



Early Out Wednesdays After School Program Proposal Questionnaire

A proposal is in works for an Early Out Wednesdays After School program as a children's outreach ministry to be held at the Northwood United Methodist Church. This would be planned and organized to begin operation for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year and geared toward K-5th

grade students in our area. There are 13 early out Wednesdays scheduled for N-K Elementary during the school year. (9/17, 10/8, 10/22, 11/19, 12/10, 1/14, 1/28, 2/11, 2/25, 3/18, 4/8, 4/22, & %

< NEW TO AFTERSCHOOL? HERE ARE THE BASICS.

QUALITY AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS:

- Keep kids safe
- Support working families
- Help students improve school attendance, behavior and grades
- Keep kids active
- Improve students' feelings and attitudes

- 11.3 million children are without supervision between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m. which means 1 in 5 children do not have someone to care for them after school.
- By the time they reach 6th grade, middle class kids have likely spent 6,000 more hours learning than kids born into poverty.
- Per a September 2018 national poll, nearly nine in ten adults (89 percent) say they believe afterschool programs are important to their communities.

GOALS

1. Provide a safe environment for children ages K-5th grade. With a variety of structured activities for all that attend to enjoy.

2. Provide

A. Physical Activities such as indoor or outdoor games, hikes, nature

exploration, indoor obstacle course, scavenger hunts, etc.

B. Arts and Crafts such as art classes, dance and music, crafting projects, theater, or even photography.

C. Technology and STEM such as science experiments

D. Reading and Book Clubs such as homework assistance tutoring, creative writing time,

E. Community Service and Volunteering such as working on plastic bag rope for Plarn sleeping mats, plastic bag collection, gifts or assistance to those in need, Participating in community Service projects to teach empathy, responsibility, and civic engagement. Working with local charities provides hands-on experience and a sense of purpose.

F. Other Activities such as cooking and baking, gardening, basic home repairs, housecleaning, and yard maintenance.

Are you interested in this outreach?_____

Would you like to participate in the planning and implementation of this children's ministry?

Would you volunteer your time or resources for this children's ministry? For example... help give children their spelling words to practice or assist with other homework duties in a study room environment. OR Bake after school snacks for children or lead a class on how to make their own snack after school? OR teach a small home improvement project.

Would you assist with planning stages of developing the program and getting ready for implementation? _____

Would you donate supplies for activities? For example: snack and drink, craft supplies, school supplies for writing spelling words, doing other homework tasks, creative writing paper, etc?
_____ There is a supply inventory in progress at this time and will have projections of activities and attendance with a supply list once approved by Church Council. _____

Would you assist in the financial planning to operate this program? For example: grant writing, sponsorship of a child for school year,

It is our hope that the majority of supplies will be donated by community outreach.

_____ Of course the volunteers and time given by anyone willing to lead a class on any of the months is priceless and greatly appreciated.

Mondays in Room 107 on the Northwood United Methodist Church basement there will be informal planning meetings held at 11:30-12:30 for anyone interested in assisting in the preparation and development of the Early Out Wednesdays proposal to officially go before the Church Council in June. Bring your lunch or beverage. There will be small snacks available but only munchies. Following the meeting you are welcome to stay for informal fellowship. The church is open until 2:00pm.

*If you have ideas or suggestions but are unable to attend Monday's meetings please feel free to send your input to **Noelle Kramer** 107 9th St N Apt C, Northwood, IA 50459, text: 641/390-1824, email noellekramer@gmail.com*

Thank you in advance for your input, your opinion is valued.