



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF BROOKINGS**

July 2025

MONTHLY MEMO

Open the door to great futures

Hello July!

Summer is in full swing at Boys & Girls Club, and it's all about friendships, new adventures and building confidence every day. We're excited to keep the momentum going strong!



Our Mission

To inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

Our Vision

Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Plains, Inc. will be a dynamic, diverse organization that is recognized as champions for youth, as well as a leader for positive change in the world.

Priority Outcomes

- Academic Success
- Good Character & Leadership
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Workforce Readiness

15th Annual Truck Raffle – 2025

🚚 Don't Miss Your Chance to WIN!



Support the Club youth and enter our 15th Annual Truck Raffle for your chance to choose: a 2024 Dodge RAM 1500 Warlock, \$25,000 in cash, or a \$25,000 credit at Einspahr Auto.

Tickets: \$100

Raffle Drawing: July 31!

- Get yours at www.greatfuturesd.org/BrookingsTruckRaffle
- Scan the QR code to learn more & buy now!



Membership Reminder

Have you renewed your 2025 membership?

Memberships were due January 1

Annual Fee: \$100 (valid Jan 1 – Dec 31)

To ensure your child receives the full benefits of Club membership, please complete registration as soon as possible.

Until membership is renewed, a \$2/day Other Youth Served (OYS) fee will apply.

Register here:

www.greatfuturesd.org/brookings-membership



Join Our Morning Program!

Looking for a safe, positive place for your child before school? The Boys & Girls Club of Brookings Morning Program offers K–5th grade members a supportive start to their day.

For \$100 per semester (plus a \$100 annual Club membership), youth can build friendships, grow their potential, and head into school ready to succeed.

The program opens at 6:00 a.m., with transportation provided to local schools in time for breakfast.

Enrollment opens July 21 in the Parent Portal. Space is limited!

Kindergarten Enrollment is Now Open!

🎉 Calling all incoming Kindergarteners, it's time to join the Club! 🎉

Kindergarten 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 Kindergarteners:
Thursday, August 21

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

🌟 **Ready to enroll?** Log in to the Parent Portal and start your Club adventure today!



Meet Our New Team Members!

We're excited to celebrate our amazing Elementary team, including a familiar face and a fresh new addition! With their energy, compassion, and dedication, they're here to help members learn, grow, and feel at home at the Club.



Kate Mathiesen **Elementary Director**

kmathiesen@greatfuturesd.org
605-692-3333 ext. 205

We're excited to announce Kate Mathiesen as the new Elementary Director at the Brookings Club!

For the past four years, she's been a dedicated leader, building relationships, supporting youth, and living our mission. We're thrilled for families to connect with her in this new role!

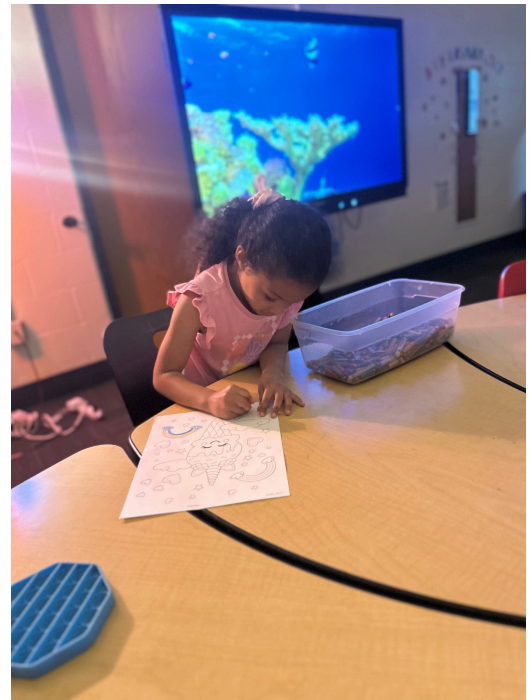


Haley Peek **4th & 5th Grade Program Coordinator**

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605-692-3333 ext. 209

We're happy to welcome Haley Peek as our new 4th & 5th Grade Program Coordinator!

Since joining in June 2024, she's built strong connections and was named Youth Development Professional of the Year. We're excited for all she'll bring to this role!



Learning pickleball and having fun!

We're here to help, ask us about assistance or payment options:

Megan Green, Elementary Program Coordinator, at mgreen@greatfuturesd.org or
Kate Mathiesen, Elementary Director, at kmathiesen@greatfuturesd.org



Summer Meals & Snacks



We're proud to provide **FREE** meals and snacks all summer!

- **Breakfast:** 8:30–10:00 AM (No sign-up required)
- **Snack:** 3:00 PM & 4:15 PM (Pool Kids) (No sign-up required)
- **Lunch:** Served from 11:15 AM – 12:30 PM
- Sign up daily at the front desk by 10:00 AM
- If arriving after 10:00 AM, please call ahead to reserve lunch

Bringing Lunch from Home?

- All sack lunches must be nut-free
- No access to fridge or microwave, so please pack accordingly

Breakfast Menu

Continental Breakfast

Lunch Menu: See on our website!

www.greatfuturessd.org/brookings

Transportation

All Elkton members participating in Club Transportation to Brookings **MUST** be dropped off at the Elkton Club (School Cafeteria) by 8:30AM.



Exploring the wild at Bramble Park Zoo!

Upcoming Field Trips

Register via Parent Portal starting one week in advance.

Friday, July 18 – Skate City

11:30 AM – 3:30 PM | \$15 Lunch will be served at 11:00 AM for all attendees
(Registration opens July 11)

Friday, July 25 – Washington Pavilion

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM | \$12 Members **MUST** bring a nut-free sack lunch
(Registration opens June 13)

Updates & Reminders

Stay connected with the latest Club updates and helpful reminders to ensure your child has a safe, fun and successful experience!

