



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF THE NORTHERN PLAINS**

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

May - August 2026

Boys & Girls Club of Brookings & Elkton



Welcome to Summer 2026 at the Club!

At the Boys & Girls Club of Brookings & Elkton, we believe every young person deserves a safe, supportive place to belong, have fun, and discover their strengths. This summer, our programs are designed to do just that—blending fun, friendship, and hands-on experiences with meaningful opportunities to learn, lead, and grow.

Rooted in our mission and delivered through high-quality programming, the Club Experience helps youth build academic success, healthy habits, and strong character. With caring mentors and an encouraging environment, every day at the Club moves members closer to their potential—because **Great Futures Start Here!**

Ready to Join?

- An Active Summer 2026 Membership (Elementary Site) or a 2026 Teen Center Annual Membership is required to participate in summer programming.
- Drop-in option (no membership): \$2 per day, payable at entry.
- New members are required to attend an orientation with a parent or guardian prior to their first visit. Orientations are held every Monday at 5:15 PM at the Elementary Site.
- Register online at greatfuturesd.org or by scanning the QR code.



Mark Your Calendar!

- May 18–22**
Club Closed – Summer Prep
- May 25**
Club Closed – Memorial Day
- May 26**
First Day of Summer Programming
June 1, 2, 3
- Pool Orientation & Safety Tests
June 19
- Club Closed – Staff Training
July 3
- Club Closed – Independence Day
July 24
- Club Closed - Staff Training
August 18
- Last Day of Summer Programming
August 18
- Back to School Bash
August 19-25
- Club Closed - School Prep
August 26
- First Day of School -
Club Open 3:30 - 7:00 PM
September 7
- Club Closed - Labor Day

WHO WE SERVE

BROOKINGS & ELKTON ELEMENTARY SITE:

The Brookings & Elkton Club serves youth in Junior Kindergarten through 5th grade, offering a safe, positive, and engaging environment after school and throughout the summer. Members take part in a wide range of programs designed to support academic success, provide enriching experiences, strengthen social-emotional skills, promote good character and leadership, and encourage healthy lifestyles and recreation—all led by caring, trained staff who are committed to helping every child build confidence and thrive in school and in life.

To be eligible for Elementary Club programming this summer, youth must have completed Junior Kindergarten/Kindergarten during the 2025–2026 school year. Current 5th grade members will transition to the Teen Center at the start of summer programming.



BROOKINGS TEEN CENTER SITE:

The Teen Center serves youth in 6th through 12th grade, providing a safe and welcoming space where teens can learn, grow, and connect. Programs are designed to support academic success, build leadership skills, prepare members for the workforce, and promote healthy lifestyles. Through a mix of structured activities and teen-led opportunities, members develop confidence, responsibility, strong character, and the skills they need to succeed beyond high school.



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MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS FOR SUMMER 2026:

To keep Club access affordable and flexible for families, the Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Plains offers seasonal memberships levels at all traditional Club sites. Every member receives the same high-quality programs, supportive staff, and safe environment—families simply choose the rate that works best for them and their budget.

Summer Membership Levels

Summer: \$150 • \$200 • \$250

Enrollment Information

- Enrollment is now open on the Caregiver Portal (MyClubHub)
- **Summer enrollment deadline:** May, 25 2026
- Enrollment will remain open after May 25 as space and scholarship funding allow.

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.

Teen Program (6th–12th Grade): Membership remains \$100 per year and is not affected by this change. If your Teen is already enrolled in the Teen Center for 2026 no further registration is needed.

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.

Learn More at:
greatfuturesd.org/2026TraditionalClubMembership

Enroll or Renew Your Membership



How to Renew or Enroll

Scan the QR code or visit greatfuturesd.org and log in to the **Caregiver Portal (MyClubHub)** to complete your membership registration.

Questions About Enrollment?

We're happy to help!

