



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF BROOKINGS

October
2025

MONTHLY MEMO

Open the door to Great Futures

Hello October!

A new month means new adventures at the Club! 🎉 Take a look at all the exciting activities and learning opportunities we have lined up for October!



OUR MISSION

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

Reminder →

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL



Have you renewed your child's Club membership? Memberships were due January 1.

- Annual Fee: \$100 (valid Jan 1–Dec 31)
- Membership gives your child access to safe, fun, and enriching programs all year long.

Please complete your registration as soon as possible to avoid the \$2/day Other Youth Served (OYS) fee.

📌 Register today: Click the link or scan the QR code!
www.greatfuturesd.org/brookings-membership

i At Boys & Girls Club of Brookings, no child will be refused membership or paid program services due to inability to pay. For assistance, please contact Megan Green, at mgreen@greatfuturesd.org.



NEED SUPPORT?

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BUFFALO WILD WINGS FUNDRAISER OCT. 1–NOV. 2



Buffalo Wild Wings is teaming up with Boys & Girls Club of Brookings to support Great Futures!

🍷 All Month Long: Guests who give at least \$5 at Buffalo Wild Wings will receive a coupon for 6 **FREE boneless wings** on a future visit.

Special Event at BWW
Tuesday, Oct. 14 | 5–7 PM
📍 Buffalo Wild Wings – Brookings



Proceeds raised by Buffalo Wild Wings will benefit programs for kids & teens at the Club. ❤️



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Friday, October 10

Full Day: Open - 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Monday, October 13

Full Day: Open - 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday, October 22

Club Closing at 6:00 PM – Staff Training

Friday, October 24

Club Closed – Staff Training



TRANSPORTATION

Elementary & Camelot 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 the Caregiver Portal (MCH) — 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.

Mickelson Middle School Transportation:

Middle schoolers will walk to the Teen Center after dismissal. Please remind your teens of the importance of using crosswalks when crossing the street. **We strongly encourage members to use the newly built crosswalk at the corner of Southland Lane and 12th Street South.**

Brookings High School Transportation:

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



FOOD & SNACKS

All meals and snacks are **FREE** for members, helping kids stay energized, focused, and ready for Great Futures.



School Days

- Light snack & warm supper after school

Full Days

- Morning snack, hot lunch & afternoon snack
- Members may bring a nut-free sack lunch (no fridge/microwave available)

☞ Check the full menu on our website at greatfuturesd.org/brookings — then click the **orange button** to view it.

Junior Kindergarten

Great News! Our Elementary site now welcomes **Junior Kindergarten students** for before- and after-school care. ❤️
Spread the word to families who may be looking!



JOIN OUR MORNING PROGRAM! JK-5TH GRADE 🌞

Boys & Girls Club of Brookings Morning Program offers JK-5th grade members a supportive start to their day.

For \$100 per semester (plus a \$100 annual membership), youth can build friendships, grow their potential, and head into school ready to succeed. The program opens at 6:00 AM, with transportation provided to local schools in time for breakfast.

✨ *No child will be refused membership or paid program services due to inability to pay. Assistance is available, please reach out.*

📍 Contact:

Kate Mathiesen, Elementary Director

📞 605-692-3333 Ext. 205 | ✉️

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👉 Enroll today through the Caregiver Portal (MCH).

Space is limited!



SIGN UP → SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Sign up required! Register for field trips and fee-based activities through this [QR code](#) or in [Caregiver Portal \(MCH\)](#).

**All activities open for registration one week before the event.



PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

SIGN UP →

FRIDAY FUN NIGHT: PUMPKIN PAINTING & PIZZA

Friday, October 3 | 7:00 – 8:30 PM | \$10

SIGN UP →

FIELD TRIP: BERNDT FAMILY FARMS PUMPKIN PATCH

Friday, October 10 | 1:00 – 3:00 PM | \$10

SIGN UP →

FIELD TRIP: WILDFIRE CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY CENTER

Monday, October 13 | 1:00 – 3:00 PM | \$15

A signed waiver is required:

[Complete the Waiver Here](#)

Or scan the QR code



SIGN UP →

HALLOWEEN CLUB PARTY

Friday, October 17 | 7:00 – 9:00 PM | \$10

Please note: We do our best to stick to all planned schedules. Occasionally, dates or activities may shift to better serve the needs of our kids and families. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility!



Reminder

Items from Home

Leave personal toys/items at home — our Clubs provide plenty of fun activities!

Activity Fees

Fee-based activities, trips, or camps must be paid before attending.

Stay Connected

- Email: Updates go to the Head of Household email. Please check regularly and mark us safe from junk/spam.
- Facebook: Follow Boys & Girls Club of Brookings for updates, announcements & more.

Reminder

Helpful Reminders for a Great School Year

Cell Phone Policy (Elementary)

- 4th–5th graders may use phones only during designated times:
 - School days: 3:45–4:15 PM
 - Full days: 9:00–9:30 AM & 4:00–4:30 PM
- To reach your child outside these times, call the Club (staff will supervise calls).
- 🚫 Facebook, Snapchat & all camera use are not allowed.

Drop-Off & Pick-Up

- Parents/guardians must come inside for drop-off and pick-up.
- If arriving during after-school drop-off, please wait outside until youth are scanned in. If you cannot wait, consider school pick-up instead.



TEEN CENTER CAMPAIGNS & EVENTS

Lawyer Presentation

- Tuesday, October 7 | 4:00 – 5:00 PM

Teree Nesvold, a local attorney with Helsper, McCarty & Rasmussen, will be visiting the Club to share with our teens what it's like to work in the legal field!

Halloween Party

- Friday, October 31 | 4:00 – 6:00 PM | **FREE** for members

October – Red Ribbon Week: Celebrating the importance of living a drug-free life!

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

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



Reminder! Teen Center 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.