bachelors of Arts in Studio Art as well as a Bachelors in Art History from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. In the past, Erin has worked in customer service for an airline allowing her to gain unique insight into a broad range of cultures.

# FALL PROGRAMS

## **Kids Nite Afterschool**

Mon. - Fri.

3:30pm-6:00pm

Aug. 26th - Dec. 5th

## **Fall Fundango**

Mondays

Sept. 16th, Sept. 30th, Oct. 14th, Oct. 28th, Dec. 2nd

## **Pre-School Playtime**

Mondays

10:30am - 12:00pm

Begins Oct. 7th

## **X-Factor Homeschool P.E.**

Tues. or Thur.

9:30am - 11:00am

Sept. 3rd - Dec. 3rd

## **Girl Scouts**

Fridays

5:30pm - 7:00pm

Aug. 16th - Dec. 6th

## **Thanksgiving Bingo**

Saturday

11:00am - 1:00pm

Nov. 2nd, 2019

## **Christmas Bingo**

Saturday

11:00am - 1:00pm

Dec. 7th, 2019



# SUMMER FUN4KIDS CAMP

June 10th kicked off eight weeks of our biggest program of the year - *Summer Fun4Kids camp*. Camp featured 90 unique campers from Kindergarten through 5th grade.

Favorite field trips included swimming at Wilson Park pool, exploring the Amazeum, and jumping and flipping at Altitude Trampoline Park. Activities that wowed our kiddos included life size games (i.e. Hungry, Hungry Hippo, and Connect 4) during Games Galore week, petting Greedy Goats during the Animal Antics week, and the activity that never gets old - making slime during our Marvelous Maker's week!

YRCC seeks to ensure that campers are always learning, and educational programs such as the Fayetteville Public Library's *Books and Bites* reinforced the importance of reading and healthy eating. A visit to the University of Arkansas art studio allowed youth to express themselves in a positive way.

The campers celebrated a big win over the parents during a dodgeball match at the end of camp celebration and collected some of the following awards:

1. Perfect Attendance
2. Mr. Manners
3. The Three Amigos

# SUMMER FUN4TEENS CAMP

Offered alongside our *Summer Fun4Kids* camp, *Summer Fun4Teens* camp served 15 unique 6th to 8th grade youth.

The teens experienced a number of age appropriate activities including: Climb Bentonville, snorkeling at Beaver Lake, and Cutting Edge, not to mention, the exposure to some new foods: Khana Grill, Shogun, Farmers Table, and Mockingbird Kitchen.

The end of camp awards included:

1. Mother Hen Award
2. The Volunteer Award
3. Future Camp Counselor



# JUNIOR COUNSELORS

YRCC welcomed two high school students who learned how to manage between having fun, assisting Camp Counselors, and assisting campers.

# YOUTH PROGRAMS

## Kids Nite Afterschool Program

YRCC's Kids Nite program provides a safe space for youth to receive educational assistance, meals/snacks, and enriching and engaging time during the after school hours. Bus transportation is available for Washington Elementary and Owl Creek students.

### Daily Schedule:

Mondays: Art or Fall Fundango (field trip series)

Tuesdays: Chef YRCC (cooking)

Wednesdays: STEM and Kid Crops (gardening)

Thursdays: Music

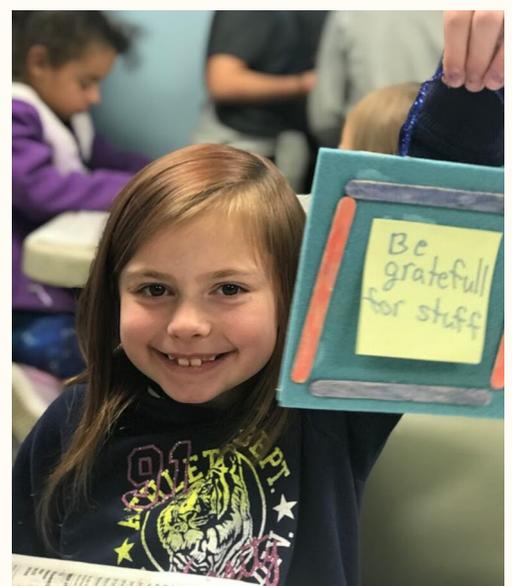
Fridays: Culture Awareness/Yoga

## X-Factor Home School P.E.

YRCC offers a weekly education class for children enrolled in home school to ensure that youth receive training in health and fitness alongside their studies.

