



Summer Programs 2026

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SoWashCo Credit Recovery

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Credit Recovery: June 15-July 2



Credit Recovery is coordinated by South Washington Alternative High School.

- Expanded programming for an extra week.
 - **433** students registered.
 - **426.5** credits earned over the course of the summer
- Staffing
 - 4 Site leads
 - 33 teachers

High School	Credits Earned
Park High School	118
Woodbury High School	148
East Ridge High School	95
South Washington Alternative High School	58.5
SoWashCo ONLINE	7
TOTAL	426.5



2026 Targeted Services Summer School

Melissa Cox
Targeted Services



2026 Targeted Services Summer School Schedule & Locations



Targeted Services ran Monday–Thursday July 6 – 30

- **Elementary** 8 a.m.– 2 p.m.
 - Cottage Grove Elementary School
 - Red Rock Elementary School
- **Middle School** 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
 - Cottage Grove Middle School



Targeted Services Summer School Enrollment

	2026	2025	2024	2023
Elementary	592	666	669	540
Middle School	211	255	298	105
Total	803	921	967	645

Elementary Program

- **Literacy:** ARC Research Units
- **Math:** Bridges and Dreambox
- **Social Emotional Learning (SEL):** Character Strong SEL resource
- **Science:** Discovery Education; Robots
- Breakfast and Lunch



Middle School Program

- 3-Period Day
 - Home Base
 - Math
 - English Language Arts
 - Middle School Success

- Breakfast and Lunch



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*"Teachers communication
was amazing and above
and beyond for a summer
program. Thanks for
making this such a positive
experience."*

– PARENT



Extended School Year (ESY)

Nicole Loch
Special Education Supervisor



Extended School Year (ESY)

- Programs ran Monday–Thursday from July 13–30
 - **Early Childhood** 8–9:45 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.–noon
 - District Program Center
 - **Elementary** 8–11 a.m.
 - Red Rock Elementary School
 - Cottage Grove Elementary School
 - **Secondary** 9 a.m.–noon
 - Cottage Grove Middle School
 - East Ridge High School



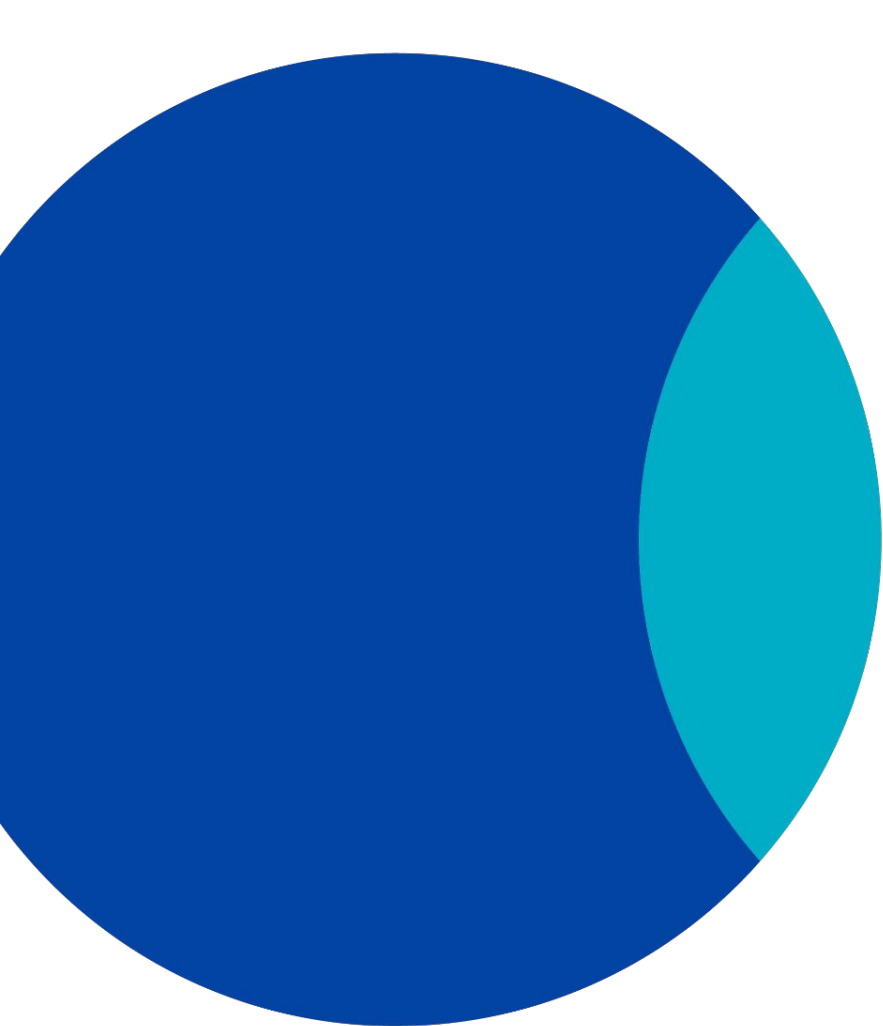
ESY Enrollment and Eligibility

- 357 students were enrolled in ESY services from Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)-Transition
- Students are eligible for ESY services based on criteria related to goal progress and individual learning needs
- Individualized Education Plan (IEP) teams make eligibility determinations and decisions about the services provided during ESY

