

**City of Largo's
Before and After Care
And School's Out Day
Programs**



Enrollment Packet 2024-2025

This program offers children a safe, fun, and healthy opportunity after school. Children in the program will have the opportunity to be involved in sports, games, arts and crafts, homework time, reading, and much more. The City of Largo looks forward to serving your family.

Southwest Recreation Childcare License Number: C094372

Highland Recreation Complex License Number: 52511536737

Dates: August 12th 2024 to May 29th 2025

Grades: Kindergarten through fifth grade before and after care
Largo Middle before school only

Time: The before care program opens at 6:30 am. Children must arrive prior to 8:00 am to ride the bus for the elementary schools. Students cannot be dropped off at the van. This gives the staff ample time for proper loading and documenting of attendance. Middle school students must arrive by 8:50 am. Children will be dropped off to and picked up from their designated school according to their bell schedule. All parents with children registered for after care must pick up their children from the recreation center by 6pm.

Schools Out Days: Special camp programs will be offered on the following schools out days:

Sept 23, 2024	Oct 14, 2024	Nov 25-27, 2024	Dec 23, 2024
Dec 26-27, 2024	Dec 30-31, 2024	Jan 2-3, 2025	Jan 6, 2025
Mar 17-21, 2025	April 18, 2025	April 21, 2025	

These camp days will be held at the designated recreation complex. Parents are required to drop their children off before 9:00 am and pick them up from the specific facility by 6:00 pm using the assigned entrance. Please see your site director for more details. Hours of operation during school's out days is 7am – 6pm. Pricing varies for those children who register for school's out days only. Please see the site director for details.

City Holidays: The recreation complexes will be closed on the following city holidays:

Sept 2, 2024	Nov 28-29, 2024	Dec 24-25, 2024	Jan 1, 2025
Jan 20, 2025	Feb 17, 2025	May 26, 2025	

Days: Monday – Friday **Ratio:** 1 to 25 (School Age)

Staff: Our before and after school program is licensed through the Pinellas County Licensing Board. Our staff is certified by taking 40 hours of childcare training offered by the PCLB. All staff hired by the City of Largo have completed a Level 2 Background Screening. This includes local, state, and federal background checks. All staff working as group leaders within our program are at least 18 years old.

Snacks and Nutrition: Children are asked to bring a nutritious snack and water bottle with them to the program daily. During full days they must also pack a nutritious lunch. Snacks are not provided through the program. Junk food such as candy and soda are not permitted. Only clear liquids are permitted. Please speak with the site director if you need healthy food choice suggestions.

Vacation Policy: Tuition is due in full for every week that school is in session. Tuition can be waived on the following dates by submitting a vacation form to the director notifying us that your child will be absent and/or on vacation during a school's out week.

Nov 25-29, 2024	Dec 23-27, 2024	Dec 30-Jan 3, 2025	March 17-21, 2025
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Daily Activities:

- **Rotations** are approximately 1 hour long. The scheduled rotations and activities will be posted weekly.
- **Extracurricular Activities:** Children will have the opportunity to choose between a select variety of extracurricular activities each day after school such as cheerleading, tennis, sports, crafts, and more. Children and parents will be able to choose their activities the last week of each month. Participants may change activities monthly. The classes being offered will change periodically. **These classes are scheduled each day Mon-Thur. We ask that you plan accordingly and try not to pick up your child during class time.** Class sizes are limited depending on the enrichment offered.
- **Homework Time:** A homework time will be offered during the program. Children will be encouraged to complete their assigned homework during this time, but staff are not able to monitor what is completed.

Personal Belongings: Children are asked to keep their toys and electronics at home unless otherwise requested to bring in a personal item for a special event or enrichment. We are not responsible for lost, stolen, and/or broken items that were brought in from home. Cell phones are not permitted out during program hours. If a family member needs to reach a child during program hours, please call the front desk of the facility for assistance.

Family Registration Fee: A family registration fee of \$25 per family is due when registering your child for the program. Please note that if your child withdraws and re-registers in the program, this fee will be charged again. If you re-register within 60 days of your withdraw date, a surcharge of \$75 will be charged.

Recreation, Parks & Arts Membership: A Rec Card is required to participate in the before and after school program as well as school's out day programs. The cost of the membership is determined based on individual residency within Pinellas County. All membership cards must be valid through the last day of the school year.

Cancellation of Service: If, for any reason, you wish to cancel your child's participation in the City of Largo's Before and After Care Program, you need to notify the program director in writing. Until that time, you are financially responsible for the service for which you registered your child. We will not accept a verbal cancellation.

