



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY, RECREATION AND ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

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WHAT IS C.A.R.E.? - 2024/2025

C.A.R.E. is a before- and after-school program provided by the Palatine Park District to families with children attending a Community Consolidated School District 15 elementary school located in Palatine. We provide safe, quality childcare where children have the opportunity to focus on their interests while engaging in a variety of structured and non-structured activities including working on homework, arts and crafts, hands-on projects, board and card games, and active play outside and in the gym.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

- The C.A.R.E. program is available at 10 of Community Consolidated School District 15's elementary schools. Children must attend school at the C.A.R.E. location they are applying to in order to be eligible to register for or attend the C.A.R.E. Program at that school. We are not able to accept transfers to a C.A.R.E. location if the student attends school at a different location in the district during the day.

HOURS OF OPERATION

- **Before-School** C.A.R.E. runs from 7 a.m. until the start of school.
- **After-School** C.A.R.E. runs from the end of school until 6 p.m.

PROGRAM LOCATION

Each of the 10 participating schools uses a designated classroom as their base where parents drop off in the morning and pick up in the evening.

WHERE TO APPLY

Enroll online (www.palatineparks.org) or in person at one of the Palatine Park District locations listed below.

Community Center
250 E. Wood St.
Palatine, IL 60067

Birchwood
435 W. Illinois Ave.
Palatine, IL 60067

Falcon Park
2195 N. Hicks Rd.
Palatine, IL 60074

REGISTRATION CANCELLATIONS

Registration cancellation requests received by July 25, 2024 will receive a full refund, minus the \$60 registration fee. Any changes made after July 25 will be billed for the August 1 installment and any drops or changes will not take effect until the September billing installment.

All approved refunds will be applied as a household credit unless otherwise requested. If another form of refund is requested, a \$5.00 processing fee will be applied. Contact Donna Orr to cancel your registration (dorr@palatineparks.org)

If your child is registered for a Palatine Park District location and transfers to another school in Palatine, your CARE registration can be transferred to the new school. If they are transferred to a school outside of Palatine, you will have to withdraw from the Palatine Park District C.A.R.E. Program and register at either the Rolling Meadows Park District or the Hoffman Estates Park District (depending on the location of the school).

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

We work closely with NWSRA (Northwest Special Recreation Association) to provide assistance to children who require additional support or accommodations in order to successfully participate in the activities of the program. Inclusion is the opportunity for someone to participate in their park district/recreation department program with additional supports put in place to help accommodate and ensure a successful experience for everyone involved.

Inclusion services are designed to provide the least restrictive environment while providing the maximum opportunity to participate. Assistance varies depending on the needs of the individual and can range from working with program staff to implement different strategies or ideas on how to adjust the program to meet the needs of all participants, it may involve using adaptive equipment, or it may be adding an extra staff (inclusion support staff) into the program to work more closely with the individual enrolled in the program. Support can involve such things as physically assisting the person to be part of the activity, and/or assisting him or her to be a part of social interactions. It can involve helping the person acquire particular skills and competencies, and/or adaptation of part or all of an activity.

If an aide is needed or if our staff require additional training in order to best serve the needs of the child, we will work with NWSRA to provide the best possible experience for your child.

Please indicate on the registration form if you would like to be considered for an aide or if there is any information that will help us offer the best accommodations for your child.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the child to staff ratio? C.A.R.E. staffs at a ratio of 1 staff member to 10 or less children.

When does C.A.R.E. operate? The program is offered to students throughout the school year on days when school is in session. After-School C.A.R.E. is not offered on half days of school. The program operates Monday through Friday, and is open from 7 a.m. until the start of school and after school until 6 p.m. C.A.R.E. is not open on days when school is closed.

Is there a bus to take children to and from C.A.R.E.? No. Parents are responsible for the transportation of their children to and from their C.A.R.E. site.

Is there a discount if I have more than one child in C.A.R.E.? A discount is available for two or more children enrolled in the C.A.R.E program. The additional child(ren)'s fee is reduced by approximately 10%. Discounts are applied to the lowest priced options.

What if my child requires medication while they are at C.A.R.E.? Parents must fill out the Medication Authorization Form. Forms are available at the C.A.R.E. site, and at the Palatine Park District. These forms allow our staff to administer the medication during C.A.R.E. hours.

Is homework assistance available? Because of the number of children who require assistance during homework time, the staff members are unable to check each child's homework for accuracy or provide the type of one-on-one homework help that is available from a private tutor.

What are my chances of getting in the program if I end up on a wait list? If your child is placed on a wait list for C.A.R.E. the Park District will notify you if a spot becomes available if someone drops from the program at your child's school C.A.R.E. site. It is strongly recommended that you enroll your child in alternate child care in the community as spots may not become available during the school year.

Do I get reimbursed for snow days? If the school district uses snow days that will be made up at the end of the year, parents will not get reimbursed as that day will be made up at the end of the school year. If the school district uses an e-learning day, a credit for the missed CARE day will be applied to the next scheduled C.A.R.E. payment.

Are any meals provided? No. Due to food allergies, children must bring snacks from home to eat at the program.



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