ESY Instruction and Services

- Students received direct instruction in academic, social-emotional, behavioral and transition areas related to individual goals.
- Services were provided to meet identified access and learning needs of our students
 - Health Services
 - Speech and language
 - Physical therapy
 - Occupational therapy
 - Blind/Visual Impairment



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Project and Experiential Learning

- Students participated in project-based learning through prepared activities designed to enhance instruction and the classroom experience
- Transition-aged students (High School-age 22) worked and learned through partnership with Goodwill EasterSeals MN and SoWashCo departments (Facilities, Technology and Nutrition Services)



Kids Club Summer 2026

Amy Brengman
Kids Club Program Manager





School Age Child Care

Service Hours and Locations

Summer Care

- Closed five days before/after summer
- Four sites
 - Armstrong Elementary School
 - Nuevas Fronteras Spanish Immersion
 - Valley Creek Elementary School
 - Woodbury Elementary School/Woodbury Middle School
- 195/180 students per site, per day

Monday–Friday from 6:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Summer: 357,750 summer contact hours.



Participants



Summer Care

- Completed Kindergarten – going into 6th grade

SoWashCo Students – Summer

- SoWashCo Schools – priority
- Other students as space allows

Inclusion

- 1:15 Ratio with Reduced Ratio staff as needed
- Site Support Strategies for students with plans
- Medications and student action plans
- Trained procedures by licensed district nurses
 - Nurses hired as required for student support – procedures



Funding



Fee-based, parent funded

- County tuition reimbursement for those who qualify
- Military discount
- Educational Benefits discount
- Sibling discount

Extended Day Levy

- Inclusion support
- Qualifying staff and items to support student needs and temporary circumstances

Great Start Compensation Support Payment Program

- Purpose: Stabilize Childcare
- Funds for staff compensation - working with kids, hours for each person entered monthly.
- State-funded under state & federal guidelines
- Must be certified



Our Team



Staffing *(does not include subs)* Summer – 163



Investing in our Team – Staff Training

- 6 hours required annually by state
 - Health and safety
 - Recorded and inspected before with students
- In-person sessions
 - Basic training – Paras
 - All program welcome to summer orientation
 - Site-based orientations
 - New staff orientation to Kids Club

The Heart of Kids Club Comes Full Circle

Entering her 27th year with the program, Heidi Wright recently saw those connections come full circle when three former Kids Club participants – Jackson Miller, Theis Nelson and Fisher Engberg, returned to work as staff at Armstrong Elementary.

Once students in the program, they now model the same kindness, respect and encouragement they received, serving as role models for the next generation.



Quality



Certified through state of Minnesota

- All sites (School Year and Summer)
- Health and safety
- Annual inspections
- Annual training requirements
- Required federal fingerprint background check every 5 years (inspected)

Accredited through Ignite Afterschool in accordance with Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) Minnesota state standards

- Ongoing Process
 - 23-24: BES, WES
 - 24-25: CGES, GCES, NES, NFSI, PHES
 - 25-26: CES, PES, ROES, VCES
 - 26-27: RRES, LRES, AES, HES, MES
- Quality practices compliment certification

Continuous Program Improvement Process

- All sites, annually



Quality



8 Learning Areas



**We believe
that kids
need...**

What Kids Need

Kids Club Leadership Team
Spring 2023 – Emily Holder Trainings

- Reflective time
- Intentional activities
- Team building
- Problem solving
- Responsibility
- Encouragement
- New experiences
- Safe to make mistakes
- Exploration
- Outdoor experiences
- Purpose in what they are doing
- To be of service to community
- Imagination
- Ability to contribute
- Exciting activities
- Independence
- Movement
- Play time
- SEL skills
- Youth Voice/Input
- Choice
- Healthy Foods
- Challenge
- Leadership Opportunities
- Creativity
- Mastery
- 8 Learning areas
- Hands-on experience
- Long term activities
- Fun
- Age-appropriate activities & supplies

