

**Q: What's the difference between the "All-Day Program" and the "Half-Day Program"?**

**A:** Our **All-Day Program** consists of any portion of the day that your child attends during our hours of operation, 6:30am to 6:30pm. Our **Half-Day Programs** are for 2-5 year olds with varying schedules available throughout the week. ALL of our programs follow the Christian-based Pinnacle Curriculum designed to meet the age-appropriate goals for each classroom.

**Q: How long are your wait lists for the All-Day and/or Half-Day Programs?**

**A:** We invite you to call the center to see what spaces we have available in our current All-Day and/or Half-Day Program classrooms.

**Q: How do you get on the wait list for the All-Day Program?**

**A:** We accept wait list registration forms year round for all of our All-Day Programs for children 6 weeks to 13 years of age. Wait list applications must be accompanied by a wait list fee\*. This fee will be applied towards your registration fee should your child be offered an enrollment. You can obtain a registration form by going to our homepage and on our Handbook & Forms drop-down menu select "Registration Form". \*Fees and tuition rates can be found on the Information drop-down menu and then select "Rates".

**Q: Does Open Arms take Half-Day Program registration forms in advance?**

**A:** In order to *fairly* offer enrollment opportunities to the entire community, we do not accept Half-Day Program applications before open enrollment (February 3rd, 2010) for the coming school year. However, we will gladly take names, mailing/email addresses, and phone numbers, of interested Half-Day Program parents so you can receive a reminder for our Annual Open House (February 2nd, 2010).

**Q: Does Open Arms offer a priority registration period before the Half-Day Program's open enrollment?**

**A:** Yes. **Re-enrollments for currently enrolled Half-Day Program students** will take place during January 18th through January 29th, 2010. **Siblings of currently enrolled Open Arms students (or family alumni)** must enroll during the same re-enrollment dates as above for the 2010-2011 school year in order to receive their sibling priority. Sibling enrollment is on a first come first served basis *following* the priority re-enrollment of currently enrolled students. **Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church and Open Arms staff members** may also enroll during the re-enrollment dates as above for the 2010-2011 school year. Church/staff member enrollment is on a first come first served basis *following* the priority re-enrollment of currently enrolled students.

**Q: *When will you have your next Half-Day Program Open House?***

**A:** Our Open House date for the Half-Day Program school year 2010-2011 is scheduled for Tuesday, February 2nd, 2010, from 7pm-8:30pm.

**Q: *When do you typically accept Half-Day Program applications and enroll for the fall of that year?***

**A:** We begin accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year the *day after* the Half-day Program Open House, (Wednesday, February 3rd, 2010) beginning at 8:00am. Parents may line up as early as they wish, but please be aware that we will not be accepting applications until 8:00am. (Please be prepared to pay your registration fee, or if spaces become full, a wait list fee.)

**Q: *If the Half-Day Programs fill up the day that applications are accepted and I am unable to enroll my child for that year, will I still be able to put his/her name on a wait list?***

**A:** After all spots are filled, we will continue to accept applications for a wait list. They will be put in first come first served order according to application date and time. You will be charged a *non-refundable* wait list fee for this convenience. The fee will be applied towards your registration fee, should your child be offered an enrollment at a future time.

**Q: *How old should my child be to enroll in the Half-Day Program?***

**A:** Your child *must* be 2 years of age by June 30, 2010 and *fully potty trained* by the first day of classes in September 2010. Children *must* be 3 or 4 years of age by September 30th for their respective classes. (This rule follows the Loudoun County School cut-off guidelines.)

**Q: *Does my child need to be potty-trained in order to start in the Half-Day Program?***

**A:** Yes, your child *must* be potty-trained prior to beginning the school year.

**Q: *What are your child-to-teacher ratios for each of the All-Day & Half-Day Program classrooms?***

**A:** Infants, 4:1      Toddlers, 5:1      2's, 8:1      Preschool, 10:1      Pre-Kg, 10:1  
   Kg, 18:1      After School, 18:1

**Q: *What level of education have your teachers completed?***

**A:** All of our lead teachers either possess or are in the process of obtaining either a Masters, Bachelors, Early Childhood Degree, or a Child Development Associate credential (CDA), or have been lead-qualified through programmatic experience and education training.