



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **YMCA Restructures Before and After School Kids Club Program**

Warsaw, Indiana- **The Kosciusko Community YMCA** will be offering a before and after school program again this year. The restructured Kids Club program will implement the Y-USA School Age Program Curriculum. Kosciusko Community YMCA CEO, Steve Jungbauer says, "For many years, the YMCA's before and after school program has served the schools and community well. This year, our focus on student outcomes and teacher training will make a good program even better." This successful educational program focuses on reading and literacy, science and technology, arts and humanities, character development, wellness and fitness, homework support, service learning projects, and social development. Jungbauer encourages parents with kids who will benefit from additional help to enroll in the YMCA Kids Club program.

During the first week of school, Kids Club students will get the opportunity to make a book about themselves, do a see through egg science experiment, and solve a word search involving health. Every week, they will do a large group fitness activity, receive homework support, and learn about social development and conflict resolution. Each month the students will also participate in a service learning project; in August they will be collecting newspaper and old towels for the animal shelter.

In addition to last year's sites, Eisenhower, Jefferson, Harrison, Lincoln, Madison, and Washington, the Kids Club program will also be offered on-site at Leesburg this year.

Register during Warsaw Community Schools' registration week by filling out a registration form and bringing in a check, or at the YMCA Welcome Center.

There will also be a parent meeting on August 13, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Smith Street Branch, if you would like to learn more about the program.

**We Build Strong Kids, Strong Families and Strong Communities.**

The Kosciusko Community YMCA, a not for profit organization, provides community based programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all of Kosciusko County. All the efforts and offerings of the YMCA are guided by the core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. The Kosciusko Community YMCA does not deny any youth, adult, or family membership or participation based on their inability to pay. Need-based scholarships are available.

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