MEMBER NEWSLETTER

WALLA WALLA YMCA



Take the Y With You

Whether you are traveling near or far we invite you to take one of our Y flags on your trip. Take a photo with you holding the flag in front of an interesting site or place, and we'll feature it on our social pages.

To borrow one of our flags, contact Membership Services.

And remember as you you travel to other US cities, most YMCAs are part of the YMCA Nationwide membership program which means you can access the Y if there is one located in your destination city. The Y began in England so be sure to also check out the different Ys around the world.



Kids Connecting with Community

We recently asked youth in the Y's afterschool programs to undertake a service learning project. The project began with a brainstorming session on what these youth felt people in the community needed most. Their replies:

- Electricity
- Toothbrushes/toothpaste
- Homes for homeless
- Phones for homeless
- Food for people who don't have food
- Clothes
- A lot of love

You'll see their decorated food drive boxes in the lobby and classrooms and artful signs posted as the youth collect nonperishable foods that will be delivered to BMAC.



LEDs at the Y

We're continuing to brighten the Y, replacing old fluorescent fixtures with LEDs throughout. The project will take some time to complete as we occassionally find intriguing and unexpected wiring challenges in some of the spaces.

Thank you for your patience as we complete one area at a time. As the project progresses the replacement fixtures, currently stored in the cycle room off Gym 3, will be deployed. Then the bikes will be relocated there from their temporary residence in the upstairs stretch area.

Students at Stonehenge



The Y is pleased to partner with dedicated educators and staff at Lincoln High School to provide students the opportunity to broaden their horizons with trips to regional theater performances, bookstores, arts events and outdoor venues. Teacher Adam Hair and a group of students recently returned from a visit to the Maryhill Stonehenge Memorial located along the Columbia River Gorge.



The site serves as the United States' first World War I memorial and honors 14 Klickitat County servicemen who lost their lives in WWI.

The memorial offers magnificent views of the Gorge and Mount Hood. It's a must see.



Karate Kids Advance

Congratulations to the students in our afterschool karate program who recently earned new belts. Advancing through the ranks takes dedication, discipline, perseverance, and, for higher-level belts, years of committed training. It also takes the encouragement and support of parents and guardians.

We are especially grateful for our dedicated instructors, who have generously shared their time and talents for many years, making the Y's dojo a place where young people build not only karate skills, but also confidence, character, and respect.

Well done to our students, instructors, and families!



Action Zone & Teen Center Hours

As the holidays draw near, we have expanded hours for the Teen Center and Action Zone to accommodate parents who need to work while school is out.

NOVEMBER

November 25 | Half Day Hours
November 26 | Y Closed, Happy Thanksgiving!
November 27 | Holiday Break Hours

DECEMBER

December 21–23 | Holiday Break Hours
December 24–25 | Y Closed, Merry Christmas!
December 28–30 | Holiday Break Hours
December 31 | New Year's Eve | 8:30AM–12:30PM

JANUARY

January 1 | Y Closed, Happy New Year's!

Half Day Hours	Holiday Break Hours
Action Zone: 12:00PM–6:30PM	Action Zone: 8:30AM–6:30PM
Teen Center: 1:30PM–6:30PM	Teen Center: 1:30PM–6:30PM



Wheel of Fortune Blood Drive

The Y will be hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive Friday, November 27 from 11AM-4PM.

Donate to receive a Red Cross Wheel of Fortune mug (while supplies last). Bonus: You'll also be entered for a chance to win a trip for 2 to LA to see the show. Hello Vanna and Ryan!

Red Cross Blood Drive

Turkey Trot	Holiday Market	Ski Gear Swap

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