



GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

WINTER 2 PROGRAM SESSION:

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APPLE CREEK YMCA PARENT AND CHILD CLASSES

Parent and Child classes require a parent, guardian, or grandparent to accompany each child in class. For additional nature-related classes, please see the Environmental Education section on the YMCA of the Fox Cities website.

WONDERBUG DISCOVERIES (AGES 18 MONTHS-3 YEARS WITH PARENT) (ACY)

This parent-child nature discovery program is highly sensory-based involving themed storybooks, songs, hands-on time, and outdoor time with exploratory walks through the Purdy Nature Preserve. Each week will focus on a different theme or topic in nature. A portion of each class will be held outdoors, weather permitting, so dress accordingly!

Class name	YMCA	Age	Day	Start	End	Y Member	General Public
Wonderbug Discoveries	ACY	18 months-3 years with parent	W	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	\$49	\$75

APPLE CREEK YMCA CHILDREN'S CLASSES (AGES 2½-10)

FRIDAY FUN (AGES 2½-4 YEARS) (ACY)

Come have fun on Fridays. Learn finger plays, meet new friends, dance, and frolic to new songs, and explore new places in new books. To help us accommodate participants with allergies, please pack a nutritious peanut/tree nut-free lunch.

LAUGHTER, LEARNING, LUNCH (AGES 2½-4 YEARS) (ACY)

Exploring, laughing, and learning; what a great combination! Your child will have a blast playing with other children, singing, creating, exploring, and learning. To help us accommodate participants with allergies please pack a nutritious peanut/tree nut free lunch.

MONDAY FUN DAY (AGES 2½-4 YEARS) (ACY)

Explore and have fun with friends. We will incorporate songs, stories, and art while making new friends.

STAY & PLAY (AGES 2½-4 YEARS) (ACY) - NEW EVENING CLASS

Let imagination take the lead and curiosity come to play! Children will dive into a world of creativity with guided free-choice activities, hands-on themed crafts, and captivating STEM explorations. Every week is a new adventure designed to inspire learning and make "staying in" the most fun part of the day!

WEATHER WARM UP (AGES 2½-4 YEARS) (ACY)

What's up with this weather? We will learn about the change of the seasons with fun books and art. To help us accommodate participants with allergies, please pack a nutritious peanut/tree nut-free lunch.

WINTER WONDERLAND (AGES 2½-4 YEARS) (ACY)

Explore the fun of the season while having fun with friends and learning social skills. To help us accommodate participants with allergies please pack a nutritious peanut/tree nut-free lunch.

ECO-KIDS (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (ACY)

Explore the outdoors and watch the changes throughout the seasons while we learn more about nature and ourselves. This class helps children tie the Y's core values of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility to themselves, nature, and their community. Short hikes and playtime outside will be supplemented with craft and story time indoors. Have your child dressed for the weather as we will be outdoors every week, weather permitting!

OUTRAGEOUS OUTDOORS (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (ACY)

This exciting class gives your child a chance to learn all about the beauty and wonder of the natural world through hands-on activities, games, stories, and crafts related to the nature theme of the week, as well as time outdoors exploring nature. Have your child dressed for the weather as much of each class will be held outdoors, weather permitting.

FIELD STUDIES AND PHENOLOGY (AGES 3-16 YEARS) (ACY)

Based off the Wild Wonder Foundation, this nature journaling class for all ages places its focus on different over-arching themes to consider the core writing prompts of "I Notice, I Wonder, and It Reminds Me Of." Each class will consist of an introduction to the theme, outdoor exploration time, and journaling. Class will be offered Tuesdays and Thursdays in a workshop style.

JUST PLAY OUTSIDE (AGES 5-10 YEARS) (ACY)

This is an opportunity for your child to come to the Y and go outside and play. Students will arrive after school to play games, explore the preserve, play in the snow or on the playground, and just have fun!

OUTDOOR EXPLORERS CLUB (AGES 5-10 YEARS) (ACY)

Let the Environmental Education team at the Apple Creek YMCA turn your off-day from school into a full day of exploration and activities related to the outdoors. Join us for hikes, playing in the woods, creative free-time, and more! Pack a nut-free lunch, snacks and appropriate clothing for indoors and outdoors in a backpack and join us for a fun-filled day! Additional information will be sent by email after registration has been completed.

