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

Name of Center: Le Mars YMCA **Enrollment:** 49 **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: 03-20-2024

Licensing Visit **Unannounced Visit** **Off Year Visit** X **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: 04-17-2023

Comments : The program is adding an additional room for the summer program and only used during the summer. New room has a capacity of 40. Capacity therefore, will increase from 56 to 96. Summer program will begin on 06-03-24 thru 08-18-24.

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:** 04-04-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited school age center on 04-11-23 and 06-07-23 and spoke with director Krista Bolton and Jaque Perez. Ms Bolton, has an associates degree in recreational sports and has ran the youth program youth program at the LeMars YMCA for the last 6 years. The LeMars Y had 2 rooms that they use and serve school agers who have completed TK, Kindergarten, and kids entering 5th grade. Program added an additional room starting the 2022 summer program for 4 years old called the Apple Camp. The Summer program runs from June 6, 2023 to August 19, 2023. Parents can choose which weeks to sign up their child during the summer programs. The 4 year old program will only operate during the summer months and hours are 8:00am to noon . This additional room's capacity is 16. They also took out a built in from their current small room to where capacity increased from 13 to 14 children. The big room's capacity is 26. This increased center's capacity from 39 to 56.

The program also has access to the Y's gym. The LeMars Y also offers a day camp for the summer for school agers TK to age 12 from 7:30am to 5:00pm Monday thru Friday for about 11 weeks. Summer program is also June 5, 2023 to August 19th, 2023. They also offer 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 49 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 following all guidelines put forth by DHS regarding the corona-virus and doing everything they can to support their staff and families The center cleans 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. The center received some grant money and build a shelter house for the kids just outside the building. There is no outdoor playground adjacent to the Y building but a grassy

area next to the new shelter house.

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

Goals of the program is to increase hours for the Apple Campers from 8:00am to noon to 8:00am to 5:00pm next summer which will require a rest time built into their program. They would also like to add an additional room. The program is also looking at expanding and offering after school programs in a couple of the local schools.

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.

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: 3

109.15(5)a: Sufficient refrigeration is provided appropriate to perishable food.
Additional concerns: Thermometer is needed for proper temperature.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Please provide email to consultant on those items that are below standards have been corrected by 07-30-23.

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.