



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF ELKTON

FALL NEWSLETTER

August - December 2026

Open the door to Great Futures



Welcome to Fall 2026 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 Elkton, 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.**

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

To keep Club access affordable and flexible for families, Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Plains offers seasonal Elementary memberships. Every member will enjoy the same high-quality programs, caring staff, and safe environment—families simply select the rate that fits their budget.

Membership Levels

- Fall: \$50 • \$100 • \$150

Enrollment Information

- Enrollment OPENS July 20, 2026, on the Caregiver Portal (MyClubHub)
- Family Cap: No family pays membership fees for more than three (3) Club members. Membership for the 4th, 5th, and any additional youth is covered at no cost. This applies to all members enrolled in any of our Traditional Club programs, Junior Kindergarten through 12th grade.



Family Orientation

Orientation is required for **ALL Club families** before starting at the Club this fall. Orientation for the Elkton site can be scheduled by contacting Unit Director, Kaylie Hemish at khemish@greatfuturesd.org.

Additional Fall Orientation Offering:

Tuesday, August 25 | 5:15 PM | Virtual (*see the link on our website*)

Sign up is not required for orientation

Financial Support

Scholarships ranging from 20%–100% off and payment plans are available to ensure every child who wants to attend the Club can do so.

Need Help?

- At the Boys & Girls Club of Brookings, no child will be refused membership or paid program services due to inability to pay. For questions or scholarship assistance, please contact:
- scholarships@greatfuturesd.org
- ☎ 605-692-3333 ext. 151.

Activity Fees Reminder

Please ensure all field trip or activity fees are paid in advance. An active Fall 2026 membership is required before signing up for or attending any field trips.

Payment must be received prior to the activity date to participate. We're unable to provide refunds for missed events.



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 — keeping kids energized, focused, and ready for Great Futures.

School Day Schedule

- Members receive a free light snack upon dismissal & supper served daily at 5:00 PM

Full-Day Schedule (While attending Brookings Club)

Members have the option to eat breakfast, hot lunch, and an afternoon snack. Members who choose not to eat hot lunch at the Club may bring a nut-free sack lunch from home (no fridge or microwave available). Fueling young minds and bodies is just one more way we support **Great Futures**.

IMPACT PROGRAMS

JOIN US for **FREE** Impact Programs that inspire curiosity, encourage healthy habits, build leadership skills, and prepare members for great futures, all in a safe and supportive Club environment.

These special programs will run regularly in addition to the daily scheduled programs; no registration is required.

Brain Boosters

Brain Boosters combines light homework support with interactive puzzles, games, and thinking activities that promote focus, creativity, and problem-solving. It's designed to help kids grow their confidence while keeping their minds active and engaged.

Mindful Moves

A calming, active program with yoga, dance, and simple movement games. Kids learn to focus, relax, and take care of their bodies while having fun with friends.

Club Captain

Members will get the chance to step into a leadership role and become a Club Staff Assistant for the Day! Each Wednesday, a different member will rotate into this special role, helping lead programs, set up activities, serve snack, and support staff behind the scenes. It's a fun way to build responsibility, teamwork, and confidence while getting a sneak peek at what it's like to help run the Club!



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 at 605-651-3766 to reach your child. All calls must be made with staff supervision.



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



Drop-Off & Pick-Up

For the safety of all youth, to pick up or drop off your member, please call 605-651-3766 when you arrive.



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.



Weather Closures

For the safety of our members and staff, the Elkton Club will be closed whenever the Elkton School District has a snow day or dismisses early due to inclement weather.



Stay Connected: Closure notifications will be sent to the Head of Household email on file.



Mark Your Calendar!

The Elkton Club is **closed on no-school days**.

Elkton members may attend the **Brookings Club** on designated Brookings no-school days (listed below) from **7:30 AM – 6:00 PM**.

August 26

First day of Elkton Club after-school programming

August 19 - 25

Club Closed - Fall Prep

September 7

Club Closed - Labor Day

September 25

Club Closed - Staff Training

October 16

Club Closed - No School

October 23

Club Closed - Staff Training

November 20

Club Closed - Staff Training

November 25

Club Closed - (Brookings Club open: 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM)

November 26

Club Closed - Thanksgiving

November 27

Club Closed - (Brookings Club open: 7:30 AM–6:00 PM)

December 21 – 23

Club Closed - (Brookings Club open: 7:30 AM–6:00 PM)

December 24 – 25

Club Closed - Christmas Eve/Christmas

December 28 – 31

Club Closed - (Brookings Club open: 7:30 AM–6:00 PM)

January 1

Club Closed - New Years Day



BROOKINGS ELEMENTARY**Thanksgiving & Winter
Break Full-Day Activity
Schedule**

Elkton members are invited to join our fun Winter Break full-day activities! To register in MyClubHub: Caregiver Portal, please change your location to the “**Brookings K-5th Grade**” site.

Berndt Family Farms Pumpkin Patch

October 9 | Time TBD | \$10

(Sign-up opens October 2 in MyClubHub: Caregiver Portal)

Wildfire Children’s Activity Center

October 12 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM | \$15

(Sign-up opens October 5 in MyClubHub: Caregiver Portal)

Cocoa & Canvas

November 25 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM | \$10

(Sign-up opens November 18 in MyClubHub: Caregiver Portal)

3 VS. 3 Basketball Tournament

December 23 | 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 28 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM | **FREE**

(No Registration Needed)

Gingerbread Houses

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)

The Lanes Field Trip

January 4 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM | \$15

(Sign-up opens December 28 in MyClubHub: Caregiver Portal)

**Special Programs
& Events**

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

Elkton members are always welcome at Brookings Club Parties and Friday Fun Nights, don’t miss out on the fun!

Brookings Elementary Club Party**Club Halloween Party**

October 16 | 7:00 - 9:00 PM | \$10

(Non-members Welcome!)

(Sign-up opens October 9 in MyClubHub: Caregiver Portal)

Friday Fun Nights

September 4 | 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM | \$10

October 2 | 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM | \$10

November 6 | 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM | \$10

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