Class name	YMCA	Age	Day	Start	End	Y Member	General Public
Friday Fun- Bring Lunch	ACY	2½-4 years	F	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	\$77	\$104
Laughter, Learning, Lunch- Bring Lunch	ACY	2½-4 years	TH	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	\$77	\$104

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Monday Fun Day	ACY	2½-4 years	M	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	\$63	\$87
Stay & Play	ACY	2½-4 years	W	4:45 PM	6:15 PM	\$49	\$76
Weather Warm Up – Bring Lunch	ACY	2½-4 years	W	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	\$77	\$104
Winter Wonderland – Bring Lunch	ACY	2½-4 years	T	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	\$77	\$104
Eco-Kids	ACY	3-5 years	TH	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	\$60	\$83
Outrageous Outdoors	ACY	3-5 years	T	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	\$60	\$83
Outrageous Outdoors	ACY	3-5 years	W	1:00 PM	2:30 PM	\$60	\$83
Field Studies and Phenology	ACY	3-16 years	T	3:30 PM	5:00 PM	\$5	\$7
Field Studies and Phenology	ACY	3-16 years	TH	3:30 PM	5:00 PM	\$5	\$7
Just Play Outside	ACY	5-10 years	W	4:00 PM	5:15 PM	\$44	\$72
Outdoor Explorers Club – Mar 27	ACY	5-10 years	F	7:00 AM	5:00 PM	\$48	\$60
Outdoor Explorers Club – Mar 30	ACY	5-10 years	M	7:00 AM	5:00 PM	\$48	\$60
Outdoor Explorers Club – Apr 3	ACY	5-10 years	F	7:00 AM	5:00 PM	\$48	\$60
Outdoor Explorers Club – Apr 6	ACY	5-10 years	M	7:00 AM	5:00 PM	\$48	\$60

APPLE CREEK YMCA WORKSHOPS (AGES 5-10 YEARS)

WINTER WORKSHOP SERIES-NEW

Come join the Y for make and take programs that will combine crafts and environmental education! We ask that you sign up each person that will be participating in the workshop and let us know of anyone who will be attending with the participant.

DIY RECYCLED GREENHOUSES (FAMILY) (ACY)

Looking to get a head start on your garden this year? Come join the Apple Creek Naturalists as we make Greenhouses out of recycled materials!

LIVE ANIMAL CARE (AGES 6-12 YEARS) (ACY)

Drop your child off on the second Saturday of each month in the Nature Study Classroom to learn how we care for our classroom animals, including snakes, lizards, turtles, frogs, and fish. Help feed the animals, clean their tanks, and make sure they are living healthy lives. We will occasionally bring our lessons outdoors, so please dress accordingly.

LUCKY TREATS & RAINBOW EATS (AGES 5-10 YEARS) (ACY)

Celebrate March with hands-on cooking fun! Children will learn basic kitchen skills while making colorful fruit skewers, festive shamrock pizzas, and a golden dessert. A tasty way to explore creativity and healthy eating!

Class name	YMCA	Age	Day	Start	End	Y Member	General Public
Winter Workshop Series- DIY Recycled Greenhouses- Mar 7	ACY	All Ages	SAT	10:00 AM	Noon	\$10	\$15
Live Animal Care- Mar 14	ACY	6-12 years	SAT	10:00 AM	Noon	\$10	\$15

Class name	YMCA	Age	Day	Start	End	Y Member	General Public
Lucky Treats & Rainbow Eats – Mar 21	ACY	5-10 years	SAT	10:00 AM	Noon	\$20	\$25
Live Animal Care- Apr 11	ACY	6-12 years	SAT	10:00 AM	Noon	\$10	\$15

FOX WEST YMCA PARENT AND CHILD CLASSES

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LITTLE FOODIES (AGES 3-6 YEARS WITH PARENT) (FWY)

Let's snack together! Join us each week as we whip up easy, oven-free snacks that anyone can make- no baking required! From sweet treats to savory bites, we will learn something new (and tasty) every time. Aprons are optional- but they sure make it more fun! Get ready to mix, mash, and munch!

