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Affordable Afterschool Program for Pickens Students at YMCA

The Pickens County YMCA offers a safe and exciting after school program for elementary students in the Pickens area. Children from Ben Hagood Elementary and Pickens Elementary are picked up after school and are taken to the facility in Pickens located at 2223 Gentry Memorial Hwy.

The program includes a daily snack, homework center, arts and crafts activities, daily devotions, character development, swimming, and indoor and outdoor activities. All of this is accomplished in a safe and structured environment under the supervision of well trained staff.

Alida Gardiner, Senior Program Director for the Pickens County YMCA says, “We are so happy to be able to hold an after school program in Pickens. We know parents need a safe place for their children to stay and we are here to help.”

“With the current economic situation, the YMCA knows that it can be difficult for parents to afford quality child care. We want all children to be able to have fun and grow from our program regardless of the family’s financial status. The YMCA has a unique opportunity to offer financial assistance to those who cannot afford to pay the regular rate,” says Gardiner.

The afterschool program runs Monday through Friday from 2:30pm until 6:00pm. All day care is available on in-service days and during holiday breaks. Registration is open for the afterschool program and the upcoming holiday break.

If you need more information on the Pickens County YMCA’s child care programs and financial assistance, please visit www.pcyymca.net or call 878-8380 or 855-9622.



Kids enjoy the afterschool program at the Y.