

BACK² SCHOOLTM

2023-2024 PROGRAM GUIDE

**OPENING
DAY**

Wednesday
September
6th

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**Whatever it Takes to
Build Great Futures**



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF EAST AURORA**

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All current Club memberships expire on
September 30th 2023
All memberships must be renewed annually.

It's back-to-school season, and we are here to help kids have the *best school year ever!* At the Boys & Girls Club of East Aurora, we do whatever it takes to help kids and teens succeed by providing a safe place, mentors, and impactful programs designed to keep kids active during their leisure hours. The Club provides meaningful life experiences & creates opportunities for our young people to thrive.

Kids know they can be themselves at the Club, make new friends, build their skills to be successful in school, career and life, and MOST importantly have fun.

The Boys & Girls Club of East Aurora works continuously to enhance safety policies, practices and trainings to ensure they are centered on youth's needs. There is nothing more important than keeping children safe and protected. Through it all, kids have been and will remain our #1 priority.

**Whatever it Takes to
Build Great Futures!**

OUR MISSION

To enable young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens.

Find us on 

MEMBERSHIP RATES (subject to change)

Full Program Year Membership, Grades 2–6 (becomes active upon registration until 9/30/24) – \$250

Full Program Year Membership, Grades 7–8 (becomes active upon registration until 9/30/24) – \$125

Half-Year Membership Rate, Grades 2–6 (effective Feb. 1st until 9/30/24) – \$125

Half-Year Membership Rate, Grades 7–8 (effective Feb. 1st until 9/30/24) – \$75

Late Program Year Membership Rate (effective April 8th until 9/30/24) – \$75

Individual Program Membership Fee – \$100 each program*

Grades 9–12 FREE – (Program fees may apply)

**If you only want to join the Club for one program, you can pay a program membership fee. You will only be able to come to the Club on the days and times that specific program is in session.*

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM FEES (subject to change)

- **Travel Basketball Leagues** Club Member – \$80; Non-Member – \$130
- **Dance Program** Club Member – \$80; Non-Member Grades 2–8 – \$130
- **Peanut Patrol** \$50 per 8-week session
- **Summer Camp** Two-week camps – \$550 (transportation included)
- **Winter & Spring Break Field Trips** Schedule and fees TBD
- **Middle School Dances** \$10 per event

PROGRAM CALENDAR (subject to change)

Opening Day: Wednesday, September 6th, 2023

Fall Session | Sept. 18 – Nov. 17

Early Winter Session | Dec. 4 – Feb. 9

Late Winter Session | Feb. 26 – May 3

Spring Session | May 6 – June 14

Club Closes for the Summer: June 14, 2024

CLUB HOURS (subject to change)

The Club follows the East Aurora Union Free School District Calendar

Sept. 6 – Oct. 13 | Mon–Fri, after school – 6pm

Oct. 16 – June 14 | Mon–Fri, after school – 6pm; evening hours TBD for

MS & HS Members: watch the website for up-to-date hours and schedules

½-days, Teacher Conference Days: Immediately following school dismissal – 6pm

*The best way to keep up with all the things happening at the Club...visit our website frequently **www.BGCEA.org***

AGE REQUIREMENTS

All youth Grades 2-12 are eligible to become full members of the Club.

- Peanut Patrol is open to youth ages 5-7 (Kindergarten to Grade 2).
- School-Age Program is for youth in Grades K-4.

BECOMING A MEMBER

- Complete and submit online registration available on our website www.bgcea.org
- Memberships are not valid until completed registration and payment have been received.
- Scholarships are available to families experiencing a financial hardship by submitting a Scholarship Application or Free/Reduced Lunch approval letter. Please contact loconnor@bgcea.org or (716) 652-4180. An application will be forwarded to you. Your child's membership will be pending until a completed application is returned and approved.

