

2018 UPCOMING EVENTS



2018 Chowder Cup Golf Tournament

MONDAY JULY 30TH, 2018
EAST AURORA COUNTRY CLUB

Come join us for a fun-filled day of golf, including lunch, dinner, 18 holes of golf, cart, contests and raffles. All proceeds benefit youth programming! All golfing spots are filled, but sponsors are always needed! Check out our website at www.bgcea.org

Alumni Day at Camp Ska-No-Ka-San

SATURDAY, JULY 14TH, 2018



Come see where your kids spend their summers and relive your old camp days as an adult! Water activities, Council Fire games, and a stay over for Honor Camper night available. Classic & Leadership Alumni members are free and only \$25 for non-members!

This event is for alumni & friends ages 21 and over.

CONGRATULATIONS!

2018 Youth of the Year

CAELAN KAVCIC



Caelan is a 12-year member of the Club. She gives back to us by volunteering as a junior counselor and summer camp counselor. At school, Caelan has impressively earned a 4.0 average. She is Vice President of her class, proud member of the National Honor Society, and received the 2017 Wells College Leadership Award. Caelan serves as Student Coordinator for the Community Garden, where she helps serve underprivileged children. She also donated her time as a volunteer lacrosse coach for the East Aurora Lacrosse Association. She will attend Queen's University to study medicine and attend the Nursing program.



2018 Junior Youth of the Year

MADISYN BLAMOWSKI

Madisyn is an 8th grader at East Aurora Middle School. She regularly volunteers at the Club and in the community. At school, she also participates in soccer and track. Madisyn says "I like helping my neighbors because if they need help, I would like to help them."

For more info on these events, please go to our website www.bgcea.org or check us out on facebook!

The Boys & Girls Club of East Aurora

Summer 2018

Your Club Connection



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>>> CLUB UPDATE <<<

In past editions, we updated you on the progress of the Club's funding scarcity. Early in 2017, you learned about the loss of funding from United Way. At that time, our 76-year funding relationship was ended due to a shift in United Way's funding philosophy. The Club lost an annual grant award of \$44,000. United Way's new funding priority is serving children from birth to age 8. Since that time, so many of you have stepped up your support to fill this gap.

Over the past year, we saw an increase of donations from individual donors. A majority of our support came from the generous and compassionate members of this community. Many of you either increased or made a new gift to our Club. Businesses like Urban Design, Wallenwein's, and Salut also found new and unique ways to help our Club. Together with local craftsman and high schools, Urban Design is building a Tiny House that will be sold to benefit the Boys & Girls Club. We feel grateful to have a community that is willing to stand up and help when it is needed. The generosity of individuals has inspired and motivated us to grow and serve more youth in our community!

In November, we also told you about a unique opportunity that was provided to our Club. A generous Alumnus offered a challenge gift of \$25,000. At that time the challenge was set before our Club. If we could raise \$25,000 in new monies by January 31st, that donor would match those gifts with an additional \$25,000. We were astounded by the results! A month before the deadline, we made our goal and surpassed it by raising over \$33,000.

All we can say is wow! Your help was vital in our survival through this difficult fundraising crisis. Your support provides important after-school programming and a safe place for our kids during the summer. Your gift offers life-changing programs that help youth reach academic success, good character, and citizenship. Your donation helps children who cannot afford club services to become members for free.

But we are not through yet. The current challenge for the Club is finding a way to continue our growth. A new application year for the United Way has occurred, and we have submitted an application to fund our after-school program. If we are going to continue to grow our Club and programs, we need to seek out every funding opportunity. And, we also need help from individuals within our community.

We want to continue to grow annually. We want to improve our services and build stronger relationships with our kids. We want to make more of an impact on community by becoming a stronger resource. We want to serve the children who need us the most, and provide more services to the neediest in our community. We hope you are willing to join us in meeting these goals.

Thank you for all of your support.
But most importantly, thank you for impacting the lives of our local youth.

Latest info - on the web at www.bgcea.org

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Summer Programming...

This summer we expect to be very busy providing fun activities in the sun and sometimes rain!
Many of our children will be headed off to one of these fun activities!



Camp Ska-No-Ka-San

Participate in one or more of the 6 sessions planned now to August. This includes separate 2-week sessions for boys and girls, along with two 1-week co-ed sessions! Camp Ska-No-Ka-San is a special place where members can fish, canoe, kayak, hike and play!

School-Age Program

Youth between Kindergarten and 5th grades can attend our day program throughout the summer. Staff provide fun days filled with field trips and activities keeping children healthy, playing outside, and increasing their reading and writing skills.



Adventure Camp

As part of our teen program, members spend a week camping at Algonquin Provincial Park in Ontario, Canada. Algonquin is known for its forests, rivers and numerous lakes, including the large Lake of Two Rivers. Youth ages 13-18 spend time hiking, canoeing and watching the beautiful scenery of Canada's lakes and mountains.

Basketball Camp & Leagues

We run an extensive program for children of all ages! Basketball Camp is for children in grades 2-9, and children learn the fundamental skills to enhance their playing ability. Older children play in a summer basketball leagues that competes against teams across Southern Erie County.

Did You Know?

- The Club also offers a variety of services that many do not know about. One in particular is **Summer Brain Gain**.
- Summer learning loss has a devastating effect on our kids, especially those who don't participate in enriching summer activities. Summer Brain Gain – a fun, interactive learning program designed for summer in the Club!
- We also provide **Job-Ready program** for our teens. Youth work as counselors at Camp Ska-No-Ka-San and develop interpersonal skills, a strong work ethic while gathering on the job skills. Most times, this is the first work experience youth will receive. Staff mentor counselors on the topic of leadership, good character, and personality.
- **Torch Club** (ages 10-13) and **Keystone Club** (ages 14-18) are special groups exclusively for our older members.
- It affords teens an opportunity to gain valuable leadership and service experience. They conduct activities in three areas: academic success, career exploration and community service. Throughout the summer, kids will attend overnights, volunteer in the community, and field trips throughout WNY.

THANK YOU TO ERIE COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU FOR FUNDING OUR SUMMER PROGRAMMING!

Putting Family First

When planning for your family's future, you want to give them your best. You want to ensure their financial stability is secured for the long-term. But did you know there is a way to donate to our Club today, and continue supporting us for generations to come? You might think providing a meaningful charitable legacy means asking your family to sacrifice its inheritance, but nothing could be further from the truth.

The key to giving more to your family is to pay less in taxes. By including a charity like ours in your plans, you can avoid or significantly reduce taxes, leaving more for your loved ones. You can also create a lasting charitable legacy by continuing your giving for decades to come. Just a little planning can make a big difference.



Take advantage of tax incentives with Charitable Planning:

With Charitable Planning:

- Capital gains taxes can be reduced or even eliminated with proper planning.
- You create a charitable legacy supporting the causes important to you while freeing assets for family.
- The estate tax may be reduced or eliminated.



Without Charitable Planning:

- Your appreciated assets face a capital gains tax of up to 20% or more.
- Your charitable legacy ends when you pass away, your family receives less and may have to pay more in taxes.

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Don't define your legacy by how much you paid in taxes, but by how well you cared for your family and continued your charitable works beyond your lifetime. We have simple, easy tools that can help you reduce taxes, increase income and leave more for your loved ones. Call or email us for a free, no-obligation look at all we can do for you and your family.

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“ Your legacy is often not a choice between family and charity but between family and taxes. ”