



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
FAMILY CENTER

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Please note you will see our signs in the front lobby on drugs and alcohol. While Massachusetts is legal for marijuana, we ask that parents do not come in smelling of marijuana, tobacco, or alcohol. It is still illegal to operate a vehicle while under the influence. We are mandated reporters and must report if a parent is coming in smelling of a substance. This could result in us having to not release your child to you and a possible 51A. Thank you for helping to keep our building safe and clean.

Closures and events

Please be advised that **the club will be closed on April 7th 2023 to observe good Friday.** We will be having our **annual easter egg hunt on Saturday April 8th, 2023 from 11-2 for all ages.** We encourage families to come out and have a good time there will be games, raffles and more.

Full day

April 17-21 we will be open full day 8-530pm. Any child being dropped off must arrive by 10am and any child being picked up must be picked up by 530pm. Members receiving 2-way transportation will be picked up between 7a-8a. **We will Also be doing a showcase Wednesday April 19, 2023 1p-2p we encourage parents to come and see their child perform, or speak.** We will have games and hot dog and hamburgers for after from 2-430! It will also be spirit week that week we encourage all members to participate. (see schedule attached)

Fieldtrips

Afterschool will be going on 2 field trips that week, the basketball hall of fame on Tuesday April 18th, 2023 from 1245p-4p. they will eat lunch at the club first and then go. They can bring money for cold stone if they'd like. On Friday April 21, 2023 they will be going to interstate 91 from 1245-4pm. Please send your child with money if they are planning to buy food or play games at interstate. **See permission slips attached.**

Fundraising

While we love taking the kids on field trips and doing special events and activities they can be costly. **We are asking members to either buy or sell at least a box or two of Krispy Kream donuts between now and May 13th 2023.** The proceeds will go to your child programming. Please see the attached flyer for our afterschool fundraiser.

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Swimming

The week of the 17th through the 21 they will have a swim party Monday the 17th and Thursday the 20th from 3p-5p. please make sure your child brings all their swim gear that week! Please be advised that the swimming days have changed.

- Monday -5/6
- Tuesday Pool closed
- Wed 11/12 and any make ups
- Thursday 9/10
- Friday 7/8

Covid/outside

Spring has sprung! With the warm weather approaching we will be enforcing mask in the hallway areas and the front lobby of the building. While members are in their rooms, they can take their mask off. If they are outside they will be able to take it off but once they are in the front lobby or hallway area they must keep it on. Any visitors to the building will also be required to wear it in the front lobby and hallways. *If your child is exhibiting sick like symptoms such as/including but not limited to any of the symptoms listed below they will be asked to wear their mask at all times.*

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| • stuffiness | • Mild headache |
| • Runny Nose | • Sneezing |
| • Sore throat | • Malaise |
| • Cough | • Fever |
| • Congestion | |

We will also be going outside more often, please make sure your child has either a change of clothes or they are wearing items that they can get dirty and sweaty in. we will use AICS field across the street and our preschool playground, but they may also take walks in the neighborhood.

Snack

*Snack is given daily to after school. We encourage a healthy lifestyle here, snack if the first place they must go when they come in even if they are refusing a snack they must stop in the club room as we have to count every member coming in and report. **If you pack your child's snack, we ask that you do not pack items with peanuts or soda.** They can buy snacks from the concession stand on Thursdays and the vending machine is available in the afternoons before bus dismissal at 6pm. Please fill out the form that was given last week to update your child's file as we do have some members saying they are lactose and tolerant but it is not in the file.*

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Electronics

Monday through Thursday we do not allow electronics unless it is for homework help. If your child is seen with their electronic during these times it will be confiscated and left in the front until the end of the day. If your child needs to make a phone call home, they can do so in the front lobby. They are allowed to make calls home using their cell phone in the front lobby or the presence of a staff member. Electronics are allowed only on Fridays. **If electronics are not being utilized properly and responsibly, staff will confiscate them and leave them in the front with the receptionist.**

Summer

If your child plans to attend the club for summer, please reach out to Yavi Rodriguez in membership. If your child is doing summer school, please contact Yavi also. We will be closed the last week in June for our staff training. Summer session will start July 3rd ,2023 and run until August 25,2023. Please be advised your child will go on a field trip every Friday. There will be special field trips during the week based on their age group. Please plan for your child to get wet during the summer as we not only utilize the pool, but we create a slip and slide and take 5/6-year-olds to the splash pad. This year's theme is beauty and the beast, as our members can be very much into their looks, they will face the beast of nature this summer. We encourage healthy lifestyles so it will be a lot of movement and healthy eating this summer. They will get team names and do weekly challenges for prizes. We will incorporate our programs such as OJP, Passport to manhood, smart girls, literacy, stem, art, and more!

If you have any questions please contact Raeven Jemison Monday thru Fridays 1p-6p at 413-739-4743.

Sincerely,

Raeven Jmison
Program Director

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