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Membership Handbook
BEDELL FAMILY YMCA

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The Y. So Much More™ Annual Campaign

We have an extraordinary opportunity to ensure a brighter future for the Iowa Great Lakes. When you give to the YMCA of the Okobojis, your gift will help young people achieve their potential, empower people of all ages to lead healthier lives, and strengthen the bonds of our community. Together, we'll take on many of the greatest challenges facing our young people, our health and our community.

The Annual Campaign underwrites many youth development programs such as after-school child care and camp. It also provides program and membership scholarships to children and families who would otherwise not be able to participate.

Your contribution will have a positive impact on the lives of those in our community. Now, when you think of your YMCA you'll know it's more than a gym or a camp...it's a cause. A cause, that, with your generous support, will continue to strengthen the community in which we live.

Financial Scholarships Available

The YMCA of the Okobojis believes in providing membership and program services to all who desire to participate in the YMCA regardless of their ability to pay. If you or someone you know is interested in receiving a financial scholarship visit www.okobojiyymca.com/financial-assistance and fill out the Financial Assistance form or contact our front desk at 712-336-9622.

GIVE. AND DO SO MUCH MORE.

To find out how you can support our cause, contact us at 712-336-9622

Membership Advantages

Value Added Benefits All Members Receive

- Free fitness classes
- Free select family events
- Free Y Get Fit Program
- Free bus transportation from Okoboji and Spirit Lake Schools.
- Free Child Watch
- Select free youth classes and events
- Reduced fees for all classes
- By joining one, you get access to two facilities
- Priority class registration

Volunteering

Your YMCA is always looking for volunteers to help out with special events and for everyday activities.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us at 712-336-9622. Background checks are required for all volunteers



Membership Definitions

Youth: Any person age 2- 17.

Adult: Any individual 18 and up to 64.

Senior Adult: Any individual age 65+.

Household: Provided for a 2-person household and dependent children (age of 22 limit) residing in the same household.

Senior 2-Person Household: For senior household of 2 people where one member is 65 years of age or older.

Your Membership Key Fob

Upon joining, all members will receive a membership card/key fob. Membership fobs are issued during YMCA operating hours at our front desk at all locations.

Please stop by the desk at each arrival time to properly check in. To serve our members more efficiently, we ask that all members scan their physical or digital card. Members who do not have their membership fob will be checked in through our manual process; however, scanning your card will make the check-in process quicker.

Unauthorized use of a membership fob by an individual other than the member it was issued to may result in termination of the card holder's membership. If your fob is lost or stolen, please notify us immediately. You will need to purchase a replacement card for \$3.00.

Length of Membership

Ongoing: A joiners fee and the first month are paid, then membership is continuous until the member notifies the YMCA that they wish to discontinue. The monthly fee is automatically withdrawn from the member's savings/checking account until stopped by the member. A cancellation form must be filled out 7 days prior to your next draft date, which is the 20th of each month, to avoid charges for the following month. The YMCA does not require an annual contract; however, if a member cancels and re-joins the YMCA after 31 days, a joiners fee will be required.

Annual: For those who pay for an entire year at once instead of drafting each month, the joiner's fee is waived. Membership is renewable on anniversary date. Your Bedell Family YMCA will notify annual members a month prior to their renewal date.

Short-Term: Any membership that is not on an ongoing or annual basis, short-term rates will apply. For example, if you would like to purchase a six-month membership, you would pay the short-term rates without a Joiner's Fee. (pricing varies, see **Membership Definitions** above)

Day Pass

Allows access to all amenities for one day.

Weekly Rates

Provides 7 consecutive days of facility use.

Monthly Membership

Is valid for 30 consecutive days from the date of purchase.

Y-Get Fit

The YMCA is committed to helping you reach your fitness goals! Y-Get Fit is an orientation designed for all YMCA members. Our staff will help you become oriented to our state-of-the-art Fitness Center; encouraging safe, proper use of all equipment. Your Bedell Family YMCA also offers effective, personal training in packages designed for each individual. Inquire at the Member Services Desk.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION

For more information about programs and classes for adults and youth, please visit our website or consult flyers located at the front desk. Most fitness classes are included in membership and do not require pre registration. Many adult and youth programs are held on a session basis and have a start and end date, unless otherwise noted. Participants must register for these programs and payment is required at the time of registration. Payment may be made in the form of cash, check or credit card. Each registration requires a participant or guardian signature.

RECIPROCITY PROGRAM – MY Y IS NOW EVERY Y, NATIONWIDE

The Y movement is for youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. We want to encourage members to utilize the Y as often as they can. Sometimes, it's more convenient for members to utilize a Y in a different location when traveling, near a workplace or in another region. Now YMCA members have the flexibility to use other Y facilities throughout the USA and Puerto Rico, at no extra charge. Some restrictions apply. Contact the local Y you're visiting for their policy.