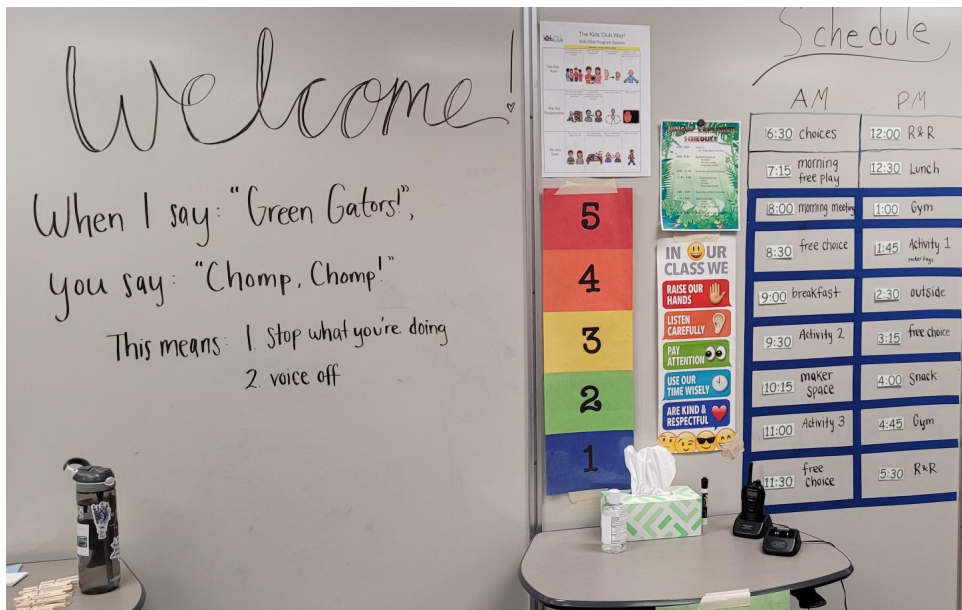
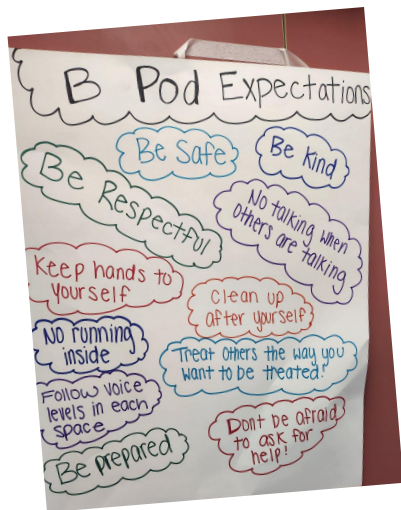
This list was developed by identifying the skills and experiences that kids need when in Kids Club. Staff work to include these skills within activities and/or within the delivery of the activities.

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We believe that kids need...
**Consistent Expectations, Routines and a
Focus on the Positive!**
Conscious Discipline





We believe that kids need...

Community Connection and Daily Routines!

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July 10th 2026

Morning Meeting Rocky Rangers

? of the Day
If you became a millionaire, what would you do with the money?

Pod News

Today's Events:
What's happening today?

Gumball Check!

MENU
Lunch

Weather check!

Activity Calendar

Clubs

Orientation for Walker Art Center

Info for Walker Art Center

Have you ever said something you regretted? What happened?

THINK IT SAY IT

A graphic for a morning meeting titled "Morning Meeting Rocky Rangers" for July 10th, 2026. The background is a scenic view of snow-capped mountains. The graphic includes several interactive elements: a thought bubble with a "Question of the Day" about becoming a millionaire; a "Pod News" icon with a pea; a "Today's Events" box asking "What's happening today?"; a "Gumball Check!" icon with a gumball machine; a "MENU" icon with a document and the word "Lunch"; a "Weather check!" icon with a sun and raindrops; a circular "Activity Calendar" with segments for "Silly Voice Greeting", "Elbow Greeting", "Positive Affirmation", "Dab Greeting", "Tilt Your Hat", "High-5 Fist Bump", and "Foot Greeting"; a "Clubs" icon with a calendar and magnifying glass; an "Orientation for Walker Art Center" box; an "Info for Walker Art Center" box; a question "Have you ever said something you regretted? What happened?"; and a "THINK IT SAY IT" section with a play button icon and various icons like a heart, lightbulb, and speech bubbles.



We believe that kids need...
Service and Community Connection



Our **WES/WMS Kids Club** Supervisors have worked with **Friends in Need** in years past collecting food products, and this year we learned that **food stamps don't cover paper products**. Therefore, Kids Club decided to collect something other than food that would still benefit the community.

We collected:
165 rolls of toilet paper
33 paper towel rolls
And 25 boxes of facial tissues!