Cell-Phone Policy

4th and 5th graders may use cell phones only during designated times:

- 9:00–9:30 AM & 4:00–4:30 PM

To reach your child outside of these windows, please call the Club. All calls must be made with **staff supervision** in the back hallway.

Please note: 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

To avoid lost or damaged belongings, personal toys and items should be left at home. The Club provides a wide variety of engaging activities and materials each day.

Club Cards Required

All members must carry their Club cards daily. After three days without a card, a **\$3 replacement fee** will be charged.

Activity Fees

All field trip, camp or **activity fees must be paid in advance.**

Please note: Members must have a paid 2025 membership before they can be signed up or attend any field trips.

If payment is not received before the activity date, the member will not be allowed to attend. The Club does not provide refunds for missed events.



Summer Camps

JOIN US this summer for fun, enriching programs that spark curiosity, build skills and support learning, all in a safe and supportive environment.

👉 Register through the Parent Portal when registration opens for each camp.

Fishing Camp Session 3

July 16 & 18 | 9:00 – 11:15 AM | \$30
(Registration opens July 7)

SD First Tee

Tuesdays & Thursdays | June 17 – July 31
10:30 – 11:45 AM (Registration Closed)

Pokémon Camp - June 3 – July 31

Tuesdays | 1st & 2nd grade
Thursdays | 3rd – 5th grade
9:30 – 11:00 AM | \$40
(Registration opened May 27)

Art Camp - July 23

1:00 – 3:00 PM | \$35 (Registration Closed)

Trailblazers Camp - July 7 – August 1

Mondays & Fridays | 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM | \$12
(Registration Closed)

Water Wars - July 25 & August 20

1:00 – 3:00 PM | **FREE**
(No registration required)

Cinema Wednesdays - 1:30 PM

Members are invited to bring cash to purchase concessions



Special Reminders

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.



DOBikes volunteering at the Teen Center

Upcoming Events

Intramural Basketball in Watertown | Thursday, July 17 | 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM | [No Registration Required](#)

Rock Climbing at SDSU Wellness Center | Wednesday, July 23 | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM | [\\$20](#) | [Registration opens July 16](#)

Trailblazing at Oakwood | Monday, July 28 | 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM | [\\$10](#) | [Registration opens June 21](#)

Bring your bike! Contact the Teen Center to reserve a bike if needed!
(Members must bring a nut-free sack lunch!)



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- **Snack:** 9:00 AM & 3:00 PM (or 4:30 PM for pool attendees)
- **Lunch:** Served at 11:00 AM

Sign up daily at the front desk by 10:00 AM
(Teens will walk to the elementary site for Lunch.)

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Breakfast Menu

Continental Style

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Meet Our New Team Members!

We're excited to introduce two incredible additions to our team. Each brings passion and purpose to support our youth in new ways.



Ariana Johnson – Youth Diversion Coordinator

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Ariana is a Lake Area Tech graduate in Human Services, with a focus on Mental Health and Youth Offenses. She brings experience from working in special education settings, supporting IEPs, 504 plans and behavior strategies.



Erin Gordon – Teen Workforce Empowerment Coordinator

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Erin recently moved to Brookings from Pullman, WA and holds a B.S. in Psychology from Washington State University. She enjoys empowering teens to grow in confidence, responsibility and self-efficacy.



Teens volunteering at the Glacial Lakes Humane Society

Intermural sports

Competing with local towns in basketball and volleyball!

Basketball Practice

Tuesday, July 15 | 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Intramural Basketball in Watertown

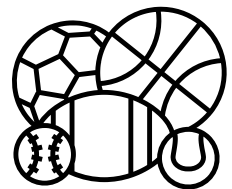
Thursday, July 17 | 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Volleyball Practice

Wednesday, August 6 | 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Intramural Volleyball

Friday, August 8 | 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM



We're here to help Contact:

Jayde O'Daniel, Teen Center Program Coordinator, at Jodaniel@greatfuturesd.org 605-692-3333 ext. 403 or Lindsey Schreck, Teen Center Director at lschreck@greatfuturesd.org 605-692-3333 ext 400

Summer Impact Programs

FREE for All Teen Members! No registration required!

This summer, join us for hands-on, youth-driven programs that build confidence, creativity, leadership and community. There's something for everyone *no experience needed!*

Gardening Camp

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays | 9:00 - 9:30 AM

Dig in and grow! Teens will plant, tend and harvest fruits and vegetables in our raised garden beds at the Teen Center. Runs until the harvest is complete. Supplies provided, but feel free to bring your gardening tools!

STEAM Camp

Tuesdays | 10:30–11:00 AM

Try your hand at creative, hands-on projects that blend science, tech, engineering, art and math.

July 22 – Tie Dye

E-Sports

Wednesdays | 2:20 - 4:00 PM

Participate in competitive video gaming where members will face off in popular video games.

Teen Council

Wednesdays | 10:30–11:00 AM

Build leadership skills, connect with peers, and give back to the community while having fun as part of a collaborative team.

Trailblazer Camp

Wednesdays | 9:00–10:30 AM

Explore the Brookings bike trails and enjoy the outdoors! Bring your bike or borrow one from the Teen Center.

Fishing Fridays

Fridays | 8:30–11:00 AM

Head to Nature Park with us every Friday and cast a line! Teens will have their own fishing license for the season and may bring their own fishing gear or borrow from the Club.

Teen Court Club

Tuesdays | 4:00–5:00 PM

Step into the courtroom! Learn about legal roles and processes through mock trials and practice your critical thinking and public speaking skills as a jury member, prosecutor or defense attorney.



Teen Center members planting their veggies!

**Build skills, friendships
and confidence.**

It all starts at the Club!