## Girl Scouts

YRCC hosts a multi-age level Girl Scout Troop (Daisies through Juniors). K-5th grade girls participate in age appropriate programming that includes first aid, camping, cooking, sewing, marketing, STEM, and more! Contact Sarah Livengood at [livengoodsv@gmail.com](mailto:livengoodsv@gmail.com) for more information.



## Kid Crops

The ARPA award-winning Kid Crops program gives children the opportunity to learn about gardening and nutrition, while planting and harvesting their own crops with Parks and Recreation Horticulturists. Kid Crops is offered seasonally throughout the school year and during the summer at our *Summer Fun4Kids* camp. Kid Crops is located at the garden on YRCC's premises.



## ADULT PROGRAMS

### Pickleball

Mon., Wed., & Fri.; 12:00pm-2:00pm  
The YRCC offers two ½ courts for adults to play pickleball. YRCC invites adults from all skill levels to join. Equipment is provided.

### Open Gym / Family Gym

Tues. & Thur.; 12:00pm-2:00pm  
Wed. & Fri.; 10:00am-12:00pm  
Get active! Basketballs and other athletic equipment is made available. Please check our calendar gym times at [www.fayetteville-ar.gov/yrcc](http://www.fayetteville-ar.gov/yrcc). Times will vary depending on rentals and programming.

# COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



*"This camp was a life saver. My husband transitioned into self employment so being able to send all of my kids to camp at a very low cost was God sent, Thank You!"*



## Food Recovery

Fridays | 10:30am (Fall 2019/Spring 2020)

YRCC collaborates with Feed Communities and the University of Arkansas to re-distribute recovered food to the community. We encourage visitors to bring plastic bags to collect food. To receive reminders, create a membership at [fayetteville-ar.gov/recreation](http://fayetteville-ar.gov/recreation) and opt in for text updates.

## Pre-School Playtime

Begins Monday, October 7th, 2019 | 10:30am-12:00pm

YRCC offers a time just for little feet and is perfect for parents or babysitters to provide littles with an indoor playground. YRCC offers participants the chance to play with our Imagination Playground, hula hoops, balls, and more!

## Thanksgiving Bingo (Players must be 18+)

Saturday, November 2nd, 2019 | 11:00am-1:00pm

In November, YRCC offers the community with a fun and FREE way to win prizes during the holiday - Bingo! Food and activities for children will be provided.

**Registration begins September 18th, 2019.**

## Christmas Bingo (Players must be 18+)

Saturday, December 6th, 2019 | 11:00am-1:00pm

In December, YRCC offers the community with a fun and FREE way to win prizes during the holiday - Bingo! Food and activities for children will be provided.

**Registration begins September 18th, 2019.**

# MEET THE FRIENDS OF YRCC

The Board of Directors operates as a 501c(3) which was established in 1995 to serve as an advisory board to the Yvonne Richardson Community Center.

The Friends of YRCC funds YRCC programs via an annual fundraiser - *Celebrate Our Kids* banquet. Monies support Camperships, van purchases, and any supplies/equipment that will provide all families with affordable and accessible opportunities.

Laura Underwood - President

TBD - Secretary

Gina Niederman - Treasurer

Charles Balentine - Member

Stephanie G. Adams - Member

Dixon Cooper - Member

Anthony Hicks - Member

Ron Harris - Member

Steve Conley - Member



# CELEBRATE OUR KIDS

The Friends of YRCC presents an annual fundraiser called Celebrate Our Kids to raise funds to keep programming cost FREE. The event will be held on October 10th, 2019 at Pratt Place Inn.

Tickets will be \$75 per person which will include a catered meal, a guest speaker, auction, and highlights of YRCC youth and developments.

*"My daughter loves Kid Crops. She gets to learn about nature and learn the skills to maintain a garden."*

# A Special Thank You to Our Sponsors



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## GET INVOLVED

To **REGISTER** for YRCC programs, memberships, or reserve the gym at an affordable rate, check out our NEW online system - Civic Rec.

1. Create an account
2. Explore the catalog of options
3. Select option(s) from catalog, add to your cart, and checkout!

To **DONATE**, visit [friendsofyrcc.com](http://friendsofyrcc.com).

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