

YWCA Greener Pastures 2018

YWCA Greener Pastures 2018, a summer day program for teenage/young adult girls with special needs, will be in session for six weeks - June 18th through July 25th, Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 10 AM to 2 PM each day; no session on Wednesday, July 4th. This program will be held at Bush School, 800 Nebobish Street, Essexville. The program fee for YWCA Greener Pastures 2018 is \$475. Theme this year is 'Money Isn't Everything!'

YWCA Greener Pastures is a summer day program for girls with special needs - ages 13 through 26 - who learn differently than other students in traditional school settings, and who are in most cases, in some type of special education program. The program highlights the transition from school into the world of volunteering/work. Areas of emphasis are: staying on given task, work safety, following directions, completing tasks to set standards, plus appropriate social skills in a variety of different situations. The special needs girls are also involved daily in recreation/physical fitness activities and Community Service projects. Skills are taught with direct 'hands on' learning, ongoing practice of previously learned skills, progressing in small steps from one task to another - moving toward the final goal of knowing how to work at a volunteer position/job in order to become a productive member of society. The special needs girls receive a small stipend each week which is used for purchasing their needs/wants during this program; this also gives them an opportunity to work with real money in making purchases and concepts of saving money for upcoming events. They work alongside Job Trainers - ratio of 4 to 5 girls per 1 Job Trainer - whose duties are to model the activities to be done, supervise the special needs girls, give direction and guidance, as well as being a friend throughout their day. This program incorporates the use of Bay Metro Transportation, Bay County Library System, Bay City State Recreation Area, River Walk, & other local destinations to help foster a variety of activities for the special needs girls. YWCA Greener Pastures is a program of the YWCA, Great Lakes Bay Region, Misty Janks, Executive Director (989-894-9055; www.ywcaqlbr.org) This is the 19th summer of YWCA Greener Pastures.

The program fee for YWCA Greener Pastures 2018 is \$475. Scholarships may be available through Disability Services Resource Center (DSRC), Bay City and possibly through other local civic groups. 'Respite Moneys' may be used toward the fee - check with Bay Arenac Behavioral Health (BABH). Payment plans are also available. Payment must be made prior to Wednesday, June 20th unless a payment plan has been authorized and approved by Diane Rapson Gabil, YWCA Greener Pastures, Director. Each special needs girl will need to bring daily a sack lunch including beverage, plus snack for 'break time.' Refrigeration is available. Family's transport their daughter; Bay Metro Transportation is available on a limited basis, at family's own expense. If wanting to use Bay Metro, call them prior to May 15th (989-894-2900).

Enrollment will be based on each individual girl's needs and the ability of YWCA Greener Pastures staff to meet those needs. Each special needs girl enrolled MUST be able to respond positively to directions given to her by someone other than just a family member. Turning in of the application form does not insure the applicant enrollment in YWCA Greener Pastures 2018. Each applicant's family will be notified if accepted into YWCA Greener Pastures no later than June 6, 2018. Enrollment space is limited to 18 for 2018; forms received after date and/or if enrollment is filled, will be placed on a waiting list. NOTE: This program is not equipped to include special needs girls with severe mental, emotional, or multiple impairments or those special needs girls who have access to extended year programming in public/intermediate school district programs.

If you know of a special needs teenage/young adult girl, between ages of 13 to 26, who would benefit from a 6 weeks summer transition school to work/volunteer program or have questions, contact Diane Rapson Gabil, YWCA Greener Pastures 2018, Director, (989-392-1080 - cell; drapsongabil@chartermi.net).

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Please fill out the pre-enrollment form below and mail to YWCA Greener Pastures 2018, c/o Diane Rapson Gabil, Director, 1031 North Jones Road, Essexville, MI 48732

special needs girl's name	birth date	age
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mailing address	city/state/zip code
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parents/guardians name(s)	contact phone number(s)
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e-mail address

girl's height & weight	T-shirt size	school/program girl attends & instructor's name
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girl's certification/disability/restrictions: _____