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Your donation \$ _____
(safe, supervised, positive activities for school-aged children after school and during the summer)

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(Monthly Open Recreation, Leadership Training)

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Your Donation \$ _____
(preschool, toddler activities)

Parent/Family Support

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(Family Nights, Indoor Park, parenting classes)

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Yachats Youth & Family Activities Program

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**IN THE YACHATS COMMONS
BASEMENT, RIGHT BY THE
PLAYGROUND**

(541)547-4599

Visitors Welcome!

**Recreation hours: M-F 3:30 - 6:00 pm
No-school days: 2:00 - 6:00 pm**

YYFAP Mission

The mission of the Yachats Youth & Family Activities Program was formulated in 1995 when the program began. The mission has been reviewed frequently over the years, and remains the same:

"The purpose of the Yachats Youth & Family Activities Program is to provide a safe and supportive environment for children, to be an advocate for youth and families, and to provide and encourage activities that integrate youth into the community."

What We Do

We fulfill our mission by providing a wide array of activities and opportunities for children of all ages and their families.

Recreation PLUS is more than a traditional after-school open recreation program. Instead of simply opening our doors and supervising open-ended activities, we have expanded the opportunities for children to learn new things from adult leaders. From Beading and Models, to Cooking and Basketball, we have special small-group activities available after school. These activities are available to all school-age children at a very low cost. The idea is to make it easy for children to experience and learn new things while interacting with caring adults. For those who do not wish to participate, an adult is on hand in the basement to help with homework and monitor activities. In addition to school year

activities, YYFAP offers a variety of options for kids on summer afternoons.

Summer Explorations is a special summer daycamp program, taking place every afternoon before Recreation PLUS opens for the day. Themed weekly activities include challenging games and activities to build communication and problem-solving skills, opportunities to explore our community and natural surroundings, and plenty of chances to learn about new things.

Parent/Family Support programs include regular Family Nights for the whole family. These evenings are meant as an opportunity for families to eat, play, and learn together. We serve up dinner and then play games or do crafts together. We also offer classes especially for parents. Most of these activities are free.

Indoor Park is held once a week. The cost is \$1 per child. Indoor Park is an opportunity for children ages 0-6 and their caregivers to take advantage of educational and stimulating activity stations, and to play together. Our preschool teacher is on hand to answer questions and concerns parents may have about childhood development, learning, and play at different ages.

Once each month, caregivers are invited to get together for lunch and discussion of issues and concerns they have in common. Childcare is provided.



Educational Support is a priority of the YYFAP. In addition to the Recreation PLUS activities, fee classes are offered. We charge fees when the material costs are significant, the teacher needs to be paid, or regular attendance is crucial. This year physics, science, and government classes have all been taught. Special classes in communication skills and goal-setting are also offered.

The YYFAP Preschool Cooperative is an affordable program for children ages 3-6. Tuesday and Thursday mornings are filled with a combination of structured and open activities. Wednesday morning is Indoor Park day, when registered preschoolers are joined by other children, ages 0-6, and their parents. Teacher Mellie Bukovsky and parents work together to lead engaging activities in math, pre-writing, music, peaceful communications, nutrition, and more. Science activities use hands-on learning such as role-playing, sorting, measuring, drama, and games to teach about the natural world and biological needs for warmth and shelter. The Early Childhood Education programs of the Yachats Youth & Family Activities Program are funded by the Children's Trust Fund of Oregon, Trust Management Services, participant fees, and many individual donors and volunteers.

Service Learning/Leadership

Helping Hands for middle and high school students is more than a service learning group. Participants initiate their own service projects, with adult guidance to help them learn skills such as group decision-making, teamwork, communication, public speaking, budgeting, and more. Projects have included the Peace Garden behind the Yachats Commons, a community celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr., a Food and Clothing Closet, and teen and tween nights.



For specific information about YYFAP activities, call 547-4599, or come by the Yachats Commons basement any afternoon after school.

For more info. about YYFAP, go to:

www.yachatsyouth.org