

# ywca school age program newsletter

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## Stand Against Racism

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On April 3rd, over 25,000 people took a  
“Stand Against Racism.

The YWCA of Bergen County proudly joined  
15 YWCA's in New Jersey, New York and  
Connecticut to “STAND AGAINST RACISM”.  
The Stand Against Racism is a movement  
that aims to eliminate racism by raising  
awareness through annual public events.  
Eliminating racism is one part of the mission  
of the YWCA. We held a special event for the  
public at the Paramus Park mall and thanks to  
all who stopped by.

Your children also participated in this event at  
their afterschool site. They stood together at  
4:00pm and read this pledge out loud:

### No Room for Hate

I pledge to treat everyone with kindness and respect.  
I will treat others the way I'd like to be treated.  
And by showing friendship everywhere,  
I will help make the world a better place



For more information on this program go to  
[www.standagainstracism.org](http://www.standagainstracism.org)

## Priority Registration

We will again offer  
priority pre-registration for the  
2009-10 school year to all families  
currently enrolled in our programs.

Registration will be held **on-site at  
your school on May 11-14<sup>th</sup>.**

In order to take advantage of priority  
registration you must :

- ✓ complete the application
- ✓ return the completed application w/  
required payment back to your Site  
Supervisor May 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Prepaying the August tuition  
guarantees your child a spot in  
the afterschool program.**

For families that use the BSP program only  
– forms will be available at your BSP site.  
Fill them and hand them in to before school  
staff.

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## END OF SCHOOL 2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR

**Allendale Schools** – June 25 – (1/2 day)  
**Cresskill Schools** – June 22nd  
**Dumont Schools** – June 23rd  
**Hillsdale Schools** – June 24  
**Old Tappan Schools** - June 26 - (1/2 day)  
**Oradell Public School** – June 24 (1/2 day)  
**Ridgewood Schools** – June 24 (1/2 day)  
**River Vale Schools** – June 26  
**Westwood Regional Schools**– June 25 - (1/2 day)  
**Woodcliff Lake Schools** – June 23 - (1/2 day)

## FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 2009-10 SCHOOL (the YWCA is not open on September 7<sup>th</sup> (Labor Day))

**Allendale** – September 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**Cresskill** – September 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**Dumont** – September 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**Hillsdale** – September 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**Old Tappan** - September 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**Oradell** - September 8<sup>th</sup>  
**Ridgewood School** – September 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**River Vale School** – September 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**Westwood** – September 8<sup>th</sup>  
**Woodcliff Lake** - September 2<sup>nd</sup>

## WHO'S WHO AT THE YWCA OF BERGEN COUNTY

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**Mary Agnello** is the Office Manager of School Age Programs. She can answer all attendance, scheduling, registration questions. She can be reached at 201 881-1728. Her email is MAgnello@ywcabergencounty.org

### On April 15<sup>th</sup> Susie Van Emburg retired from the YWCA and we welcomed Ming Tseng

**Ming Tseng** is the new Tuition & Billing Coordinator of School Age Programs. If you have questions about your scheduled payment or wish to enroll in automatic payments please call 201 881-1730. Her email is MTseng@ywcabergencounty.org

## summer camps

**Did you know** we have many options for summer programs for your children?

- **New! Camp Girl Power**, Saddle River girls ages 11-14
- **Camp Ma-Kee-Ya**, Bear Mtn. NY, ages 8 -13
- **Camp Orinda**, Dumont ages 5 -11
- **Camp Y-Oak-A**, Saddle River ages 5 - 11
- **IMPROVED CIT/ Leadership Program-ages 13-16**

Camp Ma-Kee-Ya, Camp Orinda and Camp Y-Oak-A are 8 weeks this summer June 29 to August 21, 2009

In order to support working parents our camp hours will continue to be 9:00 am– 5:00 pm with both pre-camp (7:30 am – 8:30 am) & post –camp (5:00 pm – 6:30pm) options available. The weekly tuition will be \$255 per week –Orinda & Y-Oak-A & \$320 – Camp Ma-Kee-Ya

New this year is our “**Girl Power Camp**”. This brand new summer camp will provide a place for girls to come together to have fun and learn about themselves and the world around them. The YWCA of Bergen County is please to announce we are a licensee of Girls Inc. We are thrilled to bring these award winning programs to girls of Bergen County.

Our new summer camp will offer girls an opportunity to have fun while inspiring them to be strong, smart and bold. Girls will enjoy arts & crafts, team building, career counseling, self –esteem workshops, yoga, nature programs and much more. This camp will run from July 13 - August 7, 2009. Weekly tuition is \$250 per week

### **YWCA CIT/ Leadership Program.**

**For ages 13 – 16** – this program takes place at Camp Orinda or Camp Y-Oak- A. Each CIT's day will include time spent participating in leadership training groups, team building exercises and other learning groups. During the rest of the day CITs will be assigned to a specific camp group and help the group's counselors in all of their group's daily activities. CITs will receive community service credit hours at the end of their camp time. Due to the unique nature of this program we are looking for CIT' s that can make a minimum of 3 weeks commitment. Tuition for this program is \$150 per week, in addition to registration and membership.

**For ages 15 & 16** – this program takes place on site at Camp Ma-Kee-Ya. With this older group of teens the expectations are higher, they are expected to assist the group counselors and specialists, they run the camp store and the camp Olympics. Each CIT's week will also include some leadership training groups, team building exercises and other learning groups. The majority of the day CITs will be assigned to specific camp group. Due to the unique nature of this program we are looking for CIT' s that can make a minimum of 3 weeks commitment. Tuition for this program is \$75 per week, in addition to registration and membership.

More information on summer camps  
call 201 881 -1728 or visit our website

[www.ywcabergencounty.org](http://www.ywcabergencounty.org)



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**2008-09 Parent Satisfaction Survey**

**This survey is also available online at:**

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=G6LugkAeIEgUnC2XcpKB\\_2bA\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=G6LugkAeIEgUnC2XcpKB_2bA_3d_3d)

**School Name** (required): \_\_\_\_\_

What grade is your child(ren)? \_\_\_\_\_

<u>How would you rate the following?</u>	Excellent	Adequate	Needs Improvement
The overall quality of the after school program			
The overall quality of the after school program staff			
The relationship between your child and after school program staff			
Your interactions with the SAP Directors (Maire BK/ Robyn)			
Your interactions with the SAP Managers (Brian, Danielle, Erica, Mike)			
Your interactions with SAP office staff (Mary A, Susie, Ming)			

<u>How do you feel about the following?</u>	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My child likes coming to the program .....				
The program is helping my child get his/her homework completed				
My child likes the activities provided by the after school program				
My child is safer because of the after school program.				
The program hours meet my needs				
I like the level of activity in the program				
The snacks offered are healthy and appropriate				
There seems to be adequate supplies and equipment				
I feel welcome by program staff				

Next year I wish my school's after school program would...

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Thank you for filling out this survey!