



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
OF ELKTON**

# SPRING NEWSLETTER



January - May 2026

Open the door to Great Futures



## Welcome to Spring 2026 at the Club!

When a young person walks through our doors, they're not just joining an afterschool program — they're entering a comprehensive Out-of-School Time (OST) experience designed for growth, discovery, and belonging. At the Boys & Girls Club of Elkton, we create space for connection, support, and exploration beyond the classroom. Here, youth feel safe, valued, and encouraged to grow into who they are meant to be.

This spring, our OST programs are intentionally crafted to spark curiosity, build confidence, and help members stay on track academically — all supported by trusted mentors who show up every day and genuinely care. Because at Boys & Girls Club, Great Futures Start Here.

## Elkton Needs Club Kids!

Strong kids build strong communities, and the future depends on how we invest in our youth today. In Elkton, Club members are gaining the skills, resilience, and leadership they need to thrive. When Club kids succeed, our whole community grows stronger. Elkton doesn't just benefit from Club kids, **Elkton needs them!**





## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### Club Closed Dates

#### Thursday, January 1

- New Year's Day

