**After School Programs for Middle School**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**What is the Boys & Girls Club all about?**
The Boys & Girls Club of North San Mateo County provides a positive, healthy learning environment designed to support academic success, physical and emotional health. Our program is designed to foster the career ambitions of our youth, preparing them to graduate high school and become productive citizens. The Club currently operates 6 sites in South San Francisco and Pacifica, serving ages 6 to 18. We currently offer one onsite pilot program for middle school students at Alta Loma Middle School. For more information, please visit Alta Loma’s Blog: [www.bgc-altaloma.tumblr.com](http://www.bgc-altaloma.tumblr.com); or visit our website: [www.theclubs.org](http://www.theclubs.org)

Our vision is that:
- Every youth will have a positive sense of self
- Every youth will be physically active every day
- Every youth will achieve academic success

**What programs and activities are offered at an onsite middle-school program?**
We offer a variety of enrichment activities throughout the year including urban and cultural art, recreational games, sports and fitness, cooking projects, photography, music production workshops, along with service learning opportunities within our community. There is daily quiet time for homework, with teen and adult volunteers available to provide assistance upon request. Healthy snacks are provided daily at no additional cost.

**What is the status of the Boys & Girls Clubs Program at SSF Middle Schools?**
We are currently offering a pilot program at Alta Loma Middle School for the 2014-2015 school year. This program was established with the help of SSF Unified School District and the Out of School Time Committee, based on the needs expressed by families in our community.

At Boys and Girls Clubs, we seek to address this need throughout our community by offering our programming at all middle school sites. However, we are only able to sustain an onsite program if we are assured—in advance—that we will have a sufficient number of members at that given site.
Will the Boys & Girls Program be available to students from Westborough and Parkway Middle schools?
If we have 30 registered students for the 2015-16 school year by April 17, 2015, we will be able to offer this program. This is why it’s so important for you to register by April 17th.

What are the hours of the program?
The program will open immediately after school (early on early release and minimum days) until 6:30 p.m.

Who are the staff?
Onsite programs are staffed by Boys & Girls Club employees. All staff have experience working with youth, all pass an extensive background check and are certified in CPR and First Aid. In addition, we regularly engage volunteers, who work with our members on homework as well as other enrichment activities. All volunteers must also pass a comprehensive background check.

What is the cost?
The full cost is $290 per month ($130 for the month of August only). There is a 20% discount for siblings in the program (so for 2 sibs the cost would be $464).

Is financial assistance available?
The Child Care Coordinating Council (4Cs) provides financial assistance to families who meet income and eligibility requirements set by the California Department of Education, Child Development Division. Contact 4Cs at (650) 517-1400, or www.sanmateo4cs.org.

Boys & Girls Club does not have scholarships available at this time. However, we are seeking support for a scholarship program and hope to have scholarships available soon. Please check with us if you are interested.

How Can I Pay?
We accept payment with cash, VISA, MC or personal check (with a valid CA drivers license). We are currently establishing an online payment system that will enable online payments. This function will be available soon.

Can I reserve a space for my child today?
Yes. We can reserve a space for your child as soon as we receive a completed registration form along with a $100 deposit. The deposit is non-refundable and will applied to the first month’s payment.

If my child is part of a club sports team or meets with a teacher for tutoring; can they still attend the program?
Yes, we ask that students let us know where on the school campus they will be during this time.
Can my child participate in other Club programs?
Yes. There is a $30 B&GC annual membership fee—which is included in August fee. If your child signs up for an athletics league or summer camp, for instance, this fee would cover the membership cost (additional fees apply for league participation and camps).

Are you open on school holidays and in the summer?
We are closed on days that school is closed. Day camps will be available at the Orange Avenue site for some school closure dates, but not for legal holidays. We are not currently planning to be open during summer. Summer camp is available at our Orange Avenue clubhouse.

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