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

Name of Center: Le Mars YMCA **Enrollment:** 80 **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: 07-02-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 05-27-2025

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 07-01-2025 to 07-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Leann Steinhauer **Date:** 06-25-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

I completed an unannounced visit at the YMCA Summer Day camp and Afterschool program and spoke with director Krista Bolton. Ms. Bolton has an associate's degree in recreational sports and has run the youth program youth program at the LeMars YMCA for the last 8 years. She has 17 years of experience as a director. Other staff members include 3 elementary school teachers.

The LeMars Y provides both summer day camp and after-school care for children ranging from preschool age up to 5th grade. The program operates in four designated rooms within the facility. One of these rooms is primarily used as an overflow space and functions more as a game room.

The LeMars Y offers a structured summer day camp program during the months of June, July, and August. Families have the flexibility to choose specific weeks for their children to attend based on availability. Weekly enrollment is allowed, and parents are encouraged to register early. Financial assistance is available.
The summer program is theme-based and includes a wide variety of engaging weekly activities. Some of the themes observed include:
• Farm Week
• Sports Week
• Color Week
• Bug Week
• Additional rotating weekly themes
Activities are planned and include both group-based learning opportunities and individual self-directed activities, allowing for a balanced mix of structured and free-choice play. Staff were observed facilitating and encouraging participation in various appropriate age activities.

During the academic year, the LeMars Y transitions to an after-school care model. The program runs Monday through Friday from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM, following the LeMars Community School District calendar. No programming is provided on days when school is canceled due to inclement weather or scheduled closures.

There are currently 80 children enrolled.

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 program has the following activities that children can utilize art, books, games, crafts, computers, puzzles, centers and Legos. Rooms are organized and are clean. The summer camp program does daily field trips and swim at the local pool. They also utilize programing from the ISU extension office. They have a garden box outside which the children take care of.

The children bring their own lunches which are stored in refrigerator. The center provides afternoon snacks. Good food

storage was noted. The center follows CACFP guidelines for nutrition. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills are documented each month. Program areas are well maintained and free of any observable health or safety hazards. Radon testing has been completed and at an acceptable level. The center uses the Y facilities, go on field trips or they may go to a park. They also utilize the large gym if they are unable to go outside. Transportation is arranged through the LeMars Community School.

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

The LeMars Y is a well-organized and flexible program that offers valuable care for children throughout the year. The program's use of themed weeks and choice-based scheduling demonstrates a commitment to both structure and family convenience

Goals are to increase enrollment.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The 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.

I observed good interaction between staff and the children in their care.

The center has a good relationship with the community and is highly respected.

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

109.6(6)c: Center repeats Iowa record checks at a minimum of every two years or when aware of additional child abuse or criminal history that occurs.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

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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.