



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 a "drop-in" afterschool Club that offers supervised, evidence-based programming for all community school-aged youth in grades 2 through 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. Membership forms are available at Boys & Girls Club of Massena, 30 Bayley Road, and online at www.bgcmassena.org/BecomeAMember.

Scholarships and opportunities to earn a membership are available for anyone that can't afford the fee. Please talk to Club Staff for details and an application.

What are the days & times? Each weekday (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday) that school is in session until 6 pm. *We are closed on holidays, snow days and early dismissal 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 attending occasionally, will need to bring in a signed note to allow them to take a transfer bus to the clubhouse.

Club kids who attend Madison or Nightengale schools will take the transfer bus to the Clubhouse (space on transfer buses is available on a first-come, first served basis). Club Kids attending Jefferson School can walk to the clubhouse, with our Grade 2 members meeting at the designated area in Jefferson School to be escorted by BGCM Staff to the clubhouse.

Middle School and High School students can take early or late transfer buses afterschool to Jefferson or East Orvis & Bayley then 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). Staff 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.

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 send a signed note or email director@bgcmassena.org 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.

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.

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 occasionally also offer special 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. Special field trips are offered throughout the year for our high achievers and hardworking Club kids 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.

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