



Lycoming County  
United Way

# THE BRICK HOUSE PROGRAM

Driving Social Responsibility  
JERSEY SHORE  
BRANCH YMCA



# ABOUT BRICK HOUSE

**OUR MISSION: TO PROVIDE A SAFE SPACE AND ABUNDANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEENS TO DEVELOP POSITIVELY IN BODY, MIND , AND SPIRIT.**

The YMCA Brick House is an after school program offered by the Jersey Shore Branch YMCA participants. The program is partially funded generously through the Lycoming County United Way and the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania. Brick House is specifically designed for young people ages 12 to 17 (generally for teens in 6th-12th grade) All community youth are welcome to register - you do not need to be a YMCA member to attend during program hours; however, we encourage everyone to consider purchasing a Y membership in order to experience all benefits and opportunities that we have to offer.

The YMCA Brick House program serves to prepare youth and teens for success in life through activities that build self esteem and teach important life skills. The program promotes healthy lifestyles, decisions and habits. Brick House is geared toward keeping kids off the street after school and providing a safe, supervised alternative. Our friendly and caring staff members provide each participant with a unique, meaningful experience. Youth will be encouraged to participate in activities , including: homework help, tutoring, mentoring, goal setting, sports and physical activities, teen leadership opportunities , community service projects, career planning, educational opportunities and workshops about preventing drug and alcohol use. Service learning is stressed and encouraged. The program is both fun and educational.

The Brick House program originated several years ago and has grown tremendously since its commencement. Participants in the Brick House program can often be seen volunteering their time at YMCA special events and programs. We intend to have our teen leaders become larger in number and more involved in everything we do at YMCA . The staff members at the Jersey Shore Branch YMCA **look forward to working with Brick House participants as we continue to promote healthy living, youth development and social responsibility.**

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# Jersey Shore Branch YMCA Facility

The Jersey Shore Branch YMCA has many amenities (Listed Below) available for use by youth and teens. Please note that while many spaces are available to youth and teens *only* during Brick House hours, some spaces also have restricted usage based on age and membership.

- Small Gymnasium– age 11 & up with membership, no Brick House participants
- Large Gymnasium– Brick House only during program hours
- Men’s and Women’s Locker Rooms– members only
- Kitchen Area– Brick House only during program hours
- Racquet ball Court– age 15 & up with membership, no Brick House participants
- Wellness Area– age 15 & up with membership, no Brick House participants
- Teen Center– Brick House only during program hours

- Brick House participants are expected to remain in the Large Gym, Teen Center or Kitchen during program hours. Hanging out in the hallways or non– Brick House program areas is not permitted.
- Brick House participants with memberships are expected to use the facility following the guidelines, expectations and rules set forth by the YMCA and its staff. YMCA staff reserves the right to determine if youth and teens are utilizing the facility as a Y Member or Brick House participant.
- During Brick House program hours, the wellness areas are available to Brick House participants who are supervised by staff during track activities.
- The Teen Center is only available during Brick House program hours or by event rental. It is not open to members during non–Brick House program hours or when not staffed by a YMCA employee.

# BRICK HOUSE OPERATING SCHEDULE

Regular Hours are  
Monday – Friday 3:30 – 6:00pm



- The Brick House will not be open on days when school is closed or dismissed due to inclement weather/emergency situations.
- The Brick House will open at 1:30pm on regularly scheduled in-service days/early dismissals and will operate until 4:00pm.
- Brick House will not be open on days that school is closed for the whole day. Please refer to the JSASD calendar.
- The Brick House will be closed on the following days:
  - Labor Day
  - Thanksgiving Break
  - Christmas Eve, Christmas Day & New Years Eve, New Years Day
  - Christmas Break
  - Memorial Day
  - Summer Break (end of school through to the start of school)

# YMCA & Brick House Policies

The following are policies that all youth and adult members and program participants are expected to follow at Jersey Shore Branch YMCA. Certain actions may be taken if policies are violated. Adhering to all YMCA policies will make this school year more enjoyable for you, your teen, and our staff.

- No tobacco, drugs or alcohol use on YMCA property, including the YMCA porch, walkway, parking lot and back alley or any other YMCA-owned space/location.
- **No outside food or drink (excluding water bottles) may be brought into the Y!**
- No weapons or items that can cause bodily harm to oneself or others are permitted.
- No use of profane or offensive language.
- No fighting.
- No harassing others or acts of intimidation or discrimination towards others.
- ***No leaving YMCA premises once participants have entered the program. This includes going across the street to the Minit Mart or to Arby's!***
- Only participants who have designated on their registration form that they may "walk home daily" are permitted to leave without a parent or guardian. It is up to participants to be responsible for these arrangements and following their proper pick up procedure.
- Participants must follow directions/instructions of Brick House or other YMCA staff.
- Participants should be respectful and courteous to others at all times.
- Participants must keep/return all equipment in designated areas.
- All YMCA equipment and materials are to be utilized properly and with care. Damaged or broken equipment may incur replacement costs to the participant involved.
- Participants are expected to clean up after themselves.
- Participants may **not** wait for rides or "hang out" on the front porch of the YMCA or any non-program area at the facility without staff supervision.

