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PURPOSE

The Pearland Parks and Recreation department provides childcare for members and guests of the Recreation Center & Natatorium who have children that need supervision while the participant utilizes the facility. The service is only provided for members and guests of the Recreation Center & Natatorium. This policy outlines the rules and policies in conjunction with childcare services.

DISCUSSION

1. The age range for children to attend childcare is limited to between 6 months and 12 years of age. Activities are designed for these age groups.
2. When dropping off your child for childcare, please leave a bag labeled with your child’s name and containing all supplies that your child will require for the duration of your class(es). At a minimum, this should include diapers, wipes, a change of clothes, bottles, pacifiers, toys, movies, and any drinks or snacks that you want given to your child. We are unable to provide these items for children in childcare, so please bring them if you want your child to have them.
3. Please change child’s diaper before bringing children to childcare. Please take older children to the bathroom before bringing them to childcare.
4. Please make sure to sign your child in upon arrival and out upon departure. Please put your name and number next to the child’s name.
5. If child has been crying for 10 consecutive minutes, we will notify the parent/guardian.
6. Childcare is included with the Recreation Center & Natatorium Plan for a maximum of 2 hours per visit. Guests may take advantage of this service for a nominal fee; however, members' children are given priority for available space. We will be applying our behavior policy for all our classes to this childcare service. If a child’s parent receives three notices of minor inappropriate behavior, or one severe incident, the child may no longer participate in childcare until a meeting with the parent is held and a solution is devised. For questions, please contact the Recreation Center Specialist.
7. According to Texas Department of Child Protection Services, the ratio of staff to children is as follows:

If the specified age of the children in the group is...	Then the maximum number of children one caregiver may supervise is...
6-11 months	4
12-17 months	5
18-23 months	9
2 years	11
3 years	18
4 years	18
5 years	22
6-11 years	26



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8. All recreation attendants supervising the children will have passed background checks through the City of Pearland.
9. If a child is experiencing fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, drainage of the eye, green drainage of the nose, vomiting, diarrhea, or any other contagious disease (chicken pox, pink eye, strep throat, etc.), we will not accept that child for childcare in order to safeguard the other children.
10. All injuries require staff to fill out a written report. If it is an emergency, you will be notified immediately.

REFERENCE

Childcare Rules and Policy Form-Chapter 9 of Department Policy Manual

REVIEW & REVISION HISTORY

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