



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF NORTH CENTRAL ILLINOIS

City of Aurora
Summer Programs

The graphic features a central blue rectangular area with white text. This central area is framed by a decorative border of colorful triangles in shades of blue, pink, purple, yellow, orange, and green. Some triangles contain patterns like polka dots or halftone dots. The overall design is vibrant and geometric.

Boys & Girls Clubs Mission Statement:

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

OUR HISTORY

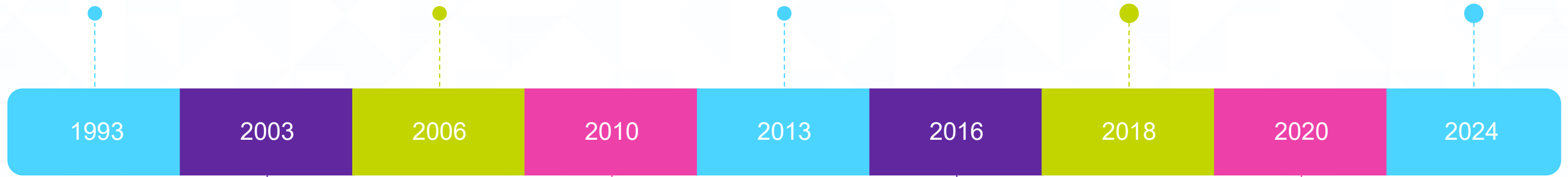
Community Leaders came together and formed Boys & Girls Club of Elgin

Our first school sites were established and the new building on 355 Dundee opened.

Elgin Clubhouse was renovated to serve hot meals. 2 more school sites were opened for a total of 6 sites and 300 youth per day.

The Club expanded into Streamwood and began planning for a new facility in South Elgin.

The Club continues to expand to serve youth who need us most in new communities. In SY24 the Club is offered in 35 sites serving over 1,500 youth per day.



Plans to turn the little house with limited capacity into a brand-new state of the art facility that could serve 200 youth per day.

Three more school sites were opened for a total of 4 sites. 250 youth were being served per day.

The Club opened 4 new elementary sites and doubled the number of youth being served everyday.

Pandemic hits and operations change. Club stays open to serve essential workers and support Distance Learning in 10 sites.



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Aurora Footprint

- **2022-23 school year:** Aurora programming began under the leadership of Boys & Girls Clubs of North Central Illinois (BGCNCIL) after a grassroots coalition of local community members presented a compelling case for support to Boys & Girls Clubs of America regarding local need and opportunity.
- **Key partners:** In partnership with West Aurora SD129, and with the support of partners like the City of Aurora, AWEF and CFFRV, 4 school-based programs began, serving Aurora area youth daily.
- **Current services:** We now operate 8 Aurora area sites, including a new partnership with Waubonsee Community College, aimed at removing childcare as a barrier to higher education and training.
- **New partnerships:** We've welcomed new opportunities with organizations like Aurora University, bringing social work services to youth across our region.
- **Our Moonshot:** BGCNCIL has launched a "Moonshot," our bold vision to serve 10,000 youth at 100 sites in the next 1000 days, across our region to fulfil unmet need for enriching, affordable programming.
- **Exciting growth is ahead for Aurora!** Local and national Boys & Girls Club leaders recognize Aurora as a vital hub in our expansion efforts to break the cycle of youth poverty. By reaching more children and families with essential programs, we're creating brighter futures and stronger communities.



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Mission Achieved: Productive, Caring, Responsible Adults

Full Potential

Beginning as early as preschool with soft skill building, career exploration, and discovering interests and pathways.

Workforce Readiness

Showing up to school with homework completed and reading at grade level

Reading, Homework, Academic Success

Learning to deal with emotions in a positive way.

Social & Emotional Learning

Members have a physically & emotionally safe place & a hot meal.

Basic Needs: Food, Safe Place, Family Support

Removing barriers for kids to attend out of school programs.

Accessible out of school time programs and services

YOUTH-CENTERED ORGANIZATIONAL SYSTEMS

Governance, Fundraising & Budgeting, Operations, Partnerships, CQI & Data Infrastructure

PROGRAM OPERATIONS

- Targeted Skill-Building Programs and Experiences
- Youth-Informed Topics and Approaches
- Intentional Social-Emotional Skill Building
- Standardized Program Planning
- Best-Practice Staffing Structures

MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

- Communication & Collaboration
- Comprehensive Staff Development
- Staff Wellbeing, Satisfaction, and Retention

CULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

- Trauma-Informed & Inclusive Lens
- Human-Centered Leadership
- Culture of Learning
- Commitment to Safety and DE&I

HIGH-QUALITY STAFF PRACTICES

Meaningful Experiences

Supportive & Healthy Relationships

Safe & Inclusive Environments

HIGH-QUALITY CLUB EXPERIENCE

YOUTH
OUTCOMES

OUR PROGRAMS



**Project Learn &
Power Hour**



**Youth Leadership
& Service**



S.M.A.R.T. Moves



Triple Play



Youth Arts



**Life & Workforce
Readiness**



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SUMMER OPERATIONS FRAMEWORK

- Summer camps in each Aurora-serving school district serving a total of 400 youth members in 1st through 5th grades
 - West Aurora SD129
 - East Aurora SD131
 - Oswego CUSD 308
 - Indian Prairie CUSD 204
- Theatre camp serving up to 50 Aurora youth in 3rd through 8th grades, with a culminating performance