Violation of YMCA policies can result in suspension or ejection from the Brick House program. The severity and recurrence of the violation(s) will determine the measure taken. Teens may be asked to perform reasonable community service tasks within the YMCA facility for minor infractions. Please advise your teen that the Brick House Program is a privilege, not a right.

# Q & A

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## HOW IS BRICK HOUSE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR?

**Answer: In many ways!** Due to COVID-19, the YMCA has had to learn how to adjust to the ever-changing conditions in our country. As an organization, we are doing our absolute best to keep our teens safe and still try to provide a place for them to come after school.

Here are some new program guidelines we have set in place to help combat the spread of COVID-19:

- Temperatures will be taken via forehead thermometer and participants registering an over 100.3 temperature will not be allowed to participate.
- Program will not start the first day of school for this year, it will start September 14th.
- Capacity limits will be in place via our Government Regulations for indoor gatherings. Rooms will be limited to the following amount of participants:
  - Large Gymnasium : 25 participants
  - Brick House Room: 12 participants
- Participants must sign in at the front desk and will not be permitted in building without signed registration forms and COVID Waivers.
  - Sanitization of equipment will be done before and after program.
- Participants are strongly encouraged to wash hands before and after program but sanitizer will be available as well.

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If you have any additional questions, just ask Cori, the Executive Director at the Y.

# BRICK HOUSE STRIKE POLICY

This program gives the youth in our community a safe place to go after school and be physically active, work on homework, socialize, and learn to be responsible members of society. Inevitably, when there is a large group of youth together in one place, there can be behavior issues. In order to impart the ideals of the Brick House program, the Jersey Shore Branch YMCA follows a strike policy in dealing with behavior and positive guidance.

If a program participant is breaking any of the rules set forth in the Brick House handbook or is behaving in a disrespectful manner to any person or property, that student will be given a warning. Depending on the action that warranted the warning, the student may be instructed to complete a task such as sweeping, wiping down walls or another task to help the YMCA community.

**Strike 1:** If a second warning is issued in a day, the participant will be asked to gather their belongings and go to the lobby to call their parents so that they may leave the program for the remainder of the day. This is Strike 1. The participant will be permitted to return the following day that Brick House is offered.

**Strike 2:** If the same individual is asked to leave a second day, the participant will not be permitted to return for seven days (1 week) beginning the following day.

**Strike 3:** If the same individual is asked to leave for a third day, they will not be permitted to return for thirty days (1 month) beginning the following day.

**Strike 4:** If the same individual is asked to leave a fourth time, that participant will not be permitted to return to the program.

Our goal within the Brick House Program is to teach our young adults respect, compassion, and responsibility. As with any offense, we will always take the time to discuss the incident with the participant and what they can do to make better choices in the future. The Jersey Shore Branch YMCA is committed to our community and its youth members – one of the reasons we offer Brick House at no cost. Any questions, concerns, or recommendations are always welcomed and encouraged – please direct these to our Program Director.



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# Parent - Teen Agreement

- I have read and understand all the rules and policies stated within this Brick House Parent/Teen Handbook.
- I understand that violation of the policies stated herein could result in suspension or ejection from the Brick House program.
- I understand that I do not need to be a YMCA member to participate in the Brick House program during hours of program operation; however, I will not be entitled to certain privileges that are entitled to YMCA members.
- I understand that I may not participate in the Brick House program until I have returned a signed Parent/Teen agreement and registration form.
- I give YMCA staff permission to administer CPR/AED/First Aid for any minor injuries and to obtain professional treatment if needed.
- I understand that I must properly sign into the Y & Brick House program each day.
- I grant the Jersey Shore Branch YMCA permission to use my child's name, to take and publish photographs and videos for any legitimate purpose while participating in YMCA programs. I understand that I shall receive no compensation for their use from any source whatsoever.
- I understand that the YMCA is not responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged personal items.
- I agree that my child/ I will use the YMCA facility and its equipment as intended and not cause intentional harm.

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Parental Signature

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Date

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Student Signature

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Date

# 2020-2021 Brick House Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Is your child a YMCA Member? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Track Choice (circle one):

Ultimate Sports & Health and Wellness

Arts and Entertainment

Registration Fee: FREE! (Donations can be made to the Jersey Shore Branch YMCA)

Participant Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Household Income Level:

\$0 -12,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$12,001-20,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$20,001 - 30,000 \_\_\_\_\_

\$30,001- 40,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$41,001- 50,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50,001- 60,000 \_\_\_\_\_

\$60,001- 70,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$70,000+ \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

My child will: Be dropped off daily \_\_\_\_\_ Walk to the Y daily \_\_\_\_\_

My child will: Be picked up daily \_\_\_\_\_ Walk home daily \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any allergies or medications taken by your child:

Does your child have any chronic or recurring illness or other condition that requires activity to be restricted?

I certify that my child is in normal health and is capable of participating safely in recreational activities. I hereby waive all claims for damage, injury, or loss my child or I may incur in this YMCA program. I recognize that the YMCA will not provide transportation to or from this program. The Brick House program is not sponsored by the school district and will not be supervised or chaperoned by an school district administrators, teachers, or staff. I give the YMCA permission to administer CPR/First Aid for any minor injuries and to obtain professional treatment if needed. I grant permission to the YMCA to use my child's name, to take and publish photographs and videos for any legitimate purpose while participating in YMCA programs. I understand I shall receive no compensation from their use from any source whatsoever.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