Emergency Closure Plan: In the event of a forced closure due to weather (such as a hurricane), or a communicable disease (such as COVID), the following policy is in place: Any closure that only affects one day of care will not affect tuition payments. Any closure that affects two or more days of care, the City of Largo will adjust the fees and apply any money collected for the closed days to the next week of care. The weekly rate will be divided by the amount of days care was available to determine the proper fee to be allocated for that week.

Rules and Regulations: Rules and regulations are subject to change with a written or electronic notice from the City of Largo staff. New rules and regulations may be added if the need exists. All changes will be communicated to families in written and/or electronic communication.

Photo Policy: Photographs taken by the Recreation, Parks and Arts Department at city programs and events are often used in presentations, display boards, flyers, website, brochures, and city publications. If you do not wish to have your child's picture taken, please let the staff know in advance.

No Smoking: This building is a smoke free facility. This includes all forms of tobacco including but not limited to cigarettes, e-cigarettes, or vaping in the building or within 500 ft of the building entrance.

Head Lice:

Any child that is found with head lice or nits will be sent home immediately and will not be allowed to return to the program until their head is free of lice and/or nits.

Ambulance Service:

In the event of an emergency in which emergency medical staff warrants that the child be taken to the nearest hospital, transport fees will be the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian. This fee currently costs approximately \$1000.00.

Payment Schedule: All payments are due on Fridays for the upcoming week. A \$5.00 late fee will be assessed to all accounts not paid by the due date. The child will not continue in the program until your account balance is up to date. If you use the auto debit system, your payment will be withdrawn on Friday each week for the upcoming week. Tuition is due weekly regardless of attendance that week.

Before School Program – charged on all weeks school is in session	After School Program – includes all single school's out days	School's Out Weeks – vacation can be used on these weeks
\$20 per week on auto debit \$25 per week if paying in person	\$75 per week on auto debit \$80 per week if paying in person	\$100 per week on auto debit \$105 per week if paying in person

Easy Payment Methods:

1. Through autopay your weekly tuition will automatically be charged to your credit or debit card.
2. At Highland or Southwest Recreation Complexes using cash, check, money order or credit card (excludes American Express). Both facilities are open seven days a week. Using this method will include an additional fee.

Procare:

The City of Largo is using Procare for our communication, sign in and out, and paperwork. It is vital for each family to complete the registration before their child's first day. If you have multiple children in our program, you can "add child" on the first page of the registration process. Please be sure to add all your authorized pick-up contacts when creating your child's profile. Tips before you get started:

- Locate the name, phone number, and address for each of your emergency contacts/ pick up list.
- You will need your employers address and phone number.
- Locate the name, phone number, and full address for your dentist and doctor.
- You will need to complete a notarized emergency release form for each child you are registering. This form will be provided at the front counter with your parent handbook and auto debit form.

Please note: **Each section of the electronic registration form is important information required by the Pinellas County License Board. You must use full names and full address in the fields.** If the information is submitted incorrectly, you will be asked to resubmit your child's application.

Attendance and Participation:

Children are encouraged to participate when present, unless sick or injured, in which case, parents will be notified, and the child will be sent home. **It is required to notify the facility by 12 pm when your child will not be in the program.** Preferably, notify us in Procare (or call the facility). Students must wear closed toed shoes. Sneakers are preferred. Slides, boots, and sandals are not permitted. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Southwest Recreation Complex 727-518-3125 or email swaftercare@largo.com

Highland Recreation Complex 727-518-3016 or email hcaftercare@largo.com

Sign Out Policy:

Parents must sign in and/or out their child each day on an electronic device. Each day must be documented with a **FULL SIGNATURE**. Initials are not accepted as a full signature. Identification will be required and should be brought with you daily to sign out. Only authorized persons will be allowed to pick up the child/ren. Those authorized are indicated on the child's enrollment profile in Procare. We will not release your child to any one not listed in Procare.

Medications:

Staff will only administer emergency lifesaving medication (epi-pens, inhalers). All other medication given during after school hours must be administered by a parent, guardian or adult listed on the child's enrollment profile. If your child has a medication that must be administered immediately, prior to the arrival of emergency personnel, you must complete a medication form. Parents will be required to train staff on how to administer the medication. The medication must have your child's name on it and a photo attached. Medication must be in its original container. Please see the site director to receive a medication form.

Late Pick-Up Fee Policy:

In the case that a parent or authorized person is late picking up a child, that individual will be responsible to pay the appropriate late fee. If a parent or authorized person is late more than three times the child will be suspended from the program. To avoid the late fee and possible suspension, please pick up your child by 6pm. **THE LATE FEE IS \$1.00 PER MINUTE PER CHILD!** This will be based on the clock at the sign out table. Fees must be paid in full before the child can return to the program.

