



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF BROOKINGS**

FALL NEWSLETTER

August - December 2025

Open the door to Great Futures



Welcome to Fall 2025 at the Club!

When youth walk through our doors, they're not just arriving at an afterschool program; they're entering a space full of opportunity. At Boys & Girls Club of Brookings, we open the door to connection, support, and discovery. Here, youth feel safe, valued and encouraged to grow into who they're meant to be.

This fall, our programs are designed to help members explore new interests, build confidence, and stay on track in school, all with the guidance of mentors who show up every day and truly care.

Because **Great Futures Start Here**.

Brookings Needs Club Kids!

Strong kids build strong communities, and the future depends on how we invest in our youth today.

In Brookings, Club members are gaining the skills, resilience, and leadership they need to thrive. When Club kids succeed, our whole community grows stronger.

Brookings doesn't just benefit from Club kids, **Brookings needs them!**



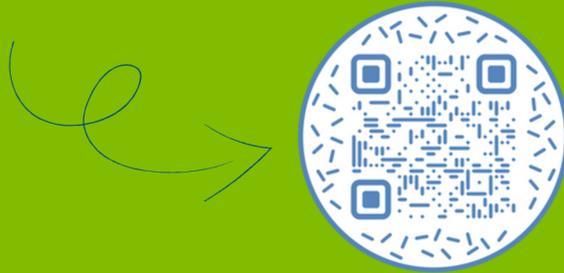
Enroll Now for a Fun & Enriching Fall at the Club!

If your child already has a 2025 membership, you're all set; it's valid through December 31, and no additional registration is needed for fall programs.

- An **active membership** is required to attend all programs.
- Not a member yet? No problem! New members just need to complete a short orientation with a parent or guardian before joining the fun.
- **Orientation is held on Mondays at 5:15 PM** — meet in the Elementary lobby to sign in.
- Want to drop in without a membership? That's available too — just \$1/day for Other Youth Served (OYS).

How can families enroll?

- Register online at greatfuturesd.org or scan the QR code to get started.



- Have questions or need help? Please contact Megan Green, Membership & Data Manager, at mgreen@greatfuturesd.org for assistance.

Activity Fees Reminder

Please pay all field trip or activity fees in advance. An **active 2025 membership** is required before signing up for or attending any field trips.

Payment must be received **before** the activity date to participate. Refunds are not available for missed events.

JK/Kindergarten Enrollment is Now Open!

Calling all incoming Junior Kindergarteners and Kindergarteners, it's time to join the Club! Enrollment is officially open, and we're excited to welcome our newest members. All new youth must attend a **Parent & New Member Orientation**. Orientation is held on Mondays at 5:15 PM at the Elementary Club.

 **First day for JK/Kindergarten Members:** Thursday, August 21.

Have questions? Contact Megan Green at mgreen@greatfuturesd.org.

Ready to enroll?

Visit greatfuturesd.org to get started!

Join Our Morning Program!

Looking for a safe, supportive space before school? The Boys & Girls Club of Brookings Morning Program is here for JK–5th grade members!

- Doors open at 6:00 AM, youth enjoy a positive environment, build friendships, and head into school ready to learn.
- Youth must be dropped off at the Yellow ECE entrance by 7:15 AM to catch their bus.
- Club staff will walk members to Mickelson Middle School to catch the bus to their designated school, arriving in time for breakfast.

 \$100 per semester + \$100 annual Club membership

 Enrollment is now open in MyClubHub: Caregiver Portal — space is limited!

 Be sure your child's school info is updated in the Caregiver Portal.



Food & Snacks

As summer wraps up and we head into the school year, the Club is here to keep members fueled and ready to succeed!

All meals and snacks are **FREE** for members — whether it's a busy weekday after-school or a full day off, kids can count on nutritious options to keep them energized, focused, and ready for Great Futures.

School Day Schedule

Members have the option to eat a light snack AND warm supper every day after school.

Full-Day Schedule

Members have the option to eat a morning snack, hot lunch, and an afternoon snack. Members who choose not to eat hot lunch at the Club can bring their own nut-free sack lunch from home. No fridge or microwave is available for these lunches.

