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Introducing the Black Bear Cub Institute

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Thu, Nov 5, 2020 at 5:03 PM

Hello!

RSU 26 in partnership with the University of Maine and the Town of Orono is happy to announce the opening of the Black Bear Cub Care Institute. If your child is in 3rd-5th grade and attends the hybrid model of school this fall, you can register now for the program. Keep reading for more information and registration instructions.

With support from Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF), this program will offer care and remote learning support to third, fourth and fifth grade students who are enrolled in hybrid learning. This care will be available at NO COST to families during school hours (7:45 am - 3:00 pm) on the days students are learning remotely during the CRF funding period (through the end of 2020). The hours of operation will match the current RSU 26/Asa Adams school schedule and will both support your student while they are doing schoolwork and keep them active during their breaks. Campus Recreation, a department of the Division of UMaine Student Life, is operating the program staffed with UMaine students and staff who have been thoroughly background checked and fingerprinted.

We will be using the [Asa Adams School COVID-19 Return to School Guidelines for Students and Families](#) as our framework for health and safety expectations of our program participants, families and staff members. We will be requiring masks of everyone involved in our program, utilizing the same sanitizing product used at Asa Adams School for continuous touchpoint/surface cleaning throughout the day, requiring frequent handwashing by children and staff, etc. Additionally, parents/guardians who are dropping off or picking up children will do so from their vehicle to help with physical distancing. While some of the information in the [Asa Adams Return to School Guidelines](#) does not apply to our setting, the document is linked in full for your information. <http://asa.rsu26.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/08/Asa-Adams-Return-to-School-Guidelines-2020-2021.pdf>

If you work at or attend UMaine, you can enroll your 3rd-5th grade child now with a 11/9/2020 start date at the program. We have limited capacity in the program (75 children), but your 3rd-5th grade child can be involved free of charge during school day hours. Children who normally attend Asa Adams in Orono will be grouped with their grade cohort; children who do not attend Asa Adams school will be grouped in small, grade appropriate cohorts to help limit exposure to others during the program.

Please register via the Orono Parks and Recreation (<https://secure.rec1.com/ME/orono-me/catalog>) website. If you have any trouble registering, please contact Dale Russell at dale.russell@maine.edu for assistance.

Please note: We also have fee-based after school care available for children, details and fees are on the website link above. At this time no children are enrolled in after school care and we need a minimum of 12 to offer it. If you do not want your child to have contact with any children outside of their usual school day cohort, please be sure to pick them up no later than 3:15pm each day. After 3:15pm, we will begin our After School program (pending minimum enrollment), and children will be in small but mixed groups. They will still be wearing masks, washing hands, socially distanced and outside as much as possible. If you have any questions contact Dale Russell at dale.russell@maine.edu.

We are excited to offer this program to our community!

Sincerely,

Black Bear Cub Institute