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SAMPLE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
8:30a-9:00a	Welcome & Check-In <i>Breakfast as Needed</i>	Welcome & Check-In <i>Breakfast as Needed</i>	Welcome & Check-In <i>Breakfast as Needed</i>	Welcome & Check-In <i>Breakfast as Needed</i>
9:00a-10:00a	Youth Arts	Special Guest – Drone Technology	Youth Arts	Field Trip – Bowling
10:00a-11:00a	Project Learn – STEM		Project Learn – STEM	
11:00a-11:30a	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
11:30a-12:30p	Triple Play	Triple Play	Triple Play	
12:30p-1:30p	S.M.A.R.T. Moves	Youth Arts	Career Exploration	
1:30p-2:00p	SEL Skill Building & Check-Out	SEL Skill Building & Check-Out	SEL Skill Building & Check-Out	SEL Skill Building & Check-Out



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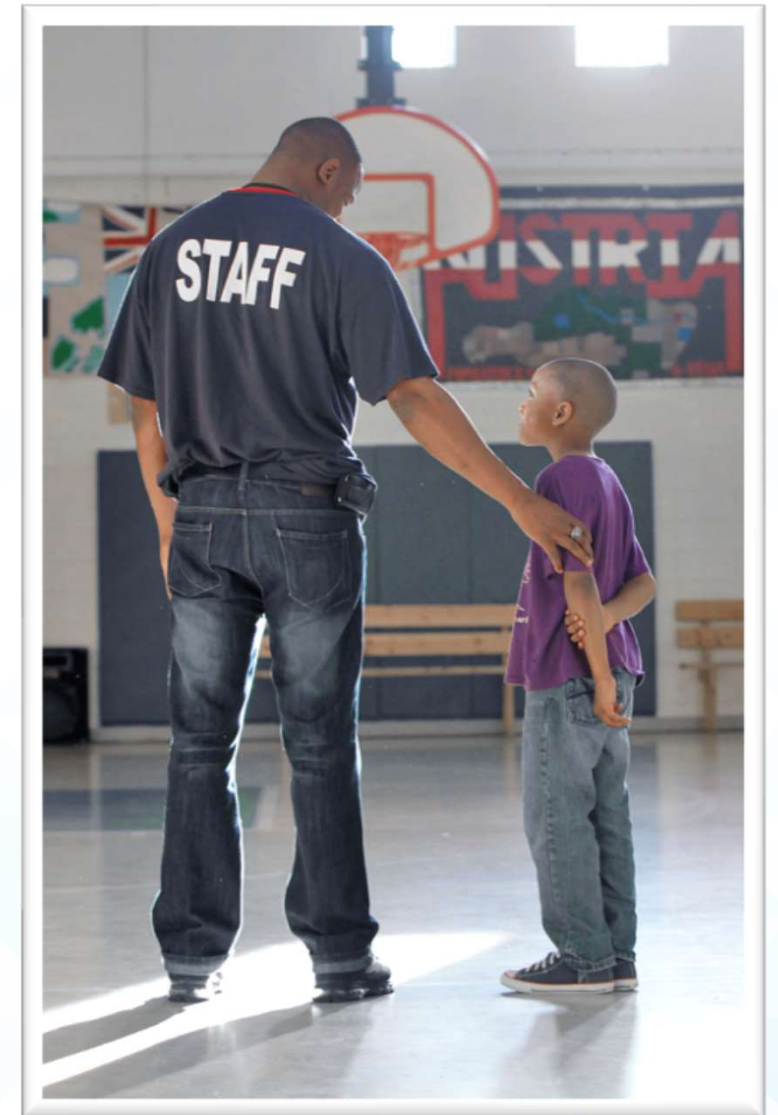
SAFETY POLICIES & PROCEDURES

- Alignment with Boys & Girls Clubs of America and Illinois Department of Human Services for all safety protocols
- Criminal background checks including fingerprinting for all employees and volunteers with regular, recurrent contact with youth members
- All employees CPR & First Aid trained
- Standard protocol for reporting and addressing critical incidents
- Required safety training for all employees
 - Child Abuse Prevention
 - Mandated Reporting
 - Grooming Prevention
 - Review of Safety Policies – restroom use, one-on-one policy, off-site supervision, etc.
- New Employee Orientation for all employees to highlight expectations as a Youth Development Professional



LEADERSHIP MODEL

- Regional Director - Oversees all operations and collaborates with community stakeholders
 - Area Manager – Leads several Club Sites, ensuring a strong partnership and successful Club operations
 - Site Coordinator – Supports a team of 2-5 Youth Development Assistants, responsible for the day-to-day operations of a Club program with a focus on safety protocols
 - Assistant Site Coordinator – Ensures implementation of daily program calendar, supports with behavior response plans, data entry into MyClubHub platform
 - Youth Development Assistant – Implements programs with a group of 15-20 youth



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PARTNER COLLABORATION



- Access to program spaces with a capacity to serve at least 100 youth each day
- Consideration of meal program partnership to provide youth with nutritious meals
- Opportunities to engage families and youth for recruitment purposes
- Invitation to meet with other key stakeholders in partnership
 - Educate stakeholders about Club programs
 - Connect youth with Club opportunities
- Memorandum of agreement



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CLUB IMPACT ON FAMILIES & PARTNERS



95%

Families that believe “The Club is a safe place for my children to work, learn & have fun.”

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Families that believe “At the Club, the staff really care about my children.”

94%

School faculty & staff that would recommend the Boys & Girls Club of North Central IL to another school district or community partner.

91%

School faculty & staff that believe the Club is an important part of their school.