



Hello Boys & Girls Club Families!

I know there is still snow on the ground, but it's never too early to think about your child's summer plans! Below is this year's Summer Camp registration schedule and information. We want to make sure that all families have a chance to get their child's paperwork in and, if necessary, find an alternative program when the space in our program fills up (and it does every year!). Please review the information and schedule below.

The Boys & Girls Club of Burlington offers an amazing Summer Camp program for Burlington and its surrounding communities. This year's Summer Camp program will be similar to last year's and will be split into two sessions that will last 3.5 - 4 weeks each. This decision has been made for many reasons; at the top of that list is safety during this pandemic, but close to that, is that two sessions allows us to have smaller groups which means more quality experiences for our campers. The split also allows us to accept more children into the program.

Prior to the start of our Summer Camp program each year we receive over 150 applications, for what is now 100 spots. This means that we have to turn away many deserving families. For this reason, we do not operate on a first-come first-serve basis, our criteria is mainly based on a family's **need** for our program. Along with that, a child's attendance to our other programming is also a factor. We read through EVERY application that comes in during the open enrollment period, and must narrow them down to fill the limited number of slots that we have available. We do everything we can to accept as many families as possible, but we recommend that you have a secondary option for your child, should camp space not be available. Please note, if your child is accepted into the Burlington School District's summer SOAR program, they will be placed on our waitlist, as they already have a program to attend this summer, while others may not.

The program is offered at little to no cost to those families who are accepted. Our tuition cost is \$50 per week (25% discount for each additional child). We will NEVER turn a family away due to the inability to afford our camp services. If you feel your family is unable to afford the tuition costs, and your child is accepted, we do require you to complete a CCFAA (Child Care Financial Assistance Application). If the application is not accepted by the state, then the Boys & Girls Club will provide a scholarship to your child(ren) for their tuition fees.

Applications for Summer Camp will become available on February 19th. Applications will be accepted from that point until April 16th. During this enrollment period, applications will be available at the main Clubhouse on Oak Street and the IAA afterschool site; as well as, on our website and our facebook page. Families will be notified of acceptance by May 7th. This schedule will allow us time to review all of the applications and notify families so they can plan their summers accordingly. Please choose your preferred session for our child to attend. We will do our best to offer the preferred sessions to those who are accepted, but can not make any guarantees.

All applications submitted MUST be fully completed to be accepted (our Club staff is more than willing to help with this if there are any questions). Applications must be dropped off at (or mailed to) our main Clubhouse (62 Oak Street, Burlington 05401), or emailed to agrattelo@bandgclub.org.

Summer Camp Registration Schedule	
Applications available and being accepted: (Applications received after April 17 th will be placed on our waiting list)	February 19 th - April 16 th
Notification of Acceptance:	By May 8 th
Summer Camp Sessions:	2 Sessions- Each will be 3.5 - 4 weeks <i>(Exact dates are TBD, based on end of current school year, and start of new school year.)</i>

Camp for the 1st through 7th graders will run Monday through Friday, from 9am - 5:30pm. Camp for the 8th graders (some 7th graders) will run Monday through Thursday from 9am - 5:30pm, with an optional drop-in field trip on Fridays. Campers in this group can either meet BGC staff at the field trip location (with their own transportation to and from field trip, or ride a bike as a group from the Club with a member of BGC Staff.

With the pandemic, we have had to make many changes (along with everyone else), and we appreciate your understanding of these, and we know that we will have a great summer this year!

Please feel free to reach out with any questions!

Sincerely,

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