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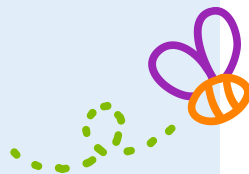
ELEMENTARY CAMPS

Registration for all camps open one week prior to the start date in the Caregiver Portal (MyClubHub)!

Fishing Camp I \$30 per session

Fishing Camp at Dakota Nature Park offers a fun outdoor fishing experience where members practice basic casting and fishing skills with friends. Transportation and equipment are provided | 9:00 AM - 11:15 AM

- Session 1: June 1, 3, 5
- Session 2: July 6, 8, 10
- Session 3: August 3, 5, 7
- Session 4: August 10, 12, 14



Pokémon Camp I \$40 (entire summer)

Learn, trade and battle, includes a deck and end-of-summer pizza party!

- June 9 – August 6
 - Tuesdays (K-2 Grade) · Thursdays (3-5 Grade)
 - 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Park Tours: Brookings Park Passports I \$20 for all 4 sessions

Explore & enjoy our beautiful local parks throughout Brookings while discovering all our community has to offer. Members will receive a passport to be stamped along the way!

- June 8, June 22, July 13, July 27
- 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Art Camp I \$40 for all 4 sessions

Art Camp gives elementary members a chance to get creative through hands-on projects including Shrinky Dinks, Moon Dough, canvas painting, and tie-dye. Each activity offers a fun way to explore different materials and make colorful, take-home creations.

- June 10, June 24, July 8, July 22
- 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM



SUMMER SPECIALS

Summer Splash Days | FREE

- June 26 · July 17 · July 25 · August 17
- Fridays | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
- Members must bring a swimsuit and towel to participate
- **No Registration Required!**

Cinema Wednesdays | FREE

- Weekly afternoon movies
- Concessions available for cash purchase. Members are encouraged to keep their concession money at the front desk for safe keeping
- **No Registration required!**



IMPACT PROGRAMS

Members have the opportunity to participate in a variety of FREE structured programs designed to support priority outcomes in Academic Success, Character & Leadership, and Healthy Lifestyles.

Pickleball Camp | Tuesdays

- Pickleball Camp introduces members to the basics of the sport while building skills through fun activities. Members will also compete in friendly tournaments with friends
- **No Registration Required**

Power Up | Monday - Thursday

- A learning loss prevention program focusing on reading, writing, phonics, and math
- July 7 - August 6
- **Register on the Caregiver Portal (MyClubHub) starting April 24**

G.R.O.W. Getters | Thursdays

- G.R.O.W. Getters Camp will focus on building strong character through Giving, Respect, Owning your choices, and Working hard.
- **No Registration Required**



IMPACT PROGRAMS

Teen Council

Youth-led meetings to plan events and support the Club community. Activities will include a city clean up, volunteering at the animal shelter, planning projects & parties, & advocating for member ideas.

- Mondays | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- Monday (July 6 & 13) | 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
- **No Registration Required**

Life & Workforce Readiness | Dates & Times TBD

Local professionals will share their career journeys and insights, giving teens exposure to a variety of real-world opportunities. Participants will also take guided tours of Brookings-area businesses to explore potential career paths. More details on speakers, tours, and registration coming soon!

STEAM

Experiment, create, and bring curiosity to life!

- Tuesdays | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- **No Registration Required**

Teen Court Club

Take on real courtroom roles in peer-led mock trials. Teens practice public speaking, decision-making and teamwork while learning how the justice system works in our community.

- Tuesdays | 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- Tuesday (June 30 & July 28) | 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
- **No Registration Required**

Synapse Squad

Brain Teasers, puzzles, Kahoot's, spelling bee's & competitions! Fast thinking + teamwork = fun prizes

- Wednesdays | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- **No Registration Required**

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Dungeons & Dragons is a collaborative storytelling game where teens create characters and work together to explore adventures, solve challenges, and shape their own unique story. Guided by a Dungeon Master, players use creativity, teamwork, and dice rolls to navigate quests and bring their imaginations to life.