Class name	YMCA	Age	Day	Start	End	Y Member	General Public
Little Foodies	FWY	3-6 years with parent	T	5:15 PM	6:30 PM	\$55	\$78

FOX WEST YMCA CHILDRENS CLASSES (AGES 1½-6)

JUST FOR TWO'S (AGE 2 YEARS) (FWY)

We know toddlers like being together. This is a class where friends are made first. We will play, create, and develop together!

KINDNESS CLUB! (AGES 2-3 YEARS) (FWY)

is a warm and playful class for 2-3 year olds where little learners practice being kind friends. Through songs, stories, simple games, and hands-on activities, children learn to share, take turns, use gentle hands, and express their feelings. Kindness Club helps build social skills, empathy, and confidence in a fun, nurturing environment where everyone belongs.

MUSIC, DANCE AND YOGA (AGES 2-3 YEARS) (FWY)

Take pride in completing your own artwork, develop fine motor skills, and practice listening skills. This class is for 2-3-year-olds ready for a little more independence.

ADVENTURE BOOKLAND (AGES 2½-4 YEARS) (FWY)

Explore the magic of story time as we adventure through a library of books. We will pair some of our favorite books with crafts, activities, songs and more.. To help us accommodate participants with allergies, please pack a nutritious peanut/tree nut-free snack.

EXPLORE MY SENSES (AGES 2½-4 YEARS) (FWY)

What's that smell!? Together we will explore the world using and learning about all of our senses. To help us accommodate participants with allergies, please pack a nutritious peanut/tree nut-free snack.

LAUGHTER, LEARNING, LUNCH (AGES 2½-5 YEARS) (FWY)

Exploring, laughter, and learning what a great combination! Your child will have a blast playing with other children, singing, creating, exploring, and learning. To help us accommodate participants with allergies please pack a nutritious peanut/tree nut-free lunch.

LITTLE SCIENTISTS (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (FWY)

Hands on science that will fascinate your child. We'll explore, experiment, build, create and learn through fun activities. To help us accommodate participants with allergies, please pack a nutritious peanut/tree nut-free snack.

Class name	YMCA	Age	Day	Start	End	Y Member	General Public
Just for Two's	FWY	2 years	M	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	\$39	\$65
Just for Two's	FWY	2 years	W	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	\$39	\$65
Kindness Club!	FWY	2-3 years	M	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	\$39	\$65
Music, Dance & Yoga	FWY	2-3 years	W	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	\$39	\$65
Adventure Bookland	FWY	2½-4 years	T	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	\$63	\$87
Explore My Senses	FWY	2½-4 years	TH	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	\$63	\$87
Laughter, Learning, Lunch-Bring Lunch	FWY	2½-5 years	T	11:00 AM	12:30 PM	\$49	\$76
Laughter, Learning, Lunch-Bring Lunch	FWY	2½-5 years	TH	11:00 AM	12:30 PM	\$49	\$76
Little Scientists	FWY	3-5 years	F	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	\$72	\$94

HEART OF THE VALLEY YMCA CHILDRENS CLASSES (AGES 2-5)

JUST FOR 2's (AGE 2 YEARS) (HVY)

We know toddlers love being together! This is a class where friendships begin. We'll play, create, and grow together in a fun, nurturing environment.

BUSY BEES (AGES 2-3 YEARS) (HVY)

We will buzz around to different activities, and have fun through stories, songs and art projects that encourage creativity. Your child should have taken Just for 2's or have had a positive Kids Corner experience before taking this class.

LEAP & LEARN (AGES 2-3 YEARS) (HVY)

Let's move our bodies! This class emphasizes playful movement and activities designed to boost your toddler's coordination, body awareness, and self-confidence, all in a supportive setting.

READING THE RAINBOW (AGES 2-3 YEARS) (HVY)

This class is designed to spark your toddler's curiosity and develop visual skills while exploring the colors around them! Each week will feature a "color of the day" paired with a story and song. Let's have fun and wear the colors too! The first class is RED!

