

Summer 2024 Proposal (5 Week Program)

Program Site:	Lincoln
Total Enrollment:	25 students
Total Program Cost:	\$45,000
Cost per student:	\$1,800
Program structure:	Grades 2-4 (Two sections)

REFERENCE: Summer 2023 Program Details (5 Week Program)

Program Site:	Willard
Total Enrollment:	22 students
Total Program Cost:	\$56,000
Cost per student:	\$2,545
Program structure:	Grades 1-4 (Three sections)



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Dear Parent/Caregiver,

I am contacting you today to inform you about a complimentary learning program for which your child is eligible. River Forest District 90 and the West Cook YMCA are collaborating in a partnership to provide selected students from District 90 with a research-based, immersive summer learning program sponsored by the YMCA of the USA, entitled “Power Scholars Academy.” The program is intended for students who may benefit from the academic “boost” that can occur by participating in additional summer learning experiences.

The Power Scholars Academy will be offered for five weeks during the summer of 2023 for up to 45 qualifying students from River Forest District 90. The program will serve rising 1st-4th graders and will take place at Lincoln Elementary School. The program will be held for five weeks on Monday–Friday (8:30 am - 3:00 pm) beginning on June 20 and ending on July 21, 2023. Programming will be provided for 6.5 hours at no cost to the family and will include lunch and a combination of virtual and in-person field trips.

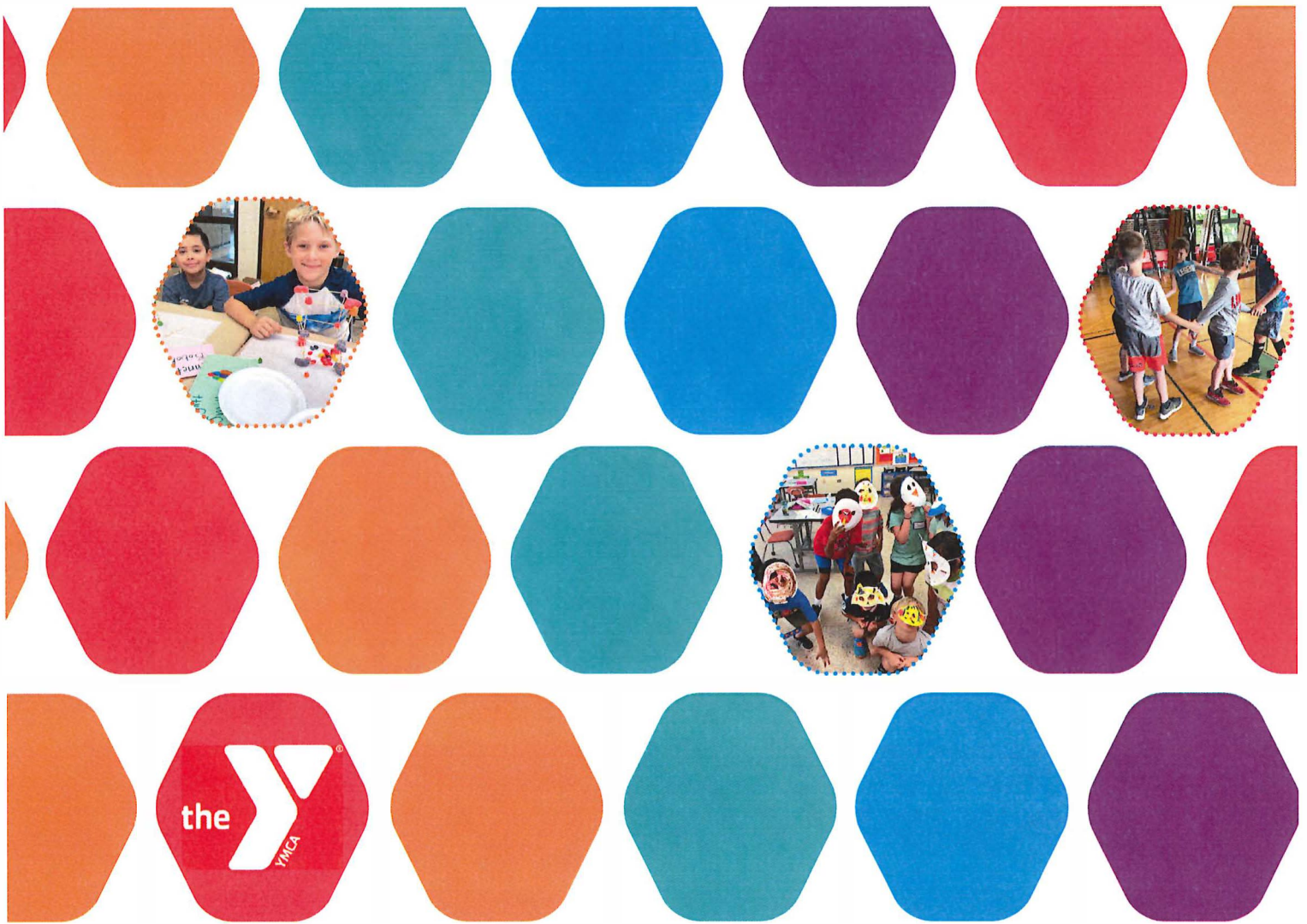
Modeled on the BELL (Building Educated Leaders for Life) summer learning program, each day will include segments of time dedicated to literacy instruction, math instruction, community building, recreation, and enrichment activities. Teachers will be certificated and licensed, and efforts will be made to source them initially from River Forest District 90. The curriculum is based squarely upon the Illinois Learning Standards, uses Fountas and Pinnell assessments to monitor and assess student progress over time, and is based on the Eight Standards of Mathematical Practice. In addition, the ancillary books that will be used are a strong complement for our students’ current literacy instruction. Students will also have the chance to keep the reading resources that are provided.