- Wednesdays | 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM
- **No Registration Required**



E-Sports

Electronic sports - join multiplayer video game sessions in a fun, team-based setting.

- Wednesdays | 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM
- **No Registration Required**

Book Club

Starting May 28th, find your reading "vibe" — from coffee shops to parks!

Track your books, relax, read, and enjoy a picnic celebration at the end of summer. The top reader wins the ultimate summer prize!

- Thursdays | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- **Registration is required on the Caregiver Portal (MyClubHub) starting May 21**

Push Play Fitness

Enjoy sports tournaments such as kickball, volleyball, basketball, pickleball & more!

- Fridays | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- **No Registration Required**



MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Eco Heroes

Welcome to a place where big ideas grow from small actions! Eco Heroes Club is all about learning how to care for our planet, protect nature, and make a real difference — starting right here in our own community.

- Mondays (June only) | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
- **No Registration Required**

Lift & Lead Mentors

Teens will mentor and lead elementary members in sports, cooking, and art activities practicing teamwork and leadership skills

- Thursdays (June only) | 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- **No Registration Required**

Teen Media

Learn to plan, film, and edit content & videos like a pro! Experiment with storytelling and trends to make creative content your way!

- Members must have media waiver approval prior to participating
- Thursdays (July only) | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- **No Registration Required**





TEEN CAMPS

Camp registration opens one week before each camp starts on the Caregiver Portal (MyClubHub). Outdoor activities are weather permitting.

Archery Club | \$10 (all 4 sessions)

Step into the exciting world of archery as participants learn how to safely handle equipment, practice proper shooting techniques, and build focus and confidence on the range. In partnership with the Brookings Outdoor Adventure Center, this camp offers a fun and supportive environment for youth of all skill levels to develop coordination, patience, and self-discipline while aiming for the bullseye.

- Brookings Outdoor Adventure Center (transportation provided)
- June 9, 16, 23, 30
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- **Registration opens June 2**

Thermal Engraving Camp | \$10 (all 4 sessions)

Thermal Engraving Camp introduces teens to the art of woodburning through guided instruction, where they will safely learn to use thermal engraving tools to create original designs. Participants will practice basic techniques like line work, shading, and detail to build their skills and confidence.

Teens will complete hands-on projects in a supportive environment and leave with finished pieces that reflect their creativity and effort.

- June 8, 10, 12, 15, 17, 19
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- **Registration opens June 1**

Whisk Wizards | \$15 (entire summer)

Whisk Wizards Camp is a staff-guided, hands-on cooking experience for teens where they'll create simple, delicious, and nutritious recipes. Participants will learn basic kitchen skills like measuring, mixing, and plating while exploring fun and creative food ideas.

Teens will build confidence in the kitchen, practice teamwork, and discover how easy it can be to make tasty, balanced meals.

- Mondays starting June 8
- 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
- **Registration opens June 1**

Hunting & Camping | \$15 (both sessions)

The Teen Center is partnering with the Brookings Outdoor Adventure Center to offer 2 engaging, one-hour sessions where teens explore basic camping and hunting skills through hands-on activities. Each session is designed to be fun, interactive, and educational. Transportation is provided.

- July 28 - Hunting @ the Brookings Outdoor Adventure Center | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
- August 11 - Camping @ the Brookings Teen Center | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM



SUMMER PREVENTION CAMPAIGNS

Prevention activities are FREE and open to all Teen members. No registration required

May - World No Tobacco Day | May 29

In May, in recognition of World No Tobacco Day, teens will create "Quit Kits" filled with helpful resources and small items to support healthy choices. Participants will then share these kits with fellow members, promoting awareness and encouragement throughout the Club.

June - World Environment Day & Juneteenth | June 5 & 16

In June, teens will celebrate World Environment Day by exploring nature, walking local trails, and helping clean up the environment, with an indoor scavenger hunt option if needed. Later in the month, members will honor Juneteenth through a friendship bracelet activity paired with meaningful conversations about its history and significance.