SINGING THROUGH THE SEASON (AGES 2-3 YEARS) (HVY)

Join us as we sing through the seasons! We'll play, sing, and explore musical instruments while learning about the beauty of winter and the celebrations that come with them. The final class will include parents or grown-ups for a group sing-along featuring the songs we've enjoyed!

STEPPING STONES TO PRESCHOOL (AGES 2-3 YEARS) (HVY)

Is your 2 or 3 year old getting ready for preschool? This class is a perfect introduction! Children will build social-emotional skills and practice a preschool-style routine through play and structured activities.

JUST FOR 3'S AND 4'S (AGES 3-4 YEARS) (HVY)

Calling all 3 and 4 year-olds! Come join us for a fun and engaging class! We will work on fine motor skills, small group experiences, and creative art projects. Each session includes teacher-led circle and rug time to promote social and emotional growth.

CULINARY DISCOVERIES (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (HVY)

Let's explore food through cooking and culture! Your child will learn basic cooking skills, discover fun new recipes, and taste flavors from around the world. Each class includes a themed book and craft to match the food we explore.

FOUNDATIONS OF EARLY LEARNING (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (HVY)

Early learners will be introduced to key literacy and math concepts through fun songs, stories, and hands-on activities. We'll explore the magic of the alphabet and dive into counting and number recognition through interactive games that build confidence and curiosity. Please bring a **peanut-free snack** for your child.

HOLA FRIENDS (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (HVY)

¡Hola, amigos! Let's learn Spanish together! This play-based class uses stories, songs, and crafts to teach basic Spanish vocabulary and concepts. We'll focus on beginner communication skills at a preschool level—come learn and make new friends!

IMAGINATION CREW (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (HVY)

Let's get those minds moving on Saturday mornings! This fun and educational class features hands-on activities, learning centers, crafts, and social development.

MINI CHEFS (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (HVY)

In this class your child will learn how to cook and bake fun and child-friendly dishes! We will also learn kitchen safety and appropriate food handling through books and crafts. Your Mini Chef will be making a yummy dish each class, so please let your teacher know of any food allergies or restrictions prior to the start of the session.

MUSICAL MEMORIES (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (HVY)

Some of our best childhood memories come from music. In this class, your child will learn basic musical notes to make their own song! We will incorporate instruments, crafts and stories to go with our musical theme of the day.

PAINT & PLAY! (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (HVY)

Let's combine art and movement! Your child will build fine motor skills through painting and social play. We'll use a variety of age-appropriate art materials, then transition to active movement with music and games. **Dress for the possibility of a mess!**

PRESCHOOL READINESS (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (HVY)

Looking for a longer class experience? This program helps prepare children for preschool through engaging social and educational activities. Please pack a **peanut-free snack** for your child.

SNOWFLAKE STUDIO (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (HVY)

Let's embrace the chilly weather and get creative! Your child will explore different art mediums like painting, drawing, and collage—all with a winter twist. **Dress for the possibility of a mess!** Join us on the final day for an **art show** showcasing your child's work.

THE LUNCH BUNCH (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (HVY)

Eating lunch with friends is fun—and helps build healthy habits! This "extended stay" option allows your child to enjoy lunch together in a social setting while developing self-help and social skills. After lunch, we'll enjoy crafts, stories, and music. Please pack a **peanut-free lunch** for your child.

WONDERWORKS (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (HVY)

Introduce your preschooler to the exciting world of science and discovery! Each week features a new theme with fun, age-appropriate experiments and building challenges designed to spark curiosity and develop early STEM skills like observation, prediction, and creativity.