MEMBERSHIP

- Membership cards will be issued to members in Grades 2-6 within 3-5 days of submitting your application; Grades 7-8 upon request. Membership cards are available to be picked up at the Front Desk (membership cards are not mailed home). Members should stop at the Front Desk to obtain instructions on signing in. **All members are encouraged to bring their card every day to eliminate delays and confusion when signing in.**
- All members MUST sign in at the Front Desk when attending the Club. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE TRACK ALL OF OUR MEMBERS AT THE CLUB for both safety reasons and for funders who consider these numbers when making funding decisions.
- Membership expires on September 30, 2024.
- Membership dues are non-refundable/non-transferable.
- All memberships must be renewed annually.

2024 SUMMER CAMP DATES (Tentative)

Boys 2-Week Session

July 1 - July 12 (no camp 7/4)

Girls 2-Week Session

July 15 - July 26

Co-Ed 2-Week Session

July 29 - August 9



ATHLETICS

Sponsored By A.W. Miller Technical Sales, Inc.



MAIN GYM



a game plan for the mind, body and soul

(Drop In)

Daily Physical Challenge

Co-Ed Grades 5-8

Monday-Friday, 2:45 - 3:15pm



Sponsored By The Buffalo Bills Foundation & Wilson Foundation Through WNY Collaborative

(Sign-Up Required)

Boys Grades 2-4 Mon/Wed/Fri | 4:45-5:45 pm

Boys Grades 5-8 Mon/Wed/Fri | 3:15-4:15 pm

Girls Grades 2-4 Tues/Thurs | 4:45-5:45 pm

Girls Grades 5-8 Tues/Thurs | 3:15-4:15 pm

Co-Ed Kids Choice Grades 2-4 Tues | 4:15-4:45 pm

Co-Ed Kids Choice Grades 5-8 Thurs | 4:15-4:45 pm

SWOOSH CLUB

(Sign-Up Required)

Club members Grades 2-9 are needed to volunteer their time to help referee games, record stats, and keep the time & score on the clock.



MULTIPURPOSE GYM

DAILY ACTIVITIES (Drop In)

2:30-3:15 | Open Gym

3:15-3:45 | MS Racquet Sports

3:45-4:15 | Daily Dodgeball

4:15-4:45 | TP Challenge

4:45-5:15 | Outdoor Play (weather permitting)

4:45-5:15 | Fitness (Yoga, Pound) Fri. afternoons

5:15-5:45 | Open Gym

TRAVEL/HOUSE BASKETBALL PROGRAM

(Sign-Up Required)

Program Fee required. Begins in early November; registration will be available in October at www.bgcea.org.

Practice times and dates are tentative and subject to change.

Boys Grades 2–4: Friday afternoon practices 4:45–5:45 pm or 5:45–6:45 pm; games are played on Saturday mornings.

Boys Grades 5–6: Monday & Wednesday evening practices 5:45–7:15 pm; games on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings.

Girls Grades 5–6: Tuesday & Thursday evening practices 5:45–7:15 pm; games on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings.

Girls Grades 2–4 House Basketball: Begins end of January, 2024

COACHES ARE NEEDED—email Matt at mdembrow@bgcea.org if interested.

SOCIAL RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMING

Grades 5–8 | 2:45–5:45 pm

Grades 2–4 | 3:45–5:45 pm

Check out the Gamesroom with great activities to keep you busy and having fun with your friends. Challenge yourself, the staff, other members in a variety of Gamesroom challenges: Beat That!, Doodle Jump, 20 Questions, Blurt, Trivia, Minute to Win It, tournaments and Daily Challenges. Check the daily program board in the Gamesroom for events and times.



PEANUT PATROL

(Sign-Up Required)

Wed. | 3:45–5:15 pm

A program designed for new and potential Club members in Grades K–2. Spend a little time in each area of the Club to become familiar with the programs we offer. **Program fee required: \$50 per 8-week session.** Spots are limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. More information can be found on our website, www.bgcea.org.

THE ARTS

COOKING CLASSES

(Sign-Up Required)

Learn how to make healthy and delicious meals!

Grades 5–8 | Mon. 2:45–3:45 pm (Cooking) | Thurs. 2:45–3:45 pm (Baking)

Grades 2–4 | Mon. 4:15–5:15 pm (Cooking) | Thurs. 4:15–5:15 pm (Baking)



ARTS & CRAFTS

(Drop In)

Sponsored by the Variety Club & ASI, Inc.

