

Mom's Time Out

STIMULATING SOCIAL INTERACTION FOR YOUNG CHILDREN



...while parents enjoy free time!

Begins January 8

TUESDAYS
8:30AM-12PM
AGES 1-4*

REGISTRATION
RECOMMENDED
SMALL CLASS SIZES
SPACE IS LIMITED!

\$20/DAY (PRE-REGISTER)
\$30/DAY (DROP IN)

*SEE REVERSE FOR DETAILS



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What is SPARC MTO?

SPARC MTO provides the youth in our community with a safe & supportive environment to foster education, personal growth, development and resiliency. This program is open to ages 1 and walking - 4 (3 – 4 years must be potty-trained at time of registration).

Where & when will SPARC MTO be held?

SPARC MTO will be based out of the Gulf Shores Cultural Center located at 19470 Oak Rd W (County Rd 6). MTO follows BCBE School Calendar for holidays/closings. MTO will be on every Tuesday starting January 8th.

When can I register my child for SPARC MTO?

In-house and online registration will begin December 1st. Registration is allowed up to 1 week in advance for your chosen date(s).

How do I register online?

1) Go to www.gulfshoresal.gov, 2) In the search bar type SPARC MTO, 3) Click on SPARC MTO and follow the instructions under the heading ONLINE REGISTRATION

Can I register in person?

You can register in person at the Cultural Center, starting December 1st between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM Monday through Friday. The Cultural Center is located at 19470 Oak Road West, Gulf Shores AL 36542. Registration will be accepted at the Recreation Center starting December 1st as well.

Can I drop off my child without registering?

Yes - Drop ins are welcoming depending on space availability. Cost is \$30 per day. Class size: 6 (1-2 years) and 6 (3-4 years)

Is there a fee for SPARC MTO?

The MTO program cost is \$20 when you register in advance, \$30 if you drop in that day. Registration and payment must be made on the Friday before the week you wish your child to attend in order to get the pre-registration cost of \$20.

Can I get a refund if I no longer need this spot?

Refunds are only given during a medical emergency.

How should my child dress for MTO?

Children should wear comfortable shorts and shoes each day.

Will my child take a nap during MTO?

No - Nap time is not part of our day here at MTO.

Will my child eat lunch during MTO?

No - Our program ends at 12pm.

If my child is in the 1 – 2 year old class and is not potty- trained, am I responsible for diapers and wipes?

Yes - Parents are responsible for supplying all diapers, pull ups and wipes.

Does my child have to be potty-trained to be eligible to participant in MTO?

Yes - SPARC does not have the staffing to potty-train; therefore, children who are enrolled in the 3 -4 year classroom must be potty-trained for the counselor to do age appropriate activities with this class. If your child is in the 1 -2 year old room, he/she does not have to be potty-trained. However, they must be working to it and must be potty-trained to move up in the future.

What about food, snacks and drinks?

Children should bring a cup with their names on it, and one snack each day. Please do not pack items that need to be refrigerated. Snacks will be stored at room temp in the child's respective classroom. As nut allergies have become particularly common, we ask parents not to pack any snacks that contain nuts or nut butters.

What if my child has severe allergies?

We have children with different types of allergies. Therefore, if a camper needs the assistance of an epi-pen, we ask parents to bring an extra one to leave at SPARC in case of an emergency. It will be stored in a locked Epinephrine Pen cabinet with the corresponding medical information and picture of the camper. Parents are required to have their child's doctor fill out an Epi-Pen release form. This form should be turned in no later than the first day of camp.

What time can I check-in my child?

You may check-in your child at the SPARC building front desk at 8:30 AM. Children that arrive before 8:30 AM will not be checked-in and are welcome to wait outside with a parent/adult until 8:30 AM. Children must be checked-in by an adult.

What time can I check-out my child?

You may check-out your child at any time throughout the day, but no later than 12:00 PM. If you need to check-out your child before 12:00PM, you will know where they will be simply by referring to the program schedule. Program schedules are available at the front desk and down the program hall.

Please Note: There will be a \$10 charge for late pick-up (12:01 PM or later). As parents, we know that unforeseen emergencies do take place. Therefore, if you will be delayed in picking up your child, we ask that you please call the SPARC front desk, at 251-968-9813, and let us know.

Who is allowed to check-out my child?

Children will be released only to the approved person(s) listed on the registration form. Please be aware that the SPARC staff will ask for photo ID's. Therefore, let others on the approved pick-up list know that they will be asked to show ID.

(This is a trial program and will be evaluated in May to determine continuation)