

McMinnville Parks & Recreation Department

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FUN & SAFE! The KOB After-School Enrichment Program offers 1st - 5th graders a fun, safe environment to learn, play, and spend time with friends at their own school...Buel, Columbus, Grandhaven, Memorial, Newby, and Wascher. KOB Kids get to spend time with creative, energetic leaders and explore a wide range of activities each day. KOB includes all enrichment activities, a healthy snack, homework help, and transportation home for students whose addresses are eligible for school bus service. [Note: <u>Kindergarten</u> students are <u>not eligible</u> for this program.]

ENRICHING! Daily crafts, games, and activities often focus on fun themes like Pirates, Dragons, Super Heroes, Holidays, and more. Several special guests and assemblies are scheduled each month including story tellers, scientists, artists, naturalists, musicians, and presenters from OMSI, Oregon Zoo, Evergreen Aviation Museum, AC Gilbert Discovery Village, and more.

AFFORDABLE! With 420 total hours per school year, KOB costs only \$1.30 per hour...a bargain compared to other after-school programs in the region. Payment plans and financial assistance are also available.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Register by August 31st to guarantee a spot for your child. After that date, new registrations will be accepted on a space-available basis. Students registered on or before Sunday this week are eligible to begin attending the program on Monday. [New participants always begin attending on Monday. Students registered Monday - Sunday can start attending the following Monday.]

SCHEDULE INFO: The KOB program runs from 2:30 – 5:30pm, Monday – Friday on *most* (but not all) school days. For a complete program calendar, visit the program website or pick up a printed calendar at the Community Center front desk. The program runs from Monday, September 14th – Friday, May 20th.

FEES & OPTIONAL PAYMENT PLAN: The fee is \$550 per child for the school year. Pay 20% to register. The balance is automatically charged to a credit or debit card in 4 equal payments every 30 days. (Non-automatic payments must be requested in person at the Community Center. There is a \$25 surcharge for non-automatic payments.)

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: Families can request a discount in person by completing the Parks & Recreation Department's Fee Reduction Request Form in person at the McMinnville Community Center front desk. The discount is usually \$200 off the full school-year fee. The discounted rate is not available online. During the 2015-2016 school year, eligibility will be determined using TANF, SNAP, and/or USDA income guidelines. Proof of income may be required.

LATE PICK-UP & LATE PAYMENT FEES: A \$10 fee will be charged per child per 15 minutes (or portion thereof) for students picked up after 5:30pm. A \$25 fee will be charged for late payments, declined payments, or NSF checks.

Can my child start attending today?

New participants always begin attending on Monday. Students registered on or before Sunday are eligible to begin attending the program on Monday. Students registered Monday - Sunday can start attending the following Monday.

Is there a discount for registering multiple children?

The registration fee is per child regardless of the number of children registered.

Is there a **drop-in option**? Is the fee discounted if I only need my child to attend once or twice a week?

KOB has an annual registration fee regardless of the number of days you choose to have your child attend.

Can I register my child later in the school year? Is there a discount?

We will accept registrations as long as space is available. If the program at a particular site is full, you can add your child to the waiting list. Once 10 students are on the waiting list, another staff member will be recruited, hired, and trained...and then those students will be able to enroll in the program. Tentatively, we anticipate that the annual fee will be prorated approximately every other month.

Is there an **alternative payment plan** with lower payments or different due dates? Other payment options may be available. Contact the program manager directly to discuss the possibilities.

My child has **special needs**...such as a health issue or a behavior challenge. Can I still register him/her for KOB?

Please contact the Program Manager Janet Adams to discuss concerns and potential solutions and strategies to help your child be successful and safe in the KOB program.

Even with the payment plan and the discounted fee, the KOB registration fee is still too much for my family. Are there **scholarships** or other financial assistance?

Limited additional financial assistance may be available for children with extreme financial need. Please contact the Program Manager Janet Adams to discuss possible options.

Now that there is full-day Kindergarten, why can't they attend KOB?

The decision is both financial and programmatic. The KOB program is largely subsidized by donations. At the present time, we do not have the resources to subsidize additional students, particularly students who need a greater level of staff to student ratio. With the hope that additional funding becomes available in the future, our program staff will be considering potential program development possibilities.

The KOB calendar doesn't follow the school year calendar. Why?

The KOB program employs more than 70 part-time staff members. We recruit residents in the McMinnville & Lafayette area for as many open positions as possible, usually filling about 20 positions. To fill the remaining 50+ positions, we partner with Linfield College. When Linfield College closes holidays and academic breaks, on-campus housing is also closed...which means that the majority of our staff must leave town.