Teens will be served snack on site and walk to the Elementary site to eat all meals.

 **Menus coming soon!**

See updates on our website: www.greatfutures.org

Fueling young minds and bodies is one more way we help kids build **Great Futures!**



Transportation

We're here to make getting to the Club easy and safe for every youth.

Summer Transportation (Through August)

 Elkton to Brookings:

- All Elkton members using Club transportation must be dropped off at the Elkton Club (School Cafeteria) by 8:30 AM



School Year Transportation

Elementary & Intermediate Transportation:

The Club partners with the Brookings School District to ensure all members are safely transported from schools to the Club each day.

To use this service, families must:

- Have an active Club membership in good standing
- Sign up for busing in **MyClubHub: Caregiver Portal** (Elementary members only)
- Notify both the school and your child's teacher that they'll be riding the bus to the Club

Please note: Only current Club members are eligible for transportation.

Middle School Transportation:

Middle school members will walk to the Teen Center following dismissal.

High School Transportation:

High school members will be picked up by Club transportation following dismissal. No signup required.

Club Reminders

Here are a few helpful reminders for the school year to help things run smoothly and ensure a safe, fun environment for all members. Thanks for staying connected and supporting youths' success!

Stay Connected

We want to keep you in the loop!

- **Email:** Important Club updates are sent to the Head of Household email. Please check regularly and make sure our messages aren't going to junk/spam.
- **Facebook:** Follow Boys & Girls Club of Brookings on Facebook for program updates, announcements, and more!

Cell Phone Policy (Elementary)

4th and 5th graders may use cell phones only during:
9:00–9:30 AM (no -school days) and **4:00–4:30 PM**

Outside these times, please call the Club directly to reach your child. All calls must be made with staff supervision in the back hallway.

 **Facebook, Snapchat, and all camera use are strictly prohibited.**

Drop-Off & Pick-Up

For the safety of all youth, parents/guardians must come inside the Club to drop off and pick up members.

Items from Home

We ask that personal toys and items be left at home to avoid lost or damaged belongings. The Club provides plenty of fun and engaging activities daily.

Club Cards Required

All members must bring their Club card each day. After three days without a card, a \$3 replacement fee will apply.

Mark Your Calendar!

August 19

Back to School Bash – 4:00 – 7:00 PM

August 20

Last Day of Summer Programming

August 20

End of Summer Party & Water Wars – 1:00 – 3:00 PM

August, 21

First Day of School – Afterschool – 7:00 PM

August, 22nd

Club Open - 3:30 – 7:00 PM

August 25 – 29

Club Closed - Fall Prep

September 1

Club Closed – Labor Day

September 24

Club Closing Early - at 6:00 PM for Staff Training

September 26

Club Closed – Staff Training

October 10

Club Open – 7:30 – 6:00 PM

October 13

Club Open – 7:30 – 6:00 PM

October 22

Club Closing Early - at 6:00 PM for Staff Training

October 24

Club Closed – Staff Training

November 19

Club Closing Early - at 6:00 PM for Staff Training

November 26

Club Open – 7:30 – 6:00 PM

November 27

Club Closed – Thanksgiving

November 28

Club Open – 7:30 – 6:00 PM

December 19

Club Open – 12:00 – 6:00 PM

December 22 – 23

Club Open – 7:30 – 6:00 PM

December 24 – 25

Club Closed – Christmas Eve

December 26

Club Open – 7:30 – 6:00 PM

December 29 – 31

Club Open – 7:30 – 6:00 PM

January 1

Club Closed – New Years Day

January 2

Club Open – 7:30 – 6:00 PM

January 5

Club Open – 7:30 – 6:00 PM



Fall Impact Programs

JOIN US this fall for fun, hands-on programs that spark curiosity, build new skills, and support learning, all in a safe and supportive environment.

Power Hour

Mondays at 4:15 PM | Wednesdays at 3:15 PM

Members will achieve academic success through homework help and tutoring. Staff will encourage youth to become self-directed learners and provide additional academic enrichment.

Little Foodies

Thursdays at 4:00 PM

SDSU Nutrition & Dietetics is leading a weekly program for **JK–2nd graders** focused on healthy choices and habits. Each session includes hands-on games, crafts, and making a nutritious snack.

