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**YMCA of Long Island Announces Return of Pre-Teen Night Program  
with Support from Amazon  
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**Six Dates Scheduled for Fall 2022 Across Long Island**

*This Community Program Aims Encourage Children to Stay Active and Meet New Friends*

**Glen Cove, NY (September 30, 2022)** – The YMCA of Long Island announced that the beloved Pre-Teen Night Program returns to YMCA branches in Bay Shore, East Hampton, Glen Cove, Huntington and Patchogue this fall with the generous support of Amazon.

“We are thrilled to partner with Amazon to bring this critical program back to our community. The research shows the effects the pandemic has had on our youngest Long Islanders and it has never been more important for kids to be physically active, learn new skills, meet their peers and have fun,” said Anne Brigis, President and CEO of YMCA of Long Island. “With the generous support of Amazon, we can continue our mission of providing the necessary programs to help our kids learn, grow and thrive.”

“In all of the communities we operate in, we’re committed to being a good employer and a good neighbor,” said Carley Graham Garcia, Head of Community Affairs, Amazon New York. “In partnership with the YMCA of Long Island, we’re excited to support the return of Pre-Teen Night and empower kids to try a new activity or meet a new friend. We know these safe, fun spaces are so important to kids and their families across Long Island.”

The Pre-Teen Program provides children structured, supervised and engaging activities that help reinforce the character values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. Activities vary at each location but may include interactive games, arts and crafts, recreational swim, gymnasium sports and activities. The mission of these events is to foster social wellness as part of youth development by making new friendships, participating in team-building exercises, enhancing communications skills, improving social interactions and having FUN!

Children in Grades 5-8 across Long Island are invited to join the FREE Pre-Teen Nights to be held the following Friday evenings: October 14, October 28, November 4, November 18, December 2 and December 16. Registration is required on a first-come, first-served basis. To learn more about Pre-Teen Night and to register your child, [visit ymcali.org](http://ymcali.org).

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**About the YMCA of Long Island**

*The YMCA of Long Island is a 501c3 nonprofit community-based service organization dedicated to improving the lives of children, teens, adults, and families through programs and services that nurture youth development, foster healthy living, and inspire social responsibility. Long Islanders learn to live their healthiest and fullest lives inside the YMCA's located in Bay Shore, East Hampton, Glen Cove, Holtsville, Huntington, and Patchogue. For information and locations, [visit ymcali.org](https://ymcali.org).*