



Welcome!

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana is excited that you have decided to join our Club. We are an after-school and summer youth development organization providing positive, educational, leadership, and character building programs for youth! Our mission is to inspire and empower all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring individuals.

We welcome you to our Club and we hope you are eager to explore!

Membership is \$35 per year, per child. Please see information below regarding tips on filling out the membership application. ***The application must be filled out in its entirety.***

- On the front page, if there is only one parent/guardian you may skip the 2nd Parent/Guardian information.
- On the back page under Membership Type, Full-time (paid membership), Full Scholarship (no monies collected), Partial Scholarship (some monies collected).
- We ask for assistance and income information so that we are able to receive the funding needed for our organization. It is important that this information is filled out accurately and completely.
- Medical/Insurance information is collected in case of emergency situations. Please be sure to list all medications and all known allergies.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact your local Club.

Sincerely,

Your Club staff!

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana
8392 Mississippi Street, 2nd Floor
Merrillville, IN 46402



Member Rules & Responsibilities

1. Earrings are prohibited for male members. Facial piercings are prohibited for all Club members.
2. Coats, jackets, hats and book bags must be checked in the designated area.
3. Personal belongings such as cell phones, iPods, MP3 players, toys, money, etc. should be left at home. Boys & Girls Clubs is not responsible for personal belongings of the members/visitors. Lost and found items will be kept for one week. If left unclaimed after one week, items will be donated.
4. Sagging pants and/or sagging gym shorts, halter/tank tops, biking shorts, short shorts (ages 10 and older), and tight fitted clothing are not permitted at the Club.
5. Clothing or accessories relating to gangs, abusive substances, sex, or obscenities are not permitted.
6. Club members cannot be barefoot while in the Club, at Club events, or while using Club transportation. Flip flops, crocs, and clogs are not permitted. Members should wear solid footing i.e. gym shoes, shoes with laces, etc.
7. Fighting is prohibited in the Club or at any Club event/trip. Club members will be suspended for a minimum for 3 days. Bullying will not be tolerated by Club members. Club Director will complete necessary paperwork and contact a parent.
8. Profanity will not be tolerated at the Club. Club Director will contact a parent on the second encounter.
9. Loitering outside of Club property is prohibited.
10. Members are asked to respect Club property and behave appropriately at the Club, on field trips, and while attending any Club events.
11. Eating is allowed in the Canteen Area Only! Sunflower seeds and gum are prohibited in the Club and on Club vehicles.
12. Club members must have parent permission before leaving the Club. Parents must enter the facility to sign their child(ren) out. Parents that allow other relatives or friends to pick up their child(ren) must present a valid I.D. *The Boys & Girls Clubs of Northwest Indiana is not responsible for your child(ren) if he/she is not on the premises.

I have read the Club rules. I understand the rules and procedures of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana.

Member Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please talk to staff if there are any questions regarding these rules.



Membership Application: School & General Information

Please select Yes or No for the following:

Member may participate in all Club activities in or outside of the Club building? Yes ☐ No ☐

Is member authorized by parent/guardian for **Acceptable Use of Technology**? Yes ☐ No ☐

Is member authorized by parent/guardian for **Data Collection & Sharing/School Information**? Yes ☐ No ☐

Is member authorized by parent/guardian for onsite medical treatment? Yes ☐ No ☐

Did member promote to the next school grade this past school year? Yes ☐ No ☐

Did your child have part time or seasonal work during the past 12 months? Yes ☐ No ☐

Release of Child's Artwork and Photographs (Please read below) Yes ☐ No ☐

I give the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana, Inc. full permission to use and keep my child's artwork; photographs or moving pictures they may take; or photographs or moving pictures in which my child appears for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana, Inc. Marketing and Development Department. This may include, but not be limited to, the web site, brochures, flyers, displays, or gifts to donors and board members. By checking yes above, my child and I are aware that this material may be used indefinitely in marketing and development pieces in the future if so chosen.

I have read through and checked the appropriate boxes regarding my child. I understand that this form will be placed in my child's membership file and will serve as a single document that can be accessed for proof of required documentation.

Print Child's Name

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Creating a Safe Passage for Our Members



Safe Passage Policy

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana operates with a Safe Passage Policy which reads as follows:

For members under the age of 12, a parent, guardian or other pre-authorized adult must retrieve the member from the Club. Members age 12 and older may leave the Club unescorted with written permission from a parent or guardian. Members 12 and older may also escort other members of their household from the Club.