Grades 2–8

Mon.–Fri. | 2:30–5:30 pm

Use your creative talents to complete a daily craft project by working with clay, the potter's wheel, ceramics, beads, drawing and painting, art hub, and Play Doh. Special events: Annual Art Exhibit & tentative plans for field trips to Buffalo AKG Art Museum & the Lancaster Opera House or Shea's.

DANCE PROGRAM

Sponsored by the Variety Club
(Sign-Up Required)

Boys & Girls ages 3 & up

Classes Begins in October. Classes are held 1X weekly and are tentatively scheduled for Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays depending on your child's age group. Classes are held at the Boys & Girls Club. More information to follow on our website www.bgcea.org or email loconnor@bgcea.org.

PREVENTION SPECIALISTS

Everyone has moments when they just need someone to talk to. Our Prevention Specialists, Gavin Griffin and licensed therapists Jessica Holbrook and Colleen Raleigh, are here to help by addressing each child's specific needs. If your child finds it hard to make new friends or is struggling in school or at home contact the Club at (716) 652-4180. Evening sessions—as well as group programs—are available to help today's youth make healthy lifestyle choices and support individual growth and development.

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT PROGRAM

Be There, Ready Set, Action! This program teaches resiliency to children coping with death, divorce, deployment or hardship. Club members learn to be **READY** to respond, **SET** with the skills to heal, and **ACTION** to help others. For more information, contact Christina Potempa at cpotempa@bgcea.org.



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

MY FUTURE

(Sign-Up Required)

Grades 2 & up Mon.–Fri.

MyFuture is an online curriculum created by Boys & Girls Clubs of America to give youth the technology skills they need to thrive in today's digital world. Through personalized and engaging hands-on experiences MyFuture teaches youth valuable digital skills and helps them understand their media world, identify and develop interests and earn certifications as they progress.

For more information on MyFuture or PowerHour educational programs, contact Mary at mocconnor@bgcea.org.



PowerHour

:making minutes count

(Drop In)

Sponsored by M&T Bank Foundation

All Grades Mon.–Fri. | 2:30–4:45pm

Need help with your homework? Homework help/tutoring available daily by a certified teacher. PowerHour will help improve performance at school by helping to reinforce what you are learning at school.

- Mon. | 3:15-3:45 MS Math Challenge
| 4:45-5:15 Parkdale Math Challenge
| 5:15-5:45 Open computers/math puzzles
- Tues. | 3:15-3:45 MS Book Club
| 4:45-5:15 Parkdale Book Club
| 5:15-5:45 Open computers/Hangman
- Wed. | 3:15-3:45 MS Shark Tank
| 4:45-5:15 Parkdale Shark Tank
| 5:15-5:45 Open computers/Jeopardy
- Thu. | 3:15-3:45 MS STEM
| 4:45-5:15 Parkdale STEM
| 5:15-5:45 Open computers/puzzles
- Fri. | Open computers & special activity day

DECISION MAKING PROGRAMMING

SMART MOVES (Sign-Up Required)

Sponsored by Women of the Moose Lodge #370

Smart Moves program is designed to help youth identify and resist peer and social media pressures that promote high-risk behavior by providing age appropriate information and resistance skills needed to say “NO” to these pressures.

Boys Sessions will begin in early winter.

Girls Grades 2–4

Fri. | 4:15–5:15 pm

Girls Grades 5–8

Fri. | 3:15–4:15 pm

TEEN PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Sponsored By The Scott Bieler Foundation and Rob & Heather Shanahan

TRIPLE PLAY (Drop In)

Daily Social Recreation Challenges

Grades 5-8 Mon.-Fri. | 2:45 - 5:45 pm

Challenge yourself, the Staff, and other members in a variety of Teen Room Challenges including: Would You Rather, UNO, Corn Hole, Find the Difference, Dart League, Flow Free Challenge, Smart Screen games, Open Mic, NFL, NBA & NHL Tournaments, etc.

LEADERSHIP CLUBS

JUNIOR STAFF (Sign-Up Required)

Sponsored by Erie County Youth Bureau

Grades 5-8 Mon. | 3:15-3:45pm

Sign up in the Teen Room or email Gavin at ggriffin@bgcea.org for more information and application. Help manage the snack bar, learn how to run a small business, prepare for a job and learn how to be a great employee!