July - Fire Safety & Alcohol Awareness Week | July 2 & 14

In July, teens will learn about fire safety during a special presentation from the Brookings Fire Department. Teens will have the opportunity to participate in Alcohol Awareness Week by running a "dirty soda" stand while engaging in conversations about the risks of alcohol use, prevention, and available resources for support and recovery.

August - World Lung Health/Cancer Day | August 3

In August, teens will observe World Lung Health Day/World Cancer Day with activities focused on awareness and reflection. Members will contribute to a "memory wall" by coloring ribbons in honor of loved ones lost to cancer. The month will also include a fun Blooket or Kahoot tournament for friendly competition and engagement.

Field Trips

Any field trip indicated with  includes a sack lunch provided by the Club. A sack lunch will include a cold deli sandwich, a fruit, and a vegetable. Members are also welcome to bring their own lunch if preferred. **If your member(s) plans to eat the Clubs sack lunch please let the front desk know by 5pm the day prior.** A snack will also be provided for any trips that extend over snack time. As a reminder, we are a peanut-free facility.



Elementary Friday Field Trips

Date & Time	Destination	Cost
June 5 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Air Madness	\$30
 June 12 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Bramble Park Zoo	\$20
 June 26 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Great Shots	\$30
 July 10 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM	Butterly House & Aquarium	\$25
July 17 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Thunder Road	\$35
 July 31 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Washington Pavilion	\$12
 August 7 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM	Skate City	\$15
August 14 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Wildfire	\$15

Important Field Trip Reminders:

- Fees associated with field trips and special events help offset the cost of staffing, admission, transportation, and program supplies—allowing the Club to provide safe, well-supported experiences for members.
- Registration on the Caregiver Portal (MyClubHub) – opens one week before each trip
- Refunds will not be issued for any missed field trips after 8:00 AM the day of the trip. Please notify the front desk ASAP if you know your member can no longer attend.
- Arrive at the Club at least 30 minutes before departure for check-in
- **Dates and times are subject to change**



POOL DAYS AT HILLCREST AQUATIC CENTER

1st - 5th Grade:

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays | 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

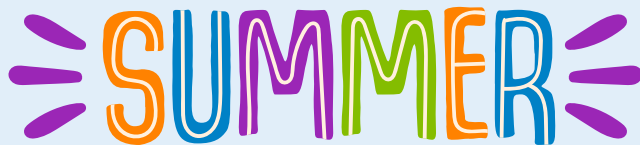
Teens:

Fridays | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM



Orientation & Access

- **Orientation is required: June 1 - 3 (Time TBD)**
 - Sign up is required in the Caregiver Portal (MyClubHub) Starting Friday, May 8th
 - Orientation includes a swim safety assessment. All members must pass this basic water safety assessment to participate in pool outings
- Must have an active pool pass or punch card
- Drop-off at the Club by 12:15 PM
- Club transportation provided to and from the pool
- All youth must return to the Club before pickup
- Snack will be served upon return to the Club
- Pool outings will begin the week of June 8



Swim Lessons (Grades K-5)

Monday-Thursday | 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM | Club Transportation provided

- **Session 1:** June 8 - 18 | \$85
- **Session 2:** June 22 - July 1 | \$76 | 7 Lessons. No lessons Thursday, July 2
- **Session 3:** July 6 - 16 | \$85
- Drop-off at Club by 9:20 AM for transportation
- Register on the Caregiver Portal (MyClubHub) Spots are limited

Safety Notes

- Hillcrest Aquatic Center behavior policies are strictly enforced
- Youth with visible sunburns may not attend until fully healed



What to Bring

- Swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, pool shoes, Club card and pool pass/punch card (Staff may help with lotion sunscreen with signed permission from the Caregiver Portal (MyClubHub)).
- UV clothing is highly recommended
- Optional: Concession money (can be turned in at the front desk)
- The Club is not responsible for lost or stolen money





SUMMER EVENTS

Elementary Event:

