

YMCA Fairview Afterschool



We build strong kids, strong families, and strong communities!

August 2009 Edition

Welcome Back To Fairview Afterschool!

We hope you have all had a wonderful, restful, fun-filled summer! If you're new to our program, welcome! If you're a returning family, we are so glad to have you back with us!



The 2008-2009 school year was a dynamic one, with many changes occurring at our site. This year is looking to be an exciting one, filled with new ideas and TONS of fun projects for not only the children, but the families as well!

We're looking forward to hearing how all of you spent your summers, whether it was attending one of the YMCA summer camps, another camp, on family vacation, or just enjoying the time off!

With a new year brings a number of new staff, including some familiar faces! At the beginning of the year, Amanda Glenn-Bradley (the former director of Candler's program, as well as a familiar face to School's Out folks) will be assisting Samantha, our new director in setting up the program. As far as the rest of our amazing team, Agnes returns for a second year at Fairview, Connor is transferring from Leicester, and Dan rounds out our team.

We are so excited to see where this year takes us, and we cannot wait to bring you all on this journey! Go Team Fairview!

Changes for 2009-2010

There are a few policy/procedure changes that the YMCA has implemented for this upcoming year. All of this information can be found in your purple Parent Handbook.

Important changes that directly affect us are:

- * Payments are due the FRIDAY before attendance, including online payments.
- * Personal checks must include a driver's license number,



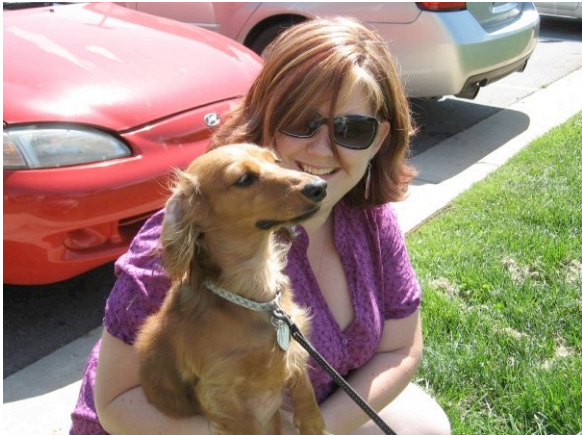
- *Voucher parents will be required to cover the regular program fee past their child's fifth absence accumulated in a month, as outlined in both your voucher agreement and in the Parent Handbook.

Please see a staff member if you have any questions about the new policies and procedures!

Staff Spotlight of YMCA Fairview

Each year brings new faces and new backgrounds and reintroduces old friends into our program, and that includes the 2009-2010 school year! Each month, we will spotlight a different staff, and then move on to our wonderful group members!

Amanda Glenn-Bradley, Mentoring Site Director



Amanda joins us, fresh off an amazing two years spent at the YMCA Afterschool Program at Candler Elementary. She was born in Knoxville, raised in Madison County, and a 2008 graduate of Mississippi State University with her Bachelor's of Science in Horticulture, emphasis in Floral Management, with a minor in Geosciences, emphasis in Meteorology. (She can not only tell you what to grow, but what weather will help it grow the most!) She has been with the YMCA since September of 2007 as both an assistant site director, site director, and now mentoring site director. She has directed the Youth Fit For Life program for a year and a half at Candler, as well as developing a teamwork curriculum that taught the children the true value of teamwork, as well as the importance of the four core values of the YMCA.

When she is not having the time of her life with your children, she can be caught watching SEC football and basketball (mostly the MSU Bulldogs and her beloved Tennessee Volunteers!), reading mystery novels, cruising down the Blue Ridge Parkway, or spending time with her menagerie of animals at home. Amanda is also the Youth and Recreation Ministry Assistant at First Baptist Church and works with the youth groups there, in addition to playing flue and piccolo in area ensembles.

Amanda lives in the Candler community with her husband John, cats Donovan, Amira, and Nikita, and her miniature dachshund named Fletcher (pictured above).

Let's have a GREAT year!!!

Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited.

Imagination encircles the world.

- Albert Einstein

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