

Cool Care Club offers new pre-K program

Cool Care Club, which recently marked the beginning of their 21st year, is now accepting registrations for both their after-school program and a new pre-kindergarten program called "Pre-CCC". Cool Care Club, which has traditionally catered to the needs of school-aged children, is expanding to include a new, full-day, pre-kindergarten group for 4-5 year olds. This new program will be limited to a small group of ten children. Pre-CCC hours are 7:30-5:30. Please call for more info on this program.

"After-School Adventure" is open to local elementary school children, including students attending Manhattan Catholic School and St George Elementary School. Children are picked up from their schools at dismissal time and transported back to the club which is conveniently located on Bluehills Road in central Manhattan. The ability for children to form and maintain friendships with children from other schools is one of the many unique characteristics of the program.

After-school, the children are provided with a safe, fun, and loosely structured environment to spend their time. After being fed a nutritious snack, they are entertained and educated with a variety of hands-on, minds-on activi-



Members of Cool Care Club's Summer Safari group recently participated in a bowling field trip at the KSU Union.

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ties. These include technology, art, games, dramatic play, science, literature and outdoor play. There is also the opportunity to work on homework, with assistance as needed.

Cool Care Club's after-school hours are Monday-Friday, 2:45-5:45. In addition to after-school hours, care is also provided on "TOOSA" (They're Out Of School Again!?) Days, Snow Days, and

Spring Break. On these days, additional activities and/or exciting fieldtrips are planned and the club is open 7:30-5:45. Parents may enroll their children in any or all of these options.

Owner/Director, Christopher Payne, believes in forming lasting relationships with not only the child, but the entire family. "We see ourselves as part of the family team. We're honored that

parents have entrusted us to care for their most prized treasure- their children. We take that responsibility very seriously." In addition to operating Cool Care Club, Payne is a kindergarten teacher at Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School.

CCC has continued to succeed and flourish, even though more after-school and summer programs are now being offered...some of which have considerable financial support from non-profit organizations and grants. CCC has expanded their program several times since its founding in 1996. Payne attributes this growth to the quality of the program, his fantastic staff, and word-of-mouth referrals. Melody Padgett, whose two children attended CCC for eight years, reflected on the staff at CCC and said, "Chris has an incredibly talented group of people working with him and runs an excellent program. They all have an amazing gift of interacting with and engaging children."

Multiple discounts are available for sibling-care, year-round care, and payment-in-full.

For more information, visit www.coolcareclub.com or call 785-341-5290. Also, several recommendations can be found on their facebook page - www.facebook.com/coolcareclub