

GREAT FUTURES START HERE



Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Ohio provides **safe, fun places for kids ages 6-18** to go after school and during the summer, with a focus on academic success, healthy lifestyles and character development. For kids, there's a **daily meal**, a host of **activities** and **caring adult mentors**.

There is **no cost** to join a Club.

We believe **all young** people deserve the kinds of life-changing opportunities that allow them to enjoy their childhood and thrive in adulthood. Our Clubs are open **when children are most at risk – the hours right after school**. Working parents can have peace of mind knowing their kids are in a safe, positive place.

Here a few important notes **about our Clubs**:

- Want to find out if there is a **Club near you**? Go to www.bgcneo.org and click the Join a Club tab.
- While we do not charge a membership fee, your child **must register** to attend a Club.
- Activities vary by Club, but we offer a range of **athletic, academic, arts and leadership** programs (see reverse for details.)
- Club opportunities include **field trips** to cultural institutions, colleges and sporting events.
- BGCNEO was formed in 2019 by the merger of Clubs in Cleveland, Akron, Lorain County and Sandusky. It is now **one of the largest Boys & Girls Club organizations in the nation**.
- In a survey of alumni, 54% of the respondents said the Boys & Girls Club **“saved my life.”**

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR CLUBS, VISIT WWW.BGCNEO.ORG.

BGCNEO PROGRAMS: A SUMMARY

While not every Club offers every activity, our programming is a direct reflection of our pillars – academic success, healthy lifestyles and character development:

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

- **Ready Readers Plus:** Uses games and one-on-one attention to improve the literacy skills of kids in grades K-3
- **Power Hour:** Daily help with homework right after school
- **Mentoring and tutoring**
- **STEM** education and competition
- **CareerLaunch:** Soft skills, career exploration, career planning
- **Scholarship opportunities**

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

- Athletics program includes **competition between Clubs** in flag football, basketball, volleyball and other sports
- Daily opportunities to **play in the gym and outdoors**
- Urban Farm at the Broadway Club **allows kids to grow and sell crops**, learn about healthy eating
- **Triple Play** wellness program is a game plan for the mind, body and soul, creating healthy habits
- **Esports** and game room opportunities
- **Positive Action** program promotes social-emotional learning. It is based on the intuitive philosophy that we feel good about ourselves when we do positive actions
- **PAX Tools** help kids manage behaviors and support social and emotional development

ARTS AND MUSIC

- **Opening Track** music program incorporates music into daily life, helping kids with everything from test preparation to exercise to relaxation
- **Arts skill** development with individual projects, weekly challenges
- Visits to **cultural institutions** such as Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Severance Hall and Playhouse Square



"The connections we are making with kids are so important. We're teaching them not only how to receive music but also to respond to it. In doing so, they are finding their own voices."

• KIM SHEMA, DIRECTOR, OPENING TRACK MUSIC PROGRAM

CHARACTER AND LEADERSHIP

- **Keystone Club** promotes character and leadership qualities among Club teens
- **Torch Club** enables younger members to serve the Club and the community
- **Race and social justice programming**
- Youth Voice involves regular discussions about community and social justice issues plus an annual summit
- **SMART Moves** (Skills Mastery and Resilience Training) prevention and education program addresses problems such as drug and alcohol use and premature sexual activity
- **Drug prevention** and opioid avoidance programs