Disciplinary Policy:

The City of Largo's Before and After School Program rules are enforced to ensure a safe, professional, and organized program. The following disciplinary procedures are put in place for the program participants. These disciplinary procedures are designed to help each participant learn and grow as a responsible person in a fair and consistent manner. Minor infractions of the Code of Conduct will have the following consequences that vary with the developmental level and ages of children in care:

First Offense: Verbal reprimand

Second Offense: Conversation and/or a conference with Program Director

Third Offense: Individual circumstances will be considered, and the appropriate consequences will occur:

1. written reprimand
2. suspension (1-5 days)
3. permanent suspension from program.

Each offense will be written on a disciplinary action form for the parents to sign and review with the Director. Such disciplinary policies shall include standards that prohibit children from being subjected to discipline which is severe, humiliating, frightening, or associated with food, rest, or toileting. Spanking or any other form of physical punishment is prohibited by all childcare personnel. In consideration of the nature of the offense, we reserve the right to implement whichever of the above steps are necessary.

Schools Serviced:

The City of Largo services schools based on need and availability. A minimum of 5 registrations are required for us to commit to transporting to/from a school. Facility managers/supervisors will determine if a school can be added because of need or dropped due to low enrollment.

Southwest Before School	Highland Before School
Anona Elementary Mildred Helms Elementary Oakhurst Elementary Ridgecrest Elementary	Largo Middle School Belcher Elementary Pinellas Academy of Math and Science Pinellas Preparatory School
Southwest After School	Highland After School
Anona Elementary Mildred Helms Elementary Oakhurst Elementary Ridgecrest Elementary	Belcher Elementary Pinellas Preparatory Academy Pinellas Academy of Math and Science

This is a form for staff to fill out upon registering for the Before and Aftercare Program, as well as full day

care when school is not in session. Please bring this form with you when registering.

Registration Checklist:

- ___ The child's rec card must be good until May 29, 2025
- ___ Auto debit form completed and reviewed (optional)
- ___ Verified household phone number and email address listed in rec trac
- ___ Paid the annual registration fee
- ___ Notarized emergency medical release form completed with no blank lines or white out

Tell family: The City of Largo is using Procure for our communication, sign in and out, and paperwork. It is vital for each family to complete the registration before their child's first day. You will receive an email to complete your electronic paperwork for our program.

Staff your signature below verifies that you have personally checked all paperwork and are **ONLY accepting those that are **FULLY** completed. By signing below you verify that you have verbally explained the importance of Procure. This is very important for the license board so please adhere to all needed above.

Staff Printed Name: _____

Staff Signature: _____ Date: _____

Start Date of Child: _____ Grade: _____

Name of School Child Attends: _____

Please circle days child is attending:

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Please circle the parent/guardians pricing package choice:

Before School – charged on all weeks school is in session	After School– charged on all weeks school is in session	Full Week Only
\$20 per week on auto debit \$25 per week if paying in person	\$75 per week on auto debit (\$100 per week when school is out for the whole week) \$80 per week if paying in person (\$105 per week when school is out for the whole week)	Nov 25-27, 2024 (\$100 - 3 days) Dec 23,24 and 27, 2024 (\$100 - 3 days) Dec 30 and 31-Jan 2 and 3, 2025 (\$125 – 4 days) March 17-21, 2025 (\$150 - 5 days)



Auto Debit Authorization and Registration Form

Program	Weekly Charge	Selected Care
Before Care	\$20.00 (\$25 per week without auto debit)	
After Care	\$75.00 (\$80 per week without auto debit)	
School's Out Weeks	Varies according to week needed	
ELC Recipient	Varies according to the listed parent fee	

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Child's School: _____

Primary Phone Number: _____

Household Email Address: _____

Program Location: Highland _____ Southwest _____

Auto debit will be pulled every Friday for the upcoming week. I agree for the fees for my child's childcare listed above to be paid weekly. Should any credit card (EFT) not be honored by my financial institution for any reason, I realize that I am still responsible for the total payment due. In addition, I will incur a processing fee of \$5 assessed by the City of Largo for any payments that are not able to be electronically processed. After two non-successful payment attempts, I will be withdrawn from the auto pay program. I also understand it is my responsibility to notify the City of Largo in writing should my credit card expire, my financial institution changes, or I make any changes to my account information at any time. The City of Largo requires a 10 day notice to change/cancel an EFT processing. All weekly fees are required to be paid if your child attends or not.

Initial Payment:

Membership _____ + Registration _____ + First Week of Tuition _____ = Total Due Today _____

My weekly EFT withdraw total: _____

Name as it appears on the credit/debit card: _____

Credit Card Number: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Card Expiration Date: ____ / ____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____