



**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT™
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

FREE YMCA MEMBERSHIPS FOR 7TH GRADERS!

Membership Policies

YMCA Mission Statement

To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

7th Grade Initiative

YMCA of the Brandywine Valley offers a free YMCA membership to all students in 7th grade. The goal of the 7th Grade Initiative is to inspire youth to discover their passions, develop a healthy lifestyle, and gain the assets needed to avoid risky behaviors and succeed in school and life.

Membership Process

1. Each 7th grader will receive a full membership valid until the end of the summer before the student starts 8th grade.
2. The membership begins when all paperwork is completed.
3. To receive a membership, each 7th grader must:
 - Come to a YMCA of the Brandywine Valley branch with a parent or guardian
 - Present a valid school id or proof of grade (roster or schedule)
 - Complete the YMCA of the Brandywine Valley membership application
 - Complete the 7th Grade Parent Agreement
4. Each 7th grade member will receive a membership card. Membership cards must be presented every time 7th graders use the facility.
5. Membership is subject to YMCA of the Brandywine Valley membership and program policies.
6. Membership can be suspended or revoked if staff deems member behavior has violated YMCA policies.

YMCA Facility Access

- 7th grade members are permitted in the YMCA indoor facility during operating hours. Outdoor pool memberships are available for an additional fee. Inquire at the Member Services Desk.
- All youth are required to be actively engaged in a program or activity while at the YMCA.
- Membership hours and activities are subject to change by YMCA staff.

What to Bring

- Wear comfortable clothing, socks and sneakers. Bring or wear a bathing suit and towel if you plan to use the pool.
- Bring a lock to secure belongings in the locker room. Locks must be removed on a daily basis. The YMCA is not responsible for lost, stolen or broken items.
- Bring a water bottle to re-hydrate. Water is also available in the vending area.

Guest Policy

- Guest passes are \$10 per person, per visit.
- Paid guests under age 16 must be accompanied by a member or other guest age 16 or older.
- Visits to the outdoor pool are considered separate from the indoor facility and require a second guest pass.
- Full members may purchase daily guest passes to go to the outdoor pool up to 5 times per year.
- Guests will be asked to show photo identification.
- The YMCA reserves the right to limit the number of guests without notice.

Staff

Member safety is the YMCA's top priority. All YMCA classes and swim lessons are taught by adult staff age 18 and over. YMCA staff must successfully complete a fingerprint check, drug test, and reference checks prior to being hired. Program staff is CPR and first aid certified. Aquatic staff is lifeguard, CPR, and first aid certified.

Program Rules & Discipline Policy

YMCA staff strives to create a positive atmosphere with an emphasis on our four core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. Our youth and teen activities are designed to be fun with active inclusion of all members. Proper participation and conduct is expected. Membership can be suspended or terminated if staff deems that members are behaving in a way that is contrary to the YMCA character values.