



YWCA of Alton accepting registrations for the free Community Tutoring Program

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ALTON - YWCA of Alton, in conjunction with Scholars on the Rise Tutoring, is offering community tutoring sessions on June 12, 19 & 26, 2018 and July 10, 17 & 24, 2018 from 2:00 pm- 4:30 pm at YWCA, located at 304 E. Third Street in Alton, Illinois. Tutoring will be for students in grades K-5. Students are required to attend each session will build on the previous lesson. Each session will focus on the development of math and reading skills. Registrations are still being accepted for this program. Hurry, because space is limited!

Research shows that students, especially from historically disadvantaged student groups, lose approximately 1 to 2 months worth of reading and math skills over the summer, with the loss sharper in math than reading. Research also shows that income-based reading gaps grow over the summer, given that middle income students tended to show improvement in reading skills while low-income students tended to experience loss. Over the summer, however, the flow of resources slows for students from disadvantaged backgrounds but not for students from advantaged backgrounds.

The Community Tutoring program is designed to reduce this learning loss with our students. Dorothy Hummel, Executive Director, states that “YWCA of Alton wants to address the issue of summer learning loss not only because it may exacerbate achievement gaps, but also because it wastes so much of the knowledge students have gained during the school year. Summer loss also undoubtedly increases the amount of time teachers have to spend re-teaching last year’s content. We are pleased to be working with Candice Wallace from the Edwardsville School District again and will be including hands-on recreational/enrichment activities, hiring effective certified teachers, structuring the program to enable sufficient time on task, and have added incentives that encourage consistent attendance.”

The program includes tutoring sessions which will be divided by age and content area. Kids will come and receive reading and math assistance to help them to be better prepared for the upcoming school year. These sessions will be free of charge, and snacks and enrichment activities will be provided. Candice Wallace, Facilitator, will develop the curriculum, and the program will feature certified teachers and high school volunteers assisting.

Funds for the Community Tutoring program is provided by local donors, YWCA of Alton and the Alton Community Service League. For more information, please contact YWCA of Alton, 618.465.7774 or stop by YWCA at 304 E. Third St., Alton, IL 62002.

Established in 1918, YWCA of Alton is part of the largest and oldest women's organization in the world. YWCA of Alton tailors our programs to meet the unique needs of our communities, as aligned with three key national platforms: racial justice and civil rights, empowerment and economic advancement of women and girls, and health and safety of women and girls.

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