For more information, visit www.okobojymca.com/join.

Understanding Your Bank Draft

Bank Draft is an automatic bank withdrawal.

Your account will be drafted on the 20th of each month.

1. When you set up an ongoing membership, the bank draft pays your monthly Y membership. Please understand that this is a continuous membership plan. Your membership will continue until you give us written notice of your desire to cancel your membership.
2. If you wish to terminate your membership, you must fill out a cancellation form at one of the YMCA locations 15 days prior to your next draft date which is the 20th of each month. Cancellations without the sufficient notice will be effective the following month. Refunds will not be given. When your membership has been terminated, please turn in all of your membership cards/fobs.
3. The YMCA Board of Directors may adjust your monthly membership rate. You will receive at least a 30 day written notice prior to any such change.
4. If your bank does not honor your membership draft, you remain responsible for the missing payment and any service fee your bank may charge.
5. If you have any questions regarding your bank draft membership plan, please contact the Member Services Department.

FACILITY INFORMATION

Membership and Admission Policy

Membership at the Bedell Family YMCA and admission to our facilities and programs is a privilege, not a right. The Bedell Family YMCA reserves the right to deny, suspend or revoke the membership of any person exhibiting behavior, whether on or off the Y premises, that is judged by the Executive Staff and the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors either to be in conflict with the welfare of the Y patrons or staff, or in violation of the YMCA mission, as expressed in the mission statement found on the YMCA website and in the by-laws.

Attire

Shirts, shorts, sweats and shoes are appropriate attire. No black-soled or street shoes are allowed in the gym, Aerobics Studio or on the courts. In the swimming and whirlpool, proper swimming suits are required.

Facility Use Guidelines

Facility use guidelines are designed to ensure the safety of all members. Our guidelines are prominently posted in each of our areas.

Facility Supervision Policy

- Children 3rd Grade and under must be accompanied by an adult or in a supervised program when visiting the YMCA.
- All participants 4th Grade and over are welcome in the YMCA Facility on their own, but must be accompanied by an adult while utilizing the YMCA Wellness Center and Weight Room.
- Children 7th Grade and over may utilize the YMCA Wellness Center and Weight Room on their own.

Track Usage

- 11 laps = 1 mile, Daily directions posted.
- Outside lane designated for runners.

Pool Usage

- Children 7 and under must have an adult present in the pool with them at all times.

Electronic Devices

Use of all cell phones, video cameras and other electronic devices are prohibited in all locker rooms and restrooms. Cell phone use in the wellness center shall be limited to emergency calls or listening to music. Ear buds/headphones must be used - no bluetooth speakers. This policy is to protect

the privacy of our YMCA patrons.

Lockers

The Bedell Family YMCA offers lockers available for day use. You must bring your own lock and remove it at the end of each visit. Items left overnight will be removed from the locker room and placed in Lost and Found. The YMCA is not responsible for lost or stolen items. A select number of lockers are available for rent on a monthly basis. Please inquire with Member Services.

Accidents/Incidents

A risk of injury exists when engaging in physical activity. Members and program participants are advised to use protective equipment where necessary and to be alert to the signals of over exertion. Contact a YMCA staff person immediately if there is an accident, injury or unusual incident. First aid kits are available throughout the facility. Please ask a staff person when in need of first aid supplies. Please be advised that you are fully responsible for yourself, your children and your guests.

Inclement Weather

In the case of inclement winter weather conditions, the Bedell Family YMCA will follow local school district policies as a general rule. If schools are under a 2-hour delay, the YMCA will NOT hold any programming until after 12:00 noon. If schools close or get out early due to weather, the Bedell Family YMCA will cancel all programming for the remainder of the day. All announcements will be aired on local radio stations. Cancelled classes will not be rescheduled.

Handicap Access

The Bedell Family YMCA is handicap accessible. Please contact Member Services

for any additional accommodations needed.

Character Center Supervision

All participants, 3rd grade and under, may be in the YMCA Facility as long as they are in the YMCA Character Center (during hours of operation), in a supervised YMCA program or accompanied by an adult at all times. All program participants may utilize the YMCA Character Center (during hours of operation) prior to or after their supervised YMCA program when riding the bus. While supervision is provided, the YMCA Character Center is not a child care program.

Child Watch

For the convenience of our members, the YMCA provides the Child Watch Center. Quality, trained staff will supervise and insure the safety of children ages 6 weeks to 6 years of age while the parent/guardian is on the YMCA property. Child Watch is provided free for members and guests. Please inquire at members services for Child Watch hours.

Insurance

Every person enrolled in any class or working out on their own shall make provisions with their health insurance provider. Participants are required to pay all expenses incurred from their participation in YMCA activities. Everyone is strongly encouraged to have his/her physicians approval before beginning an exercise program. The YMCA assumes no responsibility for injuries or loss of personal property while at the facility.