Fun at Bat

Tuesdays | 4:30 PM

Fun at Bat is a youth enrichment program centered around baseball for all skill levels, focusing on character development and physical education.

Through dynamic warm-ups and skill-building activities, youth build motor skills and athletic ability while learning values like teamwork, respect, and responsibility based on USA Baseball Championship Principles.

Endorsed by SHAPE America, the program promotes physical literacy, inclusion, and lifelong wellness — all in a fun, engaging environment.

Special Programs & Events

JOIN US this fall for exciting school-year events and celebrations that connect youth, build community, and make every season special in a fun and supportive space! 🎉

K - 5th Grade

Club Halloween Party

October 17 | 7:00 - 9:00 PM | \$10

Non-members Welcome!

(Sign-up opens October 10 in MyClubHub: Caregiver Portal)

Friday Fun Nights

September 5 | 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM | \$10

October 3 | 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM | \$10

November 7 | 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM | \$10

(Sign-up opens 1 week prior in MyClubHub: Caregiver Portal)

Evening Programs

Every night from **6:00 – 7:00 PM**, members can participate in a special program designed to build skills, explore interests, and have fun!

- Monday: Board Game Night
- Tuesday: Tech Night
- Wednesday: Open Gym
- Thursday: Lounge Night
- Friday: Night Games



Seasonal Reminder



No matter the forecast, the Club is here to support your family. On snow days, we'll be open from **7:30 AM to 6:00 PM**. A hot lunch option and supper will be served on snow days; members may also bring a nut-free sack lunch.

If school lets out early due to weather, the Club will open after school and remain open until **6:00 PM**, unless otherwise noted.

For the latest weather-related updates, follow us on Facebook or check your email. We'll keep you informed every step of the way.



Full Day Field Trips & Activities

(No School Days):

T Space is limited — All fees must be paid before the start of the activity.

Berndt Family Farms Pumpkin Patch

October 10 | Time TBD | \$10

(Sign-up opens October 3 in MyClubHub: Caregiver Portal)

Wildfire Children's Activity Center

October 13 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM | \$15

(Sign-up opens October 6 in MyClubHub: Caregiver Portal)

Turkey Day Slime

November 26 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM | \$10

(Sign-up opens November 19 in MyClubHub: Caregiver Portal)

Shrinky Dink Keychain Craft

November 28 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM | \$10

(Sign-up opens November 19 in MyClubHub: Caregiver Portal)



Ceramic Ornament Painting

December 22 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM | \$15

(Sign-up opens December 15 in MyClubHub: Caregiver Portal)

3 VS. 3 Basketball Tournament

December 22 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM | FREE

(No Registration Needed)

Holiday Cookie Decorating

December 23 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM | \$10

(Sign-up opens December 16 in MyClubHub: Caregiver Portal)

Movie & Hot Chocolate

December 26 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM | **FREE**

(No Registration Needed)

Sand Art Craft

December 29 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM | \$10

(Sign-up opens December 22 in MyClubHub: Caregiver Portal)

Cinema 8 Field Trip

December 30 | Time TBD | \$15

(Sign-up opens December 23 in MyClubHub: Caregiver Portal)

New Year's Eve Party

December 31 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM | **FREE**

(No Registration Needed)

Sock Snowman Craft

January 2 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM | \$10

(Sign-up opens December 26 in MyClubHub: Caregiver Portal)

The Lanes Field Trip

January 5 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM | \$15

(Sign-up opens December 29 in MyClubHub: Caregiver Portal)





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Halloween Party

Friday, October 31 | 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM | **FREE**
 \$3 for non-members + \$1 OYS fee
 (No Registration Needed)

Cider & Smiles Carnival

Thursday, November 13 | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM | \$10
 (Sign-up opens October 17 in MyClubHub: Caregiver Portal)



Special Reminders

A few quick rules to keep the Teen Center safe, fun, and welcoming for everyone!

🏠 Respect Private Property

Please remind your teen to avoid cutting through StoneyBrook Assisted Living on the way to the Club. Let's be good neighbors and respectful of surrounding property.