Class name	YMCA	Age	Day	Start	End	Y Member	General Public
Just for 2's	HVY	2 years	T	9:00 AM	9:45 AM	\$34	\$60
Just for 2's	HVY	2 years	TH	9:00 AM	9:45 AM	\$34	\$60
Just for 2's	HVY	2 years	F	10:30 AM	11:15 AM	\$39	\$65
Busy Bees	HVY	2-3 years	T	10:15 AM	11:15 AM	\$39	\$65
Busy Bees	HVY	2-3 years	F	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	\$39	\$65
Leap & Learn	HVY	2-3 years	TH	10:15 AM	11:15 AM	\$39	\$65
Reading the Rainbow	HVY	2-3 years	M	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	\$39	\$65
Singing Through the Season	HVY	2-3 years	M	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	\$39	\$65
Stepping Stones to Preschool	HVY	2-3 years	W	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	\$49	\$76
Just for 3's and 4's	HVY	3-4 years	M	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	\$39	\$65
Just for 3's and 4's	HVY	3-4 years	TH	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	\$39	\$65
Culinary Discoveries	HVY	3-5 years	M	12:00 PM	1:30 PM	\$49	\$76
Foundations of Early Learning!	HVY	3-5 years	T	9:00 AM	11:30 AM	\$72	\$98
Hola Friends!	HVY	3-5 years	F	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	\$49	\$76
Imagination Crew	HVY	3-5 years	S	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	\$39	\$65
Mini Chefs	HVY	3-5 years	TH	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	\$39	\$65
Musical Memories	HVY	3-5 years	T	12:00 PM	1:30 PM	\$49	\$76
Paint and Play!	HVY	3-5 years	TH	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	\$39	\$65
Preschool Readiness	HVY	3-5 years	W	9:00 AM	11:30 AM	\$72	\$98
Snowflake Studio	HVY	3-5 years	M	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	\$39	\$65
The Lunch Bunch	HVY	3-5 years	W	12:00 PM	2:30 PM	\$72	\$98
Wonderworks	HVY	3-5 years	T	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	\$39	\$65

HEART OF THE VALLEY WORKSHOPS (AGES 3-10 YEARS)

Little Leprechauns (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (HVY)

Let's celebrate St. Patrick's Day together! In this magical workshop, we will go on a Leprechaun hunt through the YMCA! We will also be making a fun craft and have a lucky treat while we read a St. Patrick's Day book. Get ready to have a Sham-ROCKING good time!

Class name	YMCA	Age	Day	Start	End	Y Member	General Public
Little Leprechauns	HVY	3-5 years	3/12/26	12:30 PM	2:30 PM	\$20	\$25

NEENAH-MENASHA YMCA

CHILDRENS CLASSES (AGES 1½-5 YEARS)

LET'S GET MOVIN' AND/OR LET'S KEEP MOVIN' (18 MONTHS-3 YEARS) (NMY)

Children love to run, move, play, and learn. This large group class will have your child running, climbing, sliding, crawling, and biking in the gym. To participate, your child must be an independent walker. If this is your child's first class or they are apprehensive, parents are encouraged to stay and participate. If your child has extra energy to burn, register for both Tuesday and Thursday sessions!

ARCTIC ADVENTURE (AGES 2-4 YEARS) (NMY)

Let's celebrate winter, snowflakes and "chill" with our Y friends! Children will learn about friendship, belonging and create community through stories, songs, art, games, and large motor-interactive play.

BEYOND PLAY (AGES 2-4 YEARS) (NMY)

Packing fun into every class! We'll explore different themes, make fun projects, and move our bodies all while enjoying story time and a sing-along with instruments around the piano.

COOL KIDS (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (NMY)

The coolest thing about being a kid is learning through play! We'll make new friends, explore the magic of books, sing songs, play games, create arts and crafts. Your little one will be so busy they won't realize all the things they are experiencing about social emotional learning, language, and creativity!

PRESCHOOL READINESS (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (NMY)

Thinking about sending your child to preschool soon? In this class, your child will engage in various social and educational activities to help prepare them for a preschool environment, including small group activities, singing together, free play and art projects. Think ... preschool on a smaller scale!

Class name	YMCA	Age	Day	Start	End	Y Member	General Public
Let's Get Movin'	NMY	18 months-3 years	T	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	\$39	\$65
Let's Keep Movin'	NMY	18 months-3 years	TH	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	\$39	\$65
Arctic Adventure	NMY	2-4 years	W	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	\$50	\$76
Beyond Play	NMY	2-4 years	M	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	\$50	\$76
Cool Kids	NMY	3-5 years	TH	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	\$39	\$65
Preschool Readiness	NMY	3-5 years	T	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	\$39	\$65