Suggestions

Member comment cards are available. We pledge to acknowledge each comment and respond appropriately. Your comments, as well as your concerns, are appreciated.

Racquetball/Wallyball Reservation Policy

The YMCA Racquetball Courts are available to all YMCA members and guests, 4th grade and up, on a daily basis unless otherwise noted. Participants may reserve a single court time of 45 minutes no earlier than 24 hours in advance. All reservations will be done through the YMCA front desk and a participant can only reserve a court for themselves. Athletes taking part in a racquetball league will have first option for scheduling their weekly match. League participants may schedule a court time beyond the 24-hour rule. The YMCA will reserve the right to block off times for leagues and other special programs with the hope of always leaving one court open for the members and guests.

Holidays at the Y

YMCA facilities are closed on Easter and Christmas. It is important to us that our staff have the opportunity to spend time with family and friends. Please check in advance for hours of operation on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Solicitation and Distribution

Solicitation and distribution of literature on Y property is prohibited unless approved by YMCA leadership. This applies to solicitations on behalf of organizations, including charitable organizations.

Use of YMCA Property

Individuals and organizations are prohibited from conducting activity for profit or business gain on YMCA property, without written consent of the YMCA.

Security Cameras

For the safety and protection of YMCA patrons, security cameras are in use on YMCA property.

CONDUCT RULES

1. We expect people using the YMCA to behave in a responsible way and to respect the right and dignity of others. The YMCA's Conduct Rules do not permit language or action that can hurt or frighten another person or that falls below a generally accepted standard of conduct. This disallows:
2.
 - Refusal to conform to policies, rules, regulations, directives, or requests of the YMCA employees, or agents of the YMCA.
 - Appropriate, safe and applicable attire must be worn at all times.
 - Angry or vulgar language including swearing, name calling or shouting.
 - Physical contact with another person in an angry or threatening way.
 - Any demonstration of sexual activity or contact with another person.
 - Harassment or intimidation by words, gestures, body language or any other menacing behavior.
 - Theft or behavior that results in the destruction of property.
 - Carrying or concealing any weapons, devices or objects that may be used as weapons.
 - Using or possessing illegal chemicals or alcohol on YMCA property, in YMCA vehicles or at YMCA sponsored programs.
 - Any other conduct of an inappropriate, threatening or offensive nature.
3. The YMCA facility and grounds are tobacco and electronic cigarette-free.

Diversity and Inclusion Statement

The Y is made up of people of all ages and from every walk of life working side by side to strengthen communities. Together we work to ensure that everyone, regardless of ability, age, cultural background, ethnicity, faith, gender, gender identity, ideology, income, national origin, race or sexual orientation has the opportunity to reach their full potential with dignity. Our core values are caring, honesty, respect and responsibility – they guide everything we do.

Smoke Free

The Bedell Family YMCA requires a tobacco-free environment. No smoking, dipping, chewing or other usage of tobacco is allowed in our building, parking lot, or our grounds. In addition, using E-cigs, pipes and vapor products on our grounds is also prohibited.

Sex Offender Policy

The Y is the nation's leading nonprofit strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Important to this effort is our ability to provide a safe and threat-free environment. For this reason, the Y monitors sexual offender registries. Persons on the registry or known to be on the registry will not be eligible for YMCA participation, membership, employment or attendance at any YMCA of the Okobojis related function or facilities and will be asked to leave.

Lost or Stolen Property

The YMCA is not responsible for lost or stolen property. However, we do keep lost and found items whenever possible. Please check at the front desk and a member services representative will assist you in checking the lost and found. Items will be kept as space allows, then donated to charity after 30 days.



Facility Rental and Group Usage

The YMCA is available for rent to organized groups. Birthday parties or pool parties may also be scheduled at the YMCA as a fun activity; a meeting room will be made available by reservation. Please see front desk for information on building rentals. All procedures, policies and rules are subject to change.



Milford Healthy Living Program Center (HLPC)

The HLPC is an extension of the Bedell Family YMCA. The Milford location on Hwy 71 offers a wide variety of health and fitness activities including group exercise. This site offers cardiovascular equipment, free weights and machines.



Camp Foster YMCA

Since 1912, Camp Foster has been teaching positive values to children. Camp Foster is one of the oldest existing camps in the Midwest. Thousands of children and adults have attended Foster—Fourth generation campers are not uncommon. Located on 214 wooded acres along the shores of East Lake Okoboji, much of Camp Foster remains in its original natural setting. Camp Foster offers a balance between tradition and progressive programming. We respect our rich heritage while challenging campers in the 21st century. For additional information please call Camp Foster at 712-336-3272.

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