



Community TIES - *Together in Educational Support*

*A day program at the Northbrook Park District
for children in grades K-8 with a hybrid school schedule due to Covid-19.*

Community TIES (TIES) has been designed around community need in response to mitigation strategies implemented by Northbrook School Districts. Children will have the opportunity to engage in virtual learning with adult supervision and assistance as needed. This program is intended for children who are participating in in-person learning at least 2 days per week.

This opportunity is available to Northbrook Park District Residents in grades K-8 and full-time teachers in school districts 27, 28, 30, 31, as well as non-resident families who attend Northbrook Schools.

When children are not participating in virtual classes, activities will be planned that will include indoor and outdoor games, arts and crafts and individual sports and challenges.

Location

TIES will tentatively be held at the Northbrook Sports Center located at 1730 Pflugsten Road. Additional program spaces may be available based on demand of program.

Fees/Hours

AM Care: 7:00 – 8:00 am
\$10/day

School Day: 8:00 am – 3:30 pm
\$69/day

PM Care: 3:30 – 4:30 pm
\$10/day

Registration Information

Due to anticipated demand for this program, all interested families must register for a lottery to be held the week of August 10. Lottery registration must be complete by Friday, August 7. Families will be notified of enrollment status no later than August 12. Please watch the video [here](#) prior to your lottery registration.

Priority for this program will be in the following order:

1. Northbrook Park District Residents and full-time teachers at District 27, 28, 30, 31
2. Non-Resident families who attend Northbrook schools

You must make a deposit of the first month's fee to complete your lottery registration.

- If you withdraw from the program, your deposit will not be refunded.
- If you are not accepted into the program based on priority registration, your fee will be refunded.
- Subsequent payments will be automatically withdrawn; a payment plan will be provided to you upon checkout.
- Withdrawal from the program after the start of the school year due to schedule changes or need will be allowed; refunds will not be given, and future payments will be cancelled. Withdrawal requests must be made prior to the next monthly billing cycle.

Additional Program Information

- Children will be supervised and assisted as needed in virtual learning lessons provided by their school district. Parents and families are responsible for enforcing engagement and completion of assignments.
- Wireless internet will be available for all children in the program.
- Children are required to provide their own laptop/tablet and headphones/earbuds.
- Students/Families enrolled in the program will be required to create an ePACT account for staff to access emergency information and authorized pick up list. More information about ePACT can be found [here](#).
- Staff to child ratio will be 1:10 with groups of up to 20 where space allows in accordance with CDC and IDPH guidelines.
- Families must provide their own lunch, snack and drinks daily
- Children needing assistance to successfully participate in this program based on the Americans with Disabilities Act should check the ADA box upon lottery registration.

COVID-19 Specific Information

- Children will be required to wear a face covering every day and maintain 6 feet of physical distance. Masks may be removed when outdoors *and* physical distance is possible.
- Families must complete a health self-certification questionnaire each day prior to drop off.
- Cleaning and sanitization of surfaces and high-touch areas will follow a regular schedule.
- Groups will be formed based on school/age/household where applicable. Attendance in groups will vary daily based on individual family need.
- In the event of a positive COVID-19 diagnosis among children or staff, the Park District will follow all CDC and IDPH guidance.

Questions about TIES can be directed to:

Nancy Eschker, Recreation Supervisor at neschker@nbparks.org or 847-291-2995.