Iowa Department of Human Services
CHILD CARE CENTER EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE

Name of Center: Le Mars YMCA **Enrollment:** 97 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51415

Street: 241 12th ST SE **City:** Le Mars Iowa **Zip** 51031 **County:** Plymouth

Mailing Address: 241 12th ST SE, Le Mars, IA, 51031

Director's Name: Krista Bolton **Phone Number:** 712-546-6655

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** kristan@lemarsymca.org

Date(s) of Visit: 06-10-2024

Licensing Visit **Unannounced Visit** X **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

X **New Application** **Re-Application** **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 05-02-2023

FIRE INSPECTION **State** X **Local** **NA** **Is Fire Inspection Approved?** X **Yes** **No** **NA**

Date Inspected: 04-09-2024

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years Preschool-Age X School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			16	80	96
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2023 to 07-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 06-20-2024

I. IF CURRENT LICENSE IS PROVISIONAL, IDENTIFY THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited school age center on 04-10-24 and spoke with director Krista Bolton. Ms Bolton, has an associates degree in recreational sports and has ran the youth program youth program at the LeMars YMCA for the last 7 years. The LeMars Y has 4 rooms that they use and serve preschool agers up to 5th grade. Program added an additional room starting the 2024 summer program for the older school agers. One of the rooms is for overflow as it is more of a game room. The Summer program runs from June 3, 2024 to August 16, 2024. Parents can choose which weeks to sign up their child during the summer programs. This year the 4 year old program will only operate during the summer months and hours are extended to all day 7:30am to 5:30pmfor about 11 weeks. . The program added an additional room for the summer program and only used during the summer. New room has a capacity of 40. Capacity therefore, was increased from 56 to 96. Summer program began on 06-03-24 thru 08-16-24. During the school year they only provide care after school. The program also has access to the Y's gym. The after school program from 3:30pm to 5:30 pm Monday thru Friday during the school year. They follow the LeMars school for inclement weather to where there is no after school program.

The center currently has 97 children enrolled in the program. For the summer day camp, parents have the option to choose what weeks their child will attend and can sign up weekly if there is availability.

The program provides various group activities as well as individual self-directed activities for the children. All areas of the program were observed. The areas observed consisted of activity room, observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The center continues in cleaning toys that children use.

The program has following activities/centers that they children can utilize: art, kitchen, books, games, crafts, computers, puzzles and legos. Children have access to bathrooms.

The summer day camp program does daily field trips and swim at the local pool. Daily schedule of activities was posted. The program had sufficient amount of equipment and toys for the children.

The program provides afternoon snacks. The children bring their own lunches which are stored in refrigerator. A thermometer was needed in one of the refrigerators to ensure proper temperature. Program follows CACFP guidelines for nutrition. Center currently does not administer medication however if so they would keep it in a locked med box. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills are documented each month. Good sanitary procedures are followed. Program areas appear well maintained and free of any observable health or safety hazards.

The center uses the Y facilities, go on field trips or they may go to a park. If they go to parks a playground inspections were completed. They also utilize the large gym if unable to get outside.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips
School bus from the LeMars Community School is used to transport for summer field trips.

Goals of the program to start offering swimming lessons during the day, maybe a preschool program. A Y van or bus.

Strengths of the program is that the program has a good reputation with the community. Kids have a wide variety of activities. The program tries to do activities that kids may not always have access to. These activities could be gardening, bowling, and STEM activities with ISU. The program also has good staff counselors that work well together as a team and are willing to assure the kids are having fun and learning. The staff have a good relationship with the children/families and school. A few staff are teachers with the school district.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Center sends home a newsletter of what activities schedule during summer day camp and during the school year to keep parents aware of what is going on in the
program.

Staff interact with the children in a positive manner.

IV. IDENTIFY THE ASPECTS OF OPERATION THAT FALL BELOW THE STANDARDS REVIEWED:

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
Number not in compliance: 1

109.10(1)b: School-age (for children five years and older and enrolled in school): Annual statement of health status signed by parent is submitted prior to admission, certifies that the child is free of communicable disease, and lists allergies, medications and acute/chronic conditions.
Number not in compliance: 2

109.11(7)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.

109.11(7)c: All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034.

109.15(5)a: Sufficient refrigeration is provided appropriate to perishable food.
Additional concerns: Therometer needs to be added to the freezer.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Please provide email to consultant on those items that are below standards have been corrected by 07-30-24.

It is recommended to continue to work with CCRR for support.

A full license is recommended at this time at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact your DHS Licensing Consultant to discuss the issue. The child care director may also send a response which will be placed in the licensing file.

*Note: If you are a member of the general public, there may be additional information contained in the public file. You may contact the DHS Licensing Consultant to inquire.