

## **RGEC Website Q&A**

### **What exactly do the kids do after school?**

We work in partnership with each school and family to design the program that meets their specific needs. We draw upon the most effective academic enrichment, physical fitness, nutritional and life skills programs to challenge children and make learning fun. We provide the time, the place, and the assistance to ensure your child completes their homework correctly. During the enrichment hour, students will engage in hands-on lessons that cover core subjects, as well as innovative enrichment topics like art, science experiments, and entrepreneurship.

### **Who will be watching and teaching my child?**

Our staff is the heart of our program and is what sets us apart from the average after school providers. They are selected to be on our team because of their credentials, their love for children, their cooperative attitude, and their talents working with kids. Each staff member has undergone their respective school district and CYFD background screenings, taken CPR and first aid trainings, and complete a minimum of 24 hours of childcare training courses. Our credentialed program professionals have designed an engaging curriculum, focused on developing the whole child.

### **How much does it cost?**

#### **Grant Schools:**

RGEC is the largest grant-funded provider in New Mexico. Thousands of dollars in grant funding are awarded each year to RGEC for after school care and summer programs, enabling us to provide **free** services to children at the qualifying schools. (See Grant Schools List).

#### **Fee Schools:**

A: For the current school year, our fee-based programs require a \$25 non-refundable registration fee, and \$72/weekly fee for before and after school care, or \$67/weekly fee for a second child in the same family. We offer drop-in rates as well, \$10/day for before school program \$20/day for after school and \$25/day for early release day. Payments are collected on a weekly basis throughout the school year. RGEC strives to keep costs at a minimum for families, and our prices are consistently lower than other peer programs. Considering that RGEC combines lessons, lite dinner/snacks, and access to enrichment partners with childcare, we believe our program is the best value available. Income eligible families can attend FREE or for a reduced monthly co-pay through the

Childcare Assistance Program from the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD).

**Do you charge if my student doesn't attend?**

A: RGEC understands that kids get sick and families go on trips. For this reason, families are only charged when students attend the program. The \$25 registration fee is non-refundable, but otherwise there is no financial penalty for missed days.