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## What's going on at your YMCA



The YMCA, a Non-profit organization, welcomes everyone regardless of gender, age, race, faith and income.

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### Facility Hours:

Monday - Friday  
5am - 10pm

Saturday  
6am - 8pm

Sunday  
6am - 6pm

### Summer Program Financial Aid Increased

The Board of Managers recently increased financial aid for families struggling in these tough economic times. 245 boys and girls are currently being assisted this summer by generous donations collected during the Annual Support Campaign and the Kids to Camp Endowment Fund, supported by the YMCA's annual golf tournament. Your YMCA granted \$820,000 in the last 12 months for financial aid in programs such as swimming lessons, youth sports, preschool and school age child care, and summer camps.

Here is a note from one of our members:

*"I was a teacher for 16 years, until I was laid off last June. I have gone through my savings and I am getting ready to have a baby. I am blessed by my children and want to provide the best for them. I have to work this summer and will need somewhere safe and fun for my oldest daughter to stay. I have heard wonderful comments about your camp and I would love my daughter to participate. Thank you for your consideration."*

We were able to grant this family 60% financial assistance for summer camp.

### The Los Angeles Laker's Youth Foundation and four Rotary Clubs Provide New Backboards

The gymnasium sports four new backboards replacing hoops that were worn out after 25 years of slam-dunks. The new backboards are adjustable down to eight feet, so our smallest and youngest players can play the game. Four Rotary Clubs: Del Amo, Lomita-Torrance Airport, Sunrise and Torrance and the Los Angeles Lakers Youth Foundation generously contributed to the project. We appreciate their support!

### Youth Locker Rooms to be Renovated

Plans are underway to redesign and upgrade our boys' and girls' locker rooms. The project will convert the current girls', on the first floor, into a family changing room. It will be available to moms, dads and children under 16 years old and it will include private changing rooms and bathrooms. This will allow parents with children of the opposite gender, to use the changing room together. The current boys' locker room upstairs will be converted into separate boys' and girls' locker rooms that will function as they do now for youth under 16 years old. We will keep you posted as plans progress.

### Your Feedback is Appreciated

#### A survey for Family and Youth Facility Members:

Please go to the link below to answer one question as to how we structure our session dates. You may also add any related comments. Thank you!

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB229FFT9PSY6>

### Fitness Facility Open on Labor Day!

Monday, September 7 from 7 am to 2 pm to allow you and your family to have some healthy fun at the YMCA! All youth fitness and swimming lessons will be cancelled; however, we will be offering a few water exercise and group exercise classes. Please see our web site for details.

### 50th Annual Yosemite Thanksgiving Family Camp: Nov 25-29

Hurry - Only 3 rooms left at Yosemite Lodge! For more information, please contact Sharon 213-639-7484 or [sharondrobka@ymcala.org](mailto:sharondrobka@ymcala.org).