That came to about **98 pounds** of paper products that will be donated to families in our community!





We believe that kids need...
Connections and Positive Relationships



Staff, Students, Families



Blacktop Bash
Family fun and games!



Water Park
We're ALL wet!



Exploring
Putting the pedal to the metal!



Lunch Bunch
Family time to eat and talk



We believe that kids need...
Challenge, Voice & Choice

Student Project Design

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A student activity planner form for Kids Club. It includes sections for "Your name:" (Lennon M), "What is your activity?" (with icons for various activities), "What supplies do you need?" (with a list of supplies), and "Draw what your activity will look like at the end:". The form is filled out with handwritten notes and a drawing of a bag.

Kids Club
Student Activity Planner (K-2)

Your name: Lennon M

What is your activity?

What supplies do you need?

- Ziploc Bag
- Permanent Markers
- Glitter
- Fast Tie/ Something to tie the bag
- Cotton Balls

Draw what your activity will look like at the end:

Permanent Marker Design

Bag

Fast Tie/ Something to tie the bag

Glitter

Write out your activity step by step:

- 1) Decorate your baggie with permanent markers
- 2) Put glitter in the bag (optional)
- 3) Rip up / shred cotton balls into smaller pieces
- 4) Tie up the bag / zip it if it is a zip-up bag
- 5) Done



Life Skill activities



Talent Shows



**Washing & Decorating Stations
at Wheels Go 'Round**



We believe that kids need... **FUN!**
Thank you, St. Paul Park Fire Department



**Goodbye Summer
Kids Club Carnival**





Community Education Youth Programs

Darbie Johnson

Community Education Operations Manager

Youth Programs



Athletics

Camps/Clinics
Gymnastics



Youth Enrichment

Babysitting
Home Alone
Drivers Education
Art/3D printing
Science
Music



Aquatics

Preschool
Youth
Swim Training
Women Only classes

Camps and Clinics

- Speed and Strength
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Flag Football
- Floor Hockey
- Pickleball
- Tennis
- Baseball
- Golf
- Track and Field
- Cheerleading

Total Summer 2026 Camps/Clinics Stats

- 290 Classes Offered
- 4,286 Participants
- Hours of Instruction 4,068
- 13 District Buildings
- 17 Vendors and 18 Hourly Staff

**Funding allocate to Athletics
(PHS/WHS/ERHS)
\$51,445.20**



Gymnastics



East Ridge High School

Enrolled 677

Courses Offered 87

Hours of Classes 787

Park High School

Enrolled 569

Courses Offered 66

Hours of Classes 740

Woodbury High School

Enrolled 194

Courses Offered 45

Hours of Classes 716

- Parent/Child
- Preschool
- Level 1-4
- Competitive Team
- High School Workouts
- Gymnastics for Cheer
- Gymnastics for Dance

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Total Summer 2026 Gymnastic Stats

Classes Offered 198

Participants 1,440

Hours of Instruction 2,243

3 District Buildings

3 Vendors

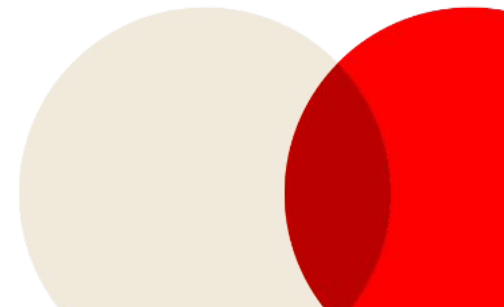
Youth Enrichment



- Theatre
- Create/Art
- Music
- STEM/Coding
- Drivers Ed
- ACT Prep
- Horse Camp
- Ninja Camp
- Cooking/Cake Decorating
- Babysitter Training
- Home Alone
- *And More*

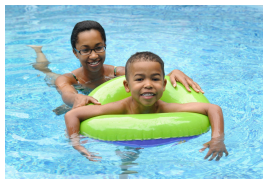
Total Summer 2026 Youth Enrichment Stats

172 Classes Offered
1,885 Participants YE
368 Drivers Ed Participants
2,421 Hours of Instruction
5 District Buildings, 6 Offsite Locations
30 Vendors



Aquatics

- Parent/child
- Preschool
- Intermediate
- Advanced
- Swim Training
- Women Only



Total Summer 2026 Aquatic Stats

150 Classes Offered
611 Participants
628 Hours of Instruction
2 District Buildings
20 Hourly Staff

Youth Programs

Total Programs Combined Stats

784 Classes Offered
8,590 Participants
9,360 Contact Hours
23 District Buildings
38 Hourly Staff
50 Vendors



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Questions?