



We build strong kids, strong families, and strong communities.

May 5, 2008

The **Cole Center Family YMCA** has been selected by **YMCA of the USA** to participate in a pilot study in collaboration with Search Institute, a non profit leader in measuring the impact of youth development agencies. Called *MyYLife*, the survey is for YMCA **parents of children in grades K through 5**, and it was specifically designed to **assess the impact** that our YMCA has on your child's life. Locally, our YMCA will use the survey results to help improve our programs and services, and nationally, the results of our pilot test will be used to help YMCAs across the country measure their local impact. **Only 7 YMCAs were chosen** for this pilot, so we are honored to be included, but **we cannot do this without you**—we are inviting all the parents of our K-5<sup>th</sup> grade members and participants to **complete the survey**.

#### About the MyYLife Survey

- The survey asks questions about your child's life, especially your child's life at the Cole YMCA. The survey asks about values, volunteer and service activities, and interest in learning, both in and outside of school. It also asks questions about your child's activities at the Y.
- The survey is **anonymous**. No names or identifying information will be asked or used, and no one at our YMCA will look at your survey.
- If you have more than one child in grades K through 5, you will be asked to respond about the child who had the most recent birthday.

Our YMCA will be given a report that combines answers from all participating youth. **No individual youth answers will be given to the Y.** The survey is voluntary—you may choose not to participate, though we hope that you will. The information gained from this survey will help improve the Y.

#### To Complete the Survey Online

- **Visit our website** at [www.coleymca.net](http://www.coleymca.net) and click on the “**K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Survey**” link located on the home page. When prompted, please enter site profile “**Cole Center Family**” (this password is case sensitive) and complete the survey (approx. 15-20 min.).
- **Or you may type** this link <http://surveys.ymcaexchange.org/survey/163264/1b9f/> directly into the browser address bar on any computer with internet access. When prompted, please enter site profile “**Cole Center Family**” (this password is case sensitive) and complete the survey (approx. 15-20 min.).

#### To Complete a Paper Survey

- **If you do not have access to the internet** or you would rather complete a paper survey, you may pick up a printed copy of the survey at the Cole YMCA Courtesy Counter. Also, a printable PDF version of the survey is available at [www.coleymca.net](http://www.coleymca.net).
- After you have completed the survey, **please return it to the Courtesy Counter** in an envelope marked “ATTN: Mark Demchak” (pre-labeled envelope is available at the Y). The paper surveys will be collected and mailed to Search Institute for processing.

**DEADLINE: All surveys must be completed by May 26, 2008**

**Thank you** for helping us make our YMCA better. If you have any questions concerning the survey please contact Mark Demchak at 347-9622.

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