



THE Y CONNECTION

NORTHERN LIGHTS YMCA – DICKINSON PROGRAM CENTER – DECEMBER 2017

ON DECK...

WINTER BREAK DAY CAMP

Dec. 22, 26-29

CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS

Dec. 24-25

CLOSED AT 5 PM

Dec. 31

CLOSED FOR NEW YEARS

Jan. 1

WINTER SESSION 1 BEGINS

Jan. 8

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN KICKOFF

Jan. 25

FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE

Jan. 27

POOL SHOWING AGE

MECHANICAL SYSTEMS CAUSING ISSUES

Twice in the last week of November the YMCA pool was shut down to address issues with the mechanical pumping system.

"This pool and its pumping system are original from when the Community Center was built, going on almost 50 years old," YMCA Center Director Jonathan Ringel said. "Our staff has worked tirelessly to keep things in working condition, but we're getting to a point where it becomes harder and harder to keep up with the breakdowns in the system."



The pool mechanical room experienced a flood on Monday, November 27, when a control valve failed. Another closure came Wednesday, November 29, when a supply valve and pump malfunctioned.

Many components to the system contain parts that are no longer made or available. The system is terribly inefficient, and often times when one thing goes wrong, it leads to another issue.

Corroded plumbing, leaking seals and other problems are just some of the worsening issues facing the pool mechanicals. The system was originally designed for a 20-25 year useful service life.

"We sometimes jokingly say that we're holding it together with bubble gum and duct tape," Ringel said. "The reality is, that's not far off. The correct solution is a total replacement and upgrade."

While closures are always regrettable, the Y staff is sometimes left with little choice. Anytime there is a shutdown, the pool cannot reopen until it passes a water quality check.

The silver lining is a total pool replacement is first on the list of improvements with funds from the Capital Campaign, which kicks off next month.

"We will totally replace everything, from the pool tank, deck to the mechanicals," Ringel said. "In the long run, it's the most cost-effective option. I'm confident our Capital Campaign will provide the necessary funding to make this much-needed improvement."



**Our 2018 and Beyond
Corporate Lease Partners**

WINTER BREAK DAY CAMP!

December 22, 26, 27, 28, 29

Looking for something for your kids to do when school is out for Winter break? Why not sign them up for Day Camp? Each fun-filled day will include group activities, crafts, games, and swimming. Come for the whole break or pick and choose days to attend. *Please bring a lunch, snack, swimsuit, towel, and outdoor winter weather gear. Pre-registration is required.*

AGES: 5-12 years **COST:** \$22 per day Members; \$28 General Public

DAY: December 22, 26-29 **TIME:** 9 am- 4 pm

(Before & After Care are available for an additional cost of \$3.50 for each/\$7 per day)



DON'T MISS OUT ON ALL THE FUN!

FITNESS

PERSONAL TRAINING PRICELESS!

Dedication, Motivation and accountability. These are three things that are priceless! Are you frustrated with starting and stopping a workout routine? Do you just need to get started but are not sure where to begin? We have seven dedicated trainers on staff here at the Y to help get you and keep you on track. Priceless! Call Karen today at (906) 774-4076 to get started!

YOUTH / FAMILY

SKI SCHOOL IS BACK!

A community partnership program with Pine Mountain, the Y will once again offer ski school in 2018. The program is a series five progressive lessons held on Jan. 28, Feb. 4, Feb. 18, Feb. 25 and March 4, from 1 to 3 pm. Classes are taught by Pine Mountain ski instructors. The classes are for ages 7 and up, from beginners to intermediate. For pricing and more information, please contact the welcome desk at (906) 774-4076.

AQUATICS

SWIM CLASSES

Know anyone that could use a little assistance with their swimming, or perhaps become introduced to the water for the first time? The YMCA offers swim classes for every age and level. Winter sessions can prepare a child for the water come spring and summer. Few things are more important for a child than water safety, especially in our area. Stop by the Welcome Desk or call 774-4076 for more information. Makes a great gift for holiday season! Financial Assistance is available!

YMCA DASHBOARD DATA

October
Member
Check-ins:
6,639

2017
Jan.-Oct.
Financial Asst.
Given:
\$35,446

Total
Active
Members:
2,542

Thank
You!

Thank you to all the swim team families and volunteers for helping making our meets and our season a success. It wouldn't be possible to hold meets here without your assistance.