No member, regardless of age, will be allowed to return to the Club once they leave the premises for the day. The Club will not physically restrain a member that insists on leaving the Club, nor block the facility's exits. Therefore, it is each parent's responsibility to discuss the Club's Safe Passage Policy with his or her child and ensure that he or she complies. The Club will not accept responsibility for members that leave the Club unsupervised and in breach of this policy. The Club does, however, reserve the right to discipline members that leave unescorted without written permission, up to and including suspension and termination of membership.





Has your child ever been a member of a Club?

☐ No ☐ Yes – Where?

Membership ID

MEMBERSHIP DATES (Staff Only)

Service:

Initial:

Receipt #:

Termination:

Renewal:

☐ Renewing ☐ Former ☐ New ☐ Transfer

HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD (Please Print)

LAST Name:

FIRST Name:

Gender:

Household Income:

☐ Male ☐ Female

- ☐ under \$20,000
☐ under \$30,000
☐ under \$40,000
☐ under \$50,000
☐ under \$60,000
☐ under \$70,000
☐ under \$80,000
☐ under \$90,000
☐ under \$100,000
☐ over \$100,000

Address:

(Line 1)

(Line 2)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Address Type:

☐ Home

☐ Work

☐ _____

in Household:

over 18 _____

under 18 _____

Contact Information:

(Home) () -

(Cell) () -

Military Family:

☐ YES (Branch)

☐ NO

(Work) () -

(Email)

Employer:

Job Title:

Occupation:

2ND PARENT/GUARDIAN (Please Print)

LAST Name:

FIRST Name:

Gender:

☐ Male ☐ Female

Address:

(Line 1)

(Line 2)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Address Type:

☐ Home

☐ Work

☐ _____

Contact Information:

(Home) () -

(Cell) () -

Military Family:

☐ YES (Branch)

☐ NO

(Work) () -

(Email)

Employer:

Job Title:

Occupation:

MEMBER INFORMATION (Please Print)**LAST Name:****FIRST Name:****MIDDLE Name:****Nick Name:****Birth Date:** (Month) (Day) (Year)**Gender:**☐ Male ☐ Female**Ethnicity:**☐ African American ☐ Asian American ☐ Caucasian ☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ Multi-Racial ☐ Native American ☐ Other **Membership Type:**☐ Full Time
☐ Full Scholarship
☐ Partial Scholarship**School:****Grade:****Pick Up Authorization Password:****Graduation Date: (H.S.)****Household Type – Check all that apply:**☐ Mother ☐ Father ☐ Foster
☐ Step-Mother ☐ Step-Father ☐ Grandparents
☐ Other**Check all that apply:**☐ TANF ☐ SSI ☐ Free/Reduced
☐ Food Stamps ☐ Veterans Lunch
☐ General Assistance ☐ Compensation ☐ Medicaid
☐ SSDI ☐ Day Care Voucher ☐ None Apply**Can Swim:**☐ YES ☐ NO**Family Setting:**☐ Foster ☐ Two Parent Family ☐ Other
☐ One Parent Family ☐ Guardian**Marital Status:**☐ Married ☐ Single ☐ Divorced**Member Address:** (Line 1) (Line 2) (City) (State) (Zip)**Phone Numbers:** (Home) () - (Cell) () - **MEDICAL INFORMATION** (Please Print)**Insurance:** ☐ Yes ☐ NoInsurance Carrier Policy # Permission to be treated by Doctor or Hospital ☐ YES ☐ NO**Medical Problems/Allergies/Disabilities:****Physician:****Physician Phone:** () - **Medications:****Hospital:****Hospital Phone:** () - **EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION** (Please Print)**1. First Name:****Last Name:****2. First Name:****Last Name:**☐ Lives with Member ☐ Male ☐ FemalePhone Cell Address ☐ Lives with Member ☐ Male ☐ FemalePhone Cell Address

I have read the completed application, understand the rules of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana and give permission for my child(ren) to be admitted into membership. I have explained the rules to my child(ren) and agree that the Club will not be responsible for any accident to the child(ren) while on the Club's premises or while engaged in any of its activities away from BGCGNWI. I understand that information in this application is confidential. I will provide verification upon request by the Club. I give my full permission and consent to BGCGNWI to use and keep my child(ren)'s artwork; photographs or moving pictures they may take or produce at the Club' or photographs or moving pictures in which my child(ren) may appear. Refunds will only be issued three days after date of collection because the fee paid does not reflect the true cost of program services offered to members.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Club Member's Signature

Date