

Your daughter is invited to participate in Cheshire Youth Services'

# GIRLS' CIRCLE

At the Yellow House

A FREE afterschool program designed for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls

Focus: Friendship & Confidence



## What is Girls' Circle?

Girls' Circle is a model of a structured peer group for girls and is facilitated by a combination of Youth Services adult staff, Human Services counseling interns, and female teen mentors. It is designed to foster self-esteem, help girls maintain authentic connections with peers and adult women in the community, counter trends toward self-doubt, and allow for genuine self-expression through group discussions and creative activities.

## What do we do at Girls' Circle?

To participate, girls need only to have the desire and make a commitment to attend meetings. Through group discussions, creative thinking projects, arts and crafts, and fun group activities, the girls will begin to develop a positive self-esteem all while making new friends!

The 9 week schedule for the program is as follows: *(Staff will be onsite at 2:45pm and girls are welcome to be dropped off by their parent directly after school for homework help, watch TV or just relax. The program will begin when all the girls arrive.)*

1. MONDAY,	March 11, 2019	3:45 – 5:15pm	Theme: A Friendly Place
2. MONDAY,	March 18, 2019	3:45 – 5:15pm	Theme: Being My own Friend First
3. MONDAY,	March 25, 2019	3:45 – 5:15pm	Theme: Being Included, Being Left Out
4. MONDAY,	April 1, 2019	3:45 – 5:15pm	Theme: Same and Different
5. MONDAY,	April 8, 2019	3:45 – 5:15pm	Theme: The Whole is Greater than All the Parts
	<b>April 15, 2019</b>	<b>NO Meeting</b>	<b>Spring Break</b>
6. MONDAY	April 22, 2019	3:45 – 5:15pm	Theme: Feuds, Followers, and Fairness
7. MONDAY,	April 29, 2019	3:45 – 5:15pm	Theme: Our Qualities & Strengths
8. MONDAY,	May 6, 2019	3:45 – 5:15pm	Theme: Appreciation Celebration
9. MONDAY,	May 13, 2019	3:45 – 6:00pm	Last Day: Games, Pizza & Ice Cream Party

**PLEASE NOTE: This FREE program is limited to 13 girls and will be held afterschool on Mondays at the Yellow House (554 South Main Street – Across from Cheshire High School). You will receive email notification once your form is received.**

If you are interested in having your daughter participate in the program, please fill out the registration form and the photo release and drop it off at the Yellow House or you can mail it directly to:

**Cheshire Youth Services, Attention: Girls' Circle, 84 South Main Street, Cheshire, CT 06410**  
No later than **Friday, March 1, 2019**

For more information please contact Lauren Blackwell-Rynich at Cheshire Youth Services at 203-271-6691



**TOWN OF CHESHIRE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**  
**DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES**  
 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE, CONNECTICUT 06410  
 Telephone (203) 271-6690 FAX (203) 271-6626  
 Email: [yellowhouse@chshirect.org](mailto:yellowhouse@chshirect.org) or [lblackwell@chshirect.org](mailto:lblackwell@chshirect.org)

## GIRLS' CIRCLE REGISTRATION/PERMISSION FORM

Please complete this form and return it to Cheshire Youth Services by Friday, March 1, 2019  
 to: **Cheshire Youth Services, Attention: Girls' Circle, 84 South Main Street, Cheshire, CT, 06410.**

*Note: There is limited space available (13 female students) for this program so please send your registration form in early. First spots are given to students who have NOT previously participated in the program. There is NO cost associated with this program. The program will take place afterschool at the Yellow House. Transportation is NOT provided.*

**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_ **School:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Does your child have food/drug allergies or dietary restrictions? \_\_\_\_\_



\*\*\*Please list any behavioral problems AND/OR medical conditions that would assist our staff while your child is in our care:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship to child:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship to child:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship to Child:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Must be someone NOT living at the residence listed above, someone other than their legal guardian).*

**Home Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

I/WE, \_\_\_\_\_ give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the *Cheshire Youth Services - Girls Circle Afterschool Program*. I/WE are aware of the purpose and scope of these activities and accept responsibility for the normal and general risks involved and release Cheshire Human Services, its employees and agents of liability for any injury or losses which may occur by way of our daughter's participation in such activity. If it is necessary for my child's health to have emergency transportation or medical care administered, I give permission for the Program Supervisor/Coordinator to authorize this care for my daughter if I am unable to do so.

**X**

(Parent or Guardian's Printed Name)

(Parent or Guardian's Signature)

(Date)

**Image Use and Release Statement:** In consideration of your child's participation in Cheshire Youth Services' and Yellow House Programs, occasionally pictures and/or video are taken during trips and events. Some of these pictures and/or videos may contain images of your child.

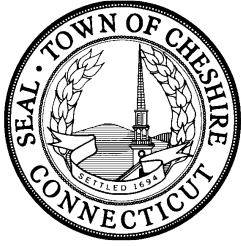


\*The images taken on occasion are used for our program advertisements, department newsletters, submitted for content on the official Cheshire Youth Service or Town of Cheshire website and official Facebook & Shutterfly websites (password protected), or used in local newspapers. For more information regarding these images please contact Cheshire Youth Services at (203) 271-6690.

\_\_\_\_ **I DO** give permission for my child's picture/video to be taken for use for the purposes mentioned above.\*

\_\_\_\_ **I DO NOT** give permission for my child's picture/video to be taken for use for the purposes mentioned above.\*

*IMAGE USE DISCLAIMER: While your child's safety and privacy are of the utmost importance to our department, there may be an occasion your child's image will appear in group pictures or in the background of photos taken during our programs and activities. Our staff will try our best to prevent this from occurring, on the occasion that a local reporter visits our events, there may be group images taken that your child may be used in the local newspapers and on their website.*



**TOWN OF CHESHIRE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**  
**DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES**  
84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE, CONNECTICUT 06410  
Telephone (203) 271-6690 FAX (203) 271-6626

# Girls' Circle - SPRING 2019

**DEMOGRAPHICS (Please check one in each category):**

*Note: We provide certain demographic information from this form to the State of CT Department of Education, Department of Children, Youth & Family Services and Court Support Services Division for statistical data and research purposes. All names and personal information is kept confidential.*

**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Race:**

- American Indian/Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black/African American
- Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- Multi Racial
- White/Caucasian
- Hispanic/Latino

**Gender:**

- Female
- Male
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Housing:**

- Not Homeless
- Homeless Shelter
- Shared Housing  
(Living at multiple locations)
- Unsheltered
- Hotel/Motel
- Unaccompanied Youth  
(Living without parent/guardian)

**Family:**

- 2 Birth Parents
- Adoptive Parents
- Step & Birth Parent
- Single Parent Female
- Single Parent Male
- Grandparent
- Relative/Guardian
- DCF (Dept. of Children & Family)
- Foster Parent
- Joint Custody
- Other