



## Parental Agreement

*Boys & Girls Club of Massena is dedicated to ensuring that our community's young people, who are most in need of our help, have greater access to quality programs and services that help them succeed academically, live healthy lifestyles and become leaders.*

### **What is the Boys & Girls Club?**

Boys & Girls Club of Massena is an afterschool "Club" that offers supervised, evidence-based programming for all community school-aged youth (K - 12) until 6 pm on days school is in session. All members need to have membership forms filled out in their entirety and signed by legal guardian. (See page 3 for details on the programs offered and special events.)

### **Is there a cost to become a member?**

There is a \$10/year fee for each Club member. Scholarships and opportunities to earn a membership are available for anyone that can't afford the fee. Please talk to the CPO for details and an application. Membership forms are available at Boys & Girls Club of Massena, 30 Bayley Road, and online at [www.bgcmassena.org/BecomeAMember](http://www.bgcmassena.org/BecomeAMember).

**What are the days & times?** Each weekday (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday) that school is in session until 6 pm. *We will be closed on holidays and snow days.*

### **How does my child get there?**

Students attending BGCM daily can be bused directly to club with a completed transportation form from the Massena Central School District's transportation department (forms are available at BGCM and at individual schools).

Students who attend Jefferson and those students taking transfer buses to Jefferson will meet in Jefferson's cafeteria and will be walked up the hill to BGCM by Club staff. All elementary students (without change in transportation forms) must take transfer bus to Jefferson Elementary school. **Parents will be required to send a signed note in each day they wish to attend Club.** Space on transfer buses is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Middle School and High School students can take early or late transfer buses afterschool to Jefferson and walk to the Clubhouse. Once a student leaves Club property, they are not permitted to come back to Club (unless there is an event scheduled at Club later that night). CPO will make all determinations on intent of exit and return.

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**How will my child get home?**

Parents will need to provide transportation after the Club. Club members are required to have transportation by 6 pm (walkers must have signed permission from guardians). Elementary students must have an approved adult come in and sign them out. Only adults on our approved list will be allowed to pick up students. Parents can send in a signed note with changes, or call the CPO/or staff directly.

**What if my child needs to leave early or cannot attend?**

The safety of our members is vital. The Club staff will need to know of any schedule changes in advance. Please call the CPO at (315) 250-7806, email [director@bgcmassena.org](mailto:director@bgcmassena.org) or send a signed note prior for planned absences.

I give my child permission to walk home on the days that Club is held at the school he / she attends and is designated as a "walker."

My child will carpool home with friends. These are the names of those who are allowed to take my child from the club.

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I will sign my child out myself at or before 6 pm.

Parent or legal guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Phone Number to Reach You: \_\_\_\_\_



### **What types of activities & programs are part of the Club?**

Our main focus is providing our kids with a safe place to go after school (critical time for supervision and recreation), positive peer and adult role models, academic assistance and incentives for high achievement, daily sports & rec activities and opportunities, and a myriad of other activities including arts & crafts, cooking, gaming, socializing, as well as specialized programs that focus on STEM and workforce development. One of the largest components of our program is involving our youth in educational programs that develop leadership, teamwork, self-esteem and healthy living. We also collaborate on informational programs through partnerships with such community organizations as Massena Drug Free Coalition, Massena's First Responders (Fire, Police, Rescue), Massena Mental Health, Nature Center, Massena Central Schools, etc.

Students in grades 3 – 6 will wear color-coded wristbands that will identify grade. Each grade will report to the Learning Center for 30-minutes to complete their homework. If the student has already completed or has no homework, they will be required to log into iReady and work on math skills for that block of activity. Each time they spend 30 minutes on homework or iReady, they'll earn points toward attending upcoming fun field trips. Staff and volunteers will be available to help club members with their work. We encourage parents to let staff know if a Club member is in need of additional support. We are here to help them succeed.

We recently received an Alcoa Foundation grant that allows us to offer additional programming outside of regular Club hours. During these times, we will host Open Mic Nights, Role Playing Game Nights, Video Game competitions, themed movie nights, cooking clubs, and other interest-specific events. We also take our high achievers and hardworking Club kids on field trips to introduce them to the local universities and colleges, to enjoy fun activities like Laser Quest and Sky Zone in Ottawa, and on urban hikes in nearby cities.

We want to make sure kids get to see what's possible by introducing them to opportunities they may not otherwise be exposed to, within and beyond our community. It's hard for them to power through academics with a positive attitude unless they see the opportunities and understand the options. We are working to inspire our rural youth to want more out of life, work harder and dream bigger.

BGCM will also host parent workshops to share ways we can support one another and provide valuable information. These workshops will include: Positive Parenting, Setting Expectations, Building a College Portfolio, Grants & Scholarships, the FAFSA, Parent Plus Loans, Financial Literacy, Setting Goals & Prioritizing, Interviewing, Resume Writing, Dressing for Success, SAT Prep, Driver's Education, BOCES exploration, and much more.

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We have also secured an Arconic Foundation grant that will allow for STEM learning opportunities throughout the year. “Agents of Change” will include weekly game-based and project-based activities that develop students’ knowledge in science, technology, engineering and math. There will be field trips to local universities to explore various majors, projects and research, and on-site workshops to introduce new ideas and activities to club members that will help propel them into thinking about high tech career options.

Boys & Girls Club of Massena will also enroll club members in Club GO! Club GO! is a program developed to get kids active and strive to achieve a higher level of fitness. Activities will include a daily walking club, a 5K training club, Five-Minutes-of-Fitness competition, and other fun fitness competitions that will encourage physical activity.

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