If you are interested in having your child participate in the Power Scholars Academy summer learning program, please complete the online registration by clicking this [link](#). Please review the attached materials that will share some background about the program, how it is structured, and how it can help students strengthen their academic skills in preparation for the future. If you have any immediate questions, please feel free to contact Christine Gerges, Elementary Schools Assistant Principal, at gergesc@district90.org or email powerscholars@westcookymca.org. I hope that you will find this program to be a positive opportunity for your child and family!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Condon".

Ed Condon, Ph.D.
Superintendent
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CONGRATULATIONS!

YOU'RE INVITED!

Your scholar has been selected to participate in Power Scholars Academy™ provided by the West Cook YMCA, in collaboration with District 90 and BellXcel.

**POWER SCHOLARS ACADEMY | A SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM
WEST COOK YMCA**

REACHING YOUR CHILD'S FULL POTENTIAL

Power Scholars Academy™ is a free five-week summer learning program run in partnership with West Cook YMCA, District 90, and BellXcel. This program is designed to help advance students' academic achievement through a full-day summer experience that combines small group, rigorous literacy and math instruction, with hands-on enrichment activities, field trips, and service projects. Power Scholars Academy™ will help your child discover their inner scholar.

FIND THE GENIUS WITHIN

WHY MY CHILD?

Your child has been selected by your school to participate in this amazing experience based on his/her current academic need. At the Y, we believe students need equal access to necessary resources to realize their potential. With the support of our community, this summer experience will help your child be successful at school and beyond.

DOES IT REALLY WORK?

On average, 75% of youth who participate in this program across the nation maintain or gain reading and math skills through the course of the summer. In 2022, D90 scholars gained 3 months of learning in reading and math. Check out our impact report on the following page from the 2022 summer session.

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?

This program is offered at no cost to you. You must commit to the following items in order to participate:

- Students are strongly encouraged to attend the program every day. Please try to avoid missing more than 2 days as student attendance is critical to their success.
- Parents/caregivers are asked to read with their child for at least 30 minutes each night
- Parents/caregivers are strongly encouraged to attend the Family Information Night.
- Parents/caregivers are strongly encouraged to attend the Closing Ceremonies event during the last week of the program.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AND YOUR CHILD THIS SUMMER!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the West Cook YMCA at 708-383-5200 or powerscholars@westcookymca.org.

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PROGRAM LOCATION:

Willard Elementary School

REGISTER HERE:

www.westcookymca.org/d90psa

FAMILY INFO NIGHT - Mark your calendars to learn more about the program and meet the team.

In-Person Open House events at Willard School:

Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 8:45 a.m.

POWER SCHOLARS ACADEMY:

June 20–July 21 Monday–Friday

No program June 19 and July 4

8:30 am –9:00 am

Community

9:00 am–12:00 pm

Academic Instruction

12:00 pm–1:00 pm

Lunch & Recess

1:00 pm–3:00 pm

Enrichment Activities

2022 SUMMER IMPACT REPORT

POWER SCHOLARS ACADEMY
THE WEST COOK YMCA
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH D90

3.8
Quality
Score

62%
Family Survey
Completion

100%
Staff Survey
Completion

98%
Retention

26
Scholars

5
Weeks

89%
Avg. Daily
Attendance

30
Hours of
Reading

30
Hours of
Math

3
Months
Gained in
Reading

3
Months
Gained in
Math

WHY OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH D90 IS SO VALUABLE

Equitable
Accessibility
For All Students



Target
Academic
Instruction



Alignment
with D90
Strategic Plan



Essential
Social Emotional
Development





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