## South County Recreation Center Pre-K August 2025 Welcome Newsletter

#### **CHILD CARE DIVISON**

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## Welcome Back!



#### **WELCOME!**

We would like to extend a warm welcome to you and your family. Our SCRC Pre-K Child Care staff looks forward to getting to know your child(ren)!



Sincerely,

Ms. Tia Perry, Center Director RPPERR22@aacounty.org



#### **PROGRAM HOURS**

Operates from 9am-3pm daily, every day Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) are open for students. ©

### **IMPORTANT DATES**



<u>August 25<sup>th</sup></u> – First day of South County Rec Pre-K! *Please plan to drop off your child between* 9:00am-9:15am daily.

September 1<sup>st</sup> – Labor Day; Schools, Child Care and Child Care Administrative Office CLOSED

<u>September 10<sup>th</sup></u> – Child Care payment due for October (Your payment will be due on the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month for the coming month)

September 23<sup>rd</sup> – Rosh Hashanah; Schools and Child Care CLOSED. Child Care Administrative Office OPEN. If you have any questions, please direct them to the Child Care Administrative
Office before August 25<sup>th</sup>.
If you need to reach the center on/after
August 25<sup>th</sup>, please call:

SOUTH COUNTY REC PRE-K Child Care Line: 410-222-1517

# READY, SET, ...REGISTERED?

Registration is not considered complete until we have received your *Required Forms* for Admission. Your child will be unable to attend without the required forms! This is a State licensing requirement.

**NEW CHILD?** Your child's required forms can be found on our website at:

https://www.aacounty.org/recreationparks/child-care/forms-admission. For a paper copy of the forms, please call 410-222-7856 ext. 0 or speak to your Director.

RETURNING CHILD? If your child attended our licensed child care program during the 2024-2025 school year, you should be good to go with Dr's forms! Please just provide an updated Emergency Form. You may be asked to update or replace any other outdated documents by the center staff.

How to submit: Please provide your child's forms via our new online Forms Portal:

Log in to your child's <u>Registration</u>
 <u>Account</u> & follow the prompts to
 Upload each form.

Please allow extra time the first day for staff to review important forms with you.

Thank you!

#### WHERE TO FIND US:

The **Child Care building** is located on the right side of the South County Recreation Center when you turn into the parking lot. Our address is 4510 Owensville Sudley Rd. Harwood, Maryland.

The **parent door** is the door located to the farthest right of that building.

Please ring the bell and a staff member will greet you.



## SUPPLY LIST 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

All "school supplies" (i.e. pencils, glue sticks, hand soap, etc.) will be provided by Anne Arundel County

Department of Recreation & Parks for your children. The following are the only supplies we will need you to

provide:

- Back Pack or Tote Bag (labeled with child's name, clearly visible on the outside)
- Non-Refrigerated Lunch
- Complete change of seasonal clothes (placed in a large ziplock bag with name clearly printed on the bag):
  - Underwear
  - Shirt
  - Pants
  - Socks
- Nap Items
  - Many parents are opting for a roll-up all-in-one "nap mat" instead of separate items, which
    is just fine with us and very convenient for you!
  - OR please provide a crib sheet, blanket and small pillow with pillowcase (placed in a reusable "grocery style" bag with name clearly printed on bag)
  - AND your child is welcome to include in their bag a small "comfort object" for nap/rest time
     such as a small stuffed animal

Thank you!





### ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Parents must sign their child in for the morning program and out at the time of pick up each evening.

- For your child's safety, children are NOT permitted to sign themselves in and out of the program for any
  reason. We have a busy shared parking lot with the Rec Center next door! Please use caution when
  entering/leaving & please drop off your child between 9am-9:15am daily. Thank you!
- Children will only be released to the individuals (13 years and older) authorized on your *Emergency Form* to pick up your child. Please be advised that any person unknown to the staff will be asked to provide a photo ID before your child is released to their care.
- Please make sure that the information on your child's *Emergency Form* is kept current throughout the year.
   This is crucial for your child's safety at pick-up time and when we need to contact you in case of illness or emergency.

#### **AM Arrival instructions:**

- <u>Health Screenings</u> Parents must screen their child(ren) prior to entry into the child care programs for symptoms of infectious illness such as COVID-19, influenza, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and gastrointestinal infections. Children experiencing these symptoms must not attend a child care program or school and should be tested for COVID-19/influenza, if appropriate. (See the Parent's Manual for a full description of our Illness procedures.)
- <u>Entry</u> Ring the parent doorbell. A sign in/out area will be set up inside the parent door. You must walk your child into the sign in/out area and sign them into the program for morning care.

#### **PM Dismissal instructions:**

- Entry Bring your Photo ID to the door. Ring the bell.
- <u>Safety Screening</u> A child care staff member will greet you at the door, ask for your child(ren)'s name(s), and compare your Photo ID to the Emergency Form you provided to us in the morning and/or via email. (As the staff members get to know you, they may not need to check your Photo ID but please come prepared regardless in case there is a Substitute greeting parents.)



#### FOOD UPDATE!

For the 2025-2026 School Year, the Rec & Parks PRE-K program will provide snacks as follows (See the Parent's Manual for a full description of our Nutrition and Wellness policies):

- An AM Snack WILL be provided by our center staff. This is included in your monthly fee.
- A menu will be posted in the Parent Information Center (by your center's sign in/out area).
- Parents are welcome to provide a non-refrigerated snack if your child prefers not to eat the items offered; however, your child must follow the center's scheduled time to eat.
- Parents are required to provide a <u>non-refrigerated Lunch</u> for their child each day.