McGaw YMCA General Policies for Birthday Parties

1. Payments and Refunds

Any changes to your signed contract must be at least 5 business days prior to the event date. If the changes involve a higher fee than what has been paid, the difference is due at the time the change is made.

To qualify for a refund, minus a $50 cancellation/rebooking fee, you must give notification at least 2 weeks prior to your event date. A 50% fee will be charged for cancellations/changes within 2 weeks of your event date. No refunds or credits will be issues for cancellations received 24 hours or less before the scheduled event.

Payment in full is due within two days of booking in order to hold your reservation.

In the event that the McGaw YMCA cancels your event, you will receive a full refund.

2. LobbyGuard

Starting spring 2016 the YMCA is now requiring all guests over the age of 18 (if not a McGaw member), must bring a driver’s license, state I.D., or passport to enter our McGaw facility. There are no exceptions to this policy.

3. General policies

The McGaw YMCA is not responsible for lost or stolen articles, nor will it pay for any personal injury, which may occur during the event contract time.

Alcoholic beverages are prohibited at the McGaw YMCA facilities.

All participants must abide by stated rules and policies of the McGaw YMCA.

Participants who utilize space other than what is contracted will be charged at time and a half.

4. Room Information

Your party room is available 30 minutes prior to the start of your event time and the room should be cleared by the end of the hour of the party room
block. Unless noted the activity (swim/gym) is always first, followed by the party room time block of 50 minutes.

Due to parties that may follow you need to clear the room at the designated time for set up and clean up for the next event.

There are 6 standard rectangle party tables (6 ft long) in the room. Users may be charged for any damages to YMCA space or equipment.

There is a cart located in the skydeck rooms that you can use to bring in supplies via the Accessible Entrance off of the Alley. You will need to buzz to be let in.

Please plan to have a member of your party in the lobby to meet and greet your guest and send them to activity space. Late-comers can be directed by the front desk staff.

Please let your guests know where they should go when they arrive in the invitations, especially for people who have not been inside the building before. Remind guests to feed the parking meters for Saturday parties.

**5. Pool Policies**

Any group that exceeds 25 will be charged an additional fee to cover the cost of an additional lifeguard (required for safety). The maximum number that may use the pool at any one time is 75.

Inflatables are not available for rental for groups of 20 or more, or for groups of children under the age of four. The bug is available for ages 5-9 and is in the shallow end; the obstacle octopus for ages 8 & up and is in the deep end.

**ADULT SUPERVISION IN THE POOL:**

At least one adult from each rental group must be present on the pool deck while children are swimming in the pool. When the inflatable bug is in the pool, it is helpful to have 2 adults to help them on and off the bug.

Children under the age of 7 must be accompanied in the water. For children age five and younger, there must be one adult in the water for every three children.

All event participants must use the Aquatic Family Locker Room.
Children who are not potty trained must be dressed in tightly fitting rubber or plastic pants in order to enter the pool. Disposable swim diapers alone will not be permitted. For your convenience, approved rubber swim pants are available for purchase at the Front Desk.

Groups may bring their own toys to use in the pool, but inflatable toys are not permitted. The YMCA has noodles available for your use.

All personal belongings must be secured in a locker in the locker rooms. Please use a sturdy lock, and store any valuables in the security lockers opposite the Vendeteria. The McGaw YMCA is not responsible for belongings stored in lockers.

6. Gym Policies

Gym parties are limited to 25 participants (This does not include parents). With advance permission, an exception may be made for an additional cost.

All participants must wear non-marking shoes.

No food or drink is allowed in the gym.

All personal belongings may be stored in the Sebring-Lewis Center lockers along the east side of the gym, or in your party room. Please use a sturdy lock. The McGaw YMCA is not responsible for belongings stored in lockers.

The inflatable bounce house is not available for rental for groups of 30 or more, and is only for children under the age of seven.

At least one adult from each rental group must be present on gym floor at all times.

Please do not send children to the gym unsupervised.

7. Parking

All guests who are not McGaw members cannot park in our parking lots, but can park on the West parking meter lot or on any of our adjacent streets for free.