

## **Springfield YMCA Welcomes New Child Care Director**

The Springfield YMCA recently welcomed Robert Sneddon as its new Child Care and Camp Director this past fall to run its Pre-Kindergarten Wrap and Before and After School Programs, along with day camp this coming summer. Mr. Sneddon, a resident of Metuchen, comes to the Y with several years experience working in YMCA Child Care programs and community recreation programs in the Somerset and Ridgewood New Jersey area.

A graduate of St. Bonaventure University, Mr. Sneddon says the best part of his job is being with the kids everyday, and interacting with their daily activities. He believes that every child should be treated equally, in an open and friendly environment, where children want to come and spend part of their day. He plans to offer more activities such as yoga, dance, cooking and karate, as part of the Y's child care program. Also, he has instituted more emphasis on homework time and homework help in the after school program, and plans to include the availability of tutors for children in need of extra help.

Although Mr. Sneddon's feels the most challenging part of his job is the back office administrative work, involving everyday paperwork, planning and scheduling, he is rising to the challenge, and is already preparing to expand the child care programs at the Y to bring in more children. He also has an eye on summer day camp, evaluating the past program and setting goals for next summer.

If you would like more information or would like to tour the Pre-Kindergarten Wrap, and the before and After School Child Care programs at the Springfield Y, contact Robert Sneddon at 973-467-0838, [rsneddon@springfieldnjymca.org](mailto:rsneddon@springfieldnjymca.org). Financial assistance is available. The Springfield YMCA is located at 100 S. Springfield Avenue. Visit [www.summitareaymca.org](http://www.summitareaymca.org) for more information about all the Y has to offer.