Family Bingo Night | June 18 | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

- Join us at the Elementary site for a fun-filled Family Bingo Night! Enjoy friendly competition, win prizes, and make great memories together—perfect for all ages. **FREE | No Registration required**

Teen Center Events:

Teen & Me Bonfire | June 17 | 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

- Families are invited to join their teen for a relaxed and fun Teen & Me Bonfire Night! Gather around the fire to enjoy hot dogs, s'mores, and plenty of laughter and great conversation—an easygoing evening to connect and make memories together. **FREE No Registration required**

E-Sports Night | July 15 | 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

- Families are invited to join their teen for an exciting E-Sports Night! Step into our E-Sports space for an evening of friendly competition and get a firsthand look at what our E-Sports program is all about. **FREE No Registration required**

Community Event:

Back to School Bash | August 18

- Join us for a fun evening at our Back to School Bash in the backyard as we celebrate the end of summer and kick off a new school year! Families can enjoy a visit from the ZooMobile, bounce houses, yard games, treats, a shared meal, and more. All are welcome! **More details to come!**



Important Reminders

- Registration for all camps and field trips opens one week prior to the event or the start of camp through the Caregiver Portal (MyClubHub).
- All youth must have an active Club membership to register for and attend any fee-based programs, field trips, pool outings, or camps.
- Youth participating in pool outings are required to attend a pool orientation and successfully complete the swim safety assessment.
- Parents/guardians must come inside to pick up their members daily. Teens may check themselves out of the Teen Center only with approved permissions. Permissions can be updated at any time in the Caregiver Portal (MyClubHub).
- Youth are not permitted to bring items from home unless specifically approved (such as pool gear, a packed snack or lunch, or items required for a field trip).
- We are a peanut-free facility.
- Cell phone use is an earned privilege:
 - 4th & 5th grade members may use personal devices only during designated phone/technology times.
 - Teens are allowed to have cell phones but must follow all Club cell phone policies.



FREE MEALS AT THE CLUB!

No sign-up needed for snack & breakfast

Breakfast & Snacks:

- Elementary Breakfast: Served 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM daily (Elementary)
- Teen Center Breakfast: Served at 9:00 AM at the Elementary site
- Afternoon Snack: Served daily at 3:00 PM (4:30 PM for pool members)
- No sign-up required for either meal

Lunch:

- Elementary Lunch starts at 11:15 AM and is served by grade
- Teen Center Lunch is served at 11:15 AM at the Elementary site
- Sign up each day at the front desk by 10:00 AM
- If your child arrives after 10:00 AM and needs lunch, please call the Club to reserve a meal

Bringing Lunch from Home?

- Sack lunches must be nut-free
- No access to a refrigerator or microwave, so pack accordingly



Let's fuel up for a fun-filled summer at the Club!

Monthly menus are available on our website or at the front desk



Elkton Summer Information

This summer, Elkton members will be transported daily to the Brookings Club to take part in all summer programming and activities. Members may also be dropped off or picked up directly at the Brookings Club. While the Club hours remain 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM, members will spend the majority of their day at the Brookings Club.

Transportation Note: If utilizing Club transportation, members must be registered for summer transportation in the Caregiver Portal (MyClubHub).

Daily Schedule (Transportation Users):

- 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM - Drop-off & morning programming (Elkton Club, Door A3)
- 8:30 AM SHARP - Depart for Brookings (must be checked in by 8:30 AM)
- 9:00 AM - 4:45 PM - Programming at Brookings Club
 - 4:45 PM - Depart to Elkton
- 5:15 - 5:30 PM - Arrival & evening programming
 - 6:00 PM - Elkton Club closes

Drop-Off/Pick-Up:

Door A3 (Cafeteria entrance). Call 605-651-3766 upon arrival (doors will remain locked).

Caregiver Portal (MyClubHub) Transportation Options:

To & From Brookings | AM Only | PM Only
No registration needed if transporting directly to & from Brookings on your own.