TEEN BOARD/20 QUESTIONS

(Drop In)

Grades 5-8 Wed. | 3:15 pm

Share your thoughts and ideas on how we can make the Club a better place for you! Weekly meetings to discuss program wants and desires, changes, etc. Bring your ideas!

5TH QUARTER NIGHTS

Monthly H.S. Teen Night Following Home/Away Football & Basketball Games

Camp Night, Mighty Taco Night, Gamesroom Tournament Nights, Holiday Sweater Party, Open Stage Night, Bubble Soccer Night, Team Dodgeball Tournament, Encore Talent Show Night, Back Yard Cook-out. Specific dates & times TBA.



TORCH CLUB

Grades 7-8

Wed. | 7:30-9pm

Torch Club is a small group that meets weekly to discuss current issues and events, develop leadership skills, and provide help and support in the Club and in our community. If interested contact Gavin at ggriffin@bgcea.org.

Grades 9-12

Sun. | 7:30-9pm

Keystone Club is BGCA's ultimate teen program, a unique leadership development experience that provides activities both in and out of the Club in three focus areas: academic success, career preparation, and community service. If interested contact Gavin at ggriffin@bgcea.org.



KEYSTONE
The Ultimate Teen Program

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCES

7-10 pm

Dates are TBD. Refer to our website www.bgcea.org for the most up-to-date information.

Admission – \$10; Club membership not required



CAMP AUTUMN

Spend Tuesdays 3:30-6:00 PM @ Camp Ska-No-Ka-San. **Start date is TBD** and will run for 6 weeks (weather permitting). Transportation provided by Club van.

Program fee of \$35 is required. Spots are limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. *More information will be available or on our website, www.bgcea.org.*

SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE PROGRAM

The Club offers a quality before- and after-school program at Parkdale Elementary and at the Club on Paine Street to care for your child in a nurturing environment designed to meet their physical, intellectual, social and emotional needs.

**Contact Deb Becker,
School-Age Program
Coordinator at
(716) 655-5051 or
dbecker@bgcea.org.**

HALLOWEEN PARTY

**October 27th
4–6 pm, no fee**

Bring a friend!

All are invited to attend.



LiveSafe

Download the free **LiveSafe App** to your mobile device. LiveSafe allows us to communicate any changes in program schedules and any sudden cancellations in a timely manner.

It also has a **SafeWalk feature** that will allow you to virtually escort your child to the Club and notify you of their safe arrival.

SUPPORT OUR CLUB

GREAT FUTURES CAMPAIGN

Please consider making a donation to the Club to support all of the great programs and services provided to local youth every day! Consider joining a giving society level or make a direct contribution through our Donate Now button on our website www.bgcea.org. **For more information on how you can make a difference contact Christina Potempa at cpotempa@bgcea.org. Great Futures start at the Club!**

GREAT FUTURES START HERE.



THE HERITAGE CLUB

Join the Heritage Club! It's easy to include a bequest in your will to the Boys & Girls Club of East Aurora. Your gift ensures that future generations will have the opportunity to live successful and productive lives in a safe, positive and caring environment. **Interested? Contact Christina Potempa at (716) 652-4180 or cpotempa@bgcea.org.**



Thousands of Great Futures started at the Club—did your Great Future start here? Interested in joining and reconnecting with friends from the past? Come out and support our quarterly events, Happy Hours, Raffles, Super Bowl Pools, NCAA Pools.

Contact Rob Ruffner at (716) 652-4180 for more information.



100 CLUB RAFFLE

Only 100 tickets will be sold!

Drawings to be held monthly on the 15th of the month beginning January, 2024 (10 drawings Jan-Nov 2024; no drawing in April). Winning tickets will be eligible for all 10 raffles. Raffle prizes valued at \$500 each. Tickets will be available for sale in November. Must be 18 years of age to participate. **Contact a Club Board or Staff member to purchase your ticket.**



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**Reopening
for our**

84th year of service
to the youth of our community

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After school until 6:00 PM



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