📱 No Camera Use Allowed

To protect everyone's privacy, teens are not allowed to use the camera function on their mobile devices while at the Teen Center.

🚭 Tobacco- and Vape-Free Zone

The Teen Center is a tobacco- and vape-free space. Prohibited items will be confiscated, and members may face suspension for violations.

📇 Club Cards Required Daily

Members must carry their Club Card at all times. After three days without a card, a **\$3 replacement fee** will apply.



Teen Fall Impact Programs

FREE for All Teen Members! No registration required!

This Fall, join us for hands-on, youth-driven programs that build confidence, creativity, leadership and community.

Teen Court Club

Tuesdays | 4 - 5 PM

Teens will explore how the court system works, including roles, responsibilities, courtroom etiquette, and the importance of confidentiality. Through mock trials, members will practice skills as attorneys and jury members, focusing on delivering fair, thoughtful "sentences" to peers during simulated cases.

Money Matters

Mondays | 4 - 5 PM

Money Matters helps teens build financial literacy and the skills needed for lifelong success. Through hands-on lessons, teens learn to make smart financial decisions and gain the confidence to become productive, caring, and responsible citizens.

Keystone

Tuesdays | 4 - 5 PM

Teens identify needs in their community and take action through volunteerism, becoming leaders and changemakers in their Club and beyond.

Keepin' It Real

Wednesdays & Thursdays | 4 - 5 PM

Keepin' It Real is a prevention program that promotes mental health and positive youth development by helping youth resist drug, alcohol and tobacco use, while building skills to make healthy choices.

E-Sports

Wednesdays | 2:30 - 4 PM

E-sports helps teens build teamwork, communication, and strategic thinking as they work together toward shared goals. Players practice problem-solving and quick decision-making, while gaining a strong sense of community and belonging, especially for those not involved in traditional sports.



Fall Prevention Campaign Initiatives

(Registration is not required for any of the campaign activities)

September – National Recovery Month

Thursdays | Gratitude Journals | 4:00 – 5:00 PM

October – Red Ribbon Week

Spirit Week Dress-Up Days & Activities + games and prizes | 3:45 – 5:30 PM

- October 23 – **Drugs Can't Find Me!** (Wear camo)
 - Kahoot or Blooket
- October 27 – **REdY to Be Drug-Free** (Wear red)
 - Drug free pact/pledge
- October 28 – **Team Up Against Drugs!** (Wear your favorite sports jersey)
- October 29 – **Too Bright for Drugs!** (Wear pink for Breast Cancer Awareness)
 - Drug free pact/pledge
- October 30 – **Put a Cap on Drugs** (Wear a hat)
 - Bingo

Cold Turkey Day

November 20 | In dedication to quitting substance use, The Teen Center plans to serve turkey sandwiches for snack time.

Merry & Mindful

December 18 | Hot cocoa-themed card-making activity | 4:00 – 5:00 PM

Full Day Field Trips & Activities

(No School Days)

SDSU Dairy Tour & Ice Cream

October 10 | Time 8:30 - 11:30 AM | Price \$15
(Sign-up opens October 3 in MyClubHub: Caregiver Portal)

Pumpkin Painting

October 13 | 9:30 - 11:00 AM | \$10
(Sign-up opens October 6 in MyClubHub: Caregiver Portal)

Oakwood Hike

October 13 | 1:30 - 4:00 PM | \$5
(Sign-up opens October 6 in MyClubHub: Caregiver Portal)

Thanksgiving Bingo & Pies

November 26 | 2:00 - 3:00 PM | \$5
(Sign-up opens November 19 in MyClubHub: Caregiver Portal)

Recycled Gingerbread House Competition at Stoneybrook

December 22 | 9:30 - 11 AM | **FREE**
(No Registration Needed)

Tie Blanket Making

December 23 | Time 1- 3pm | \$15
(Sign-up opens December 22 in MyClubHub: Caregiver Portal)

Hot Chocolate & Movie

December 26 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM | **FREE**
(No Registration Needed)

Bingo & Hot Chocolate

January 2 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM | **FREE**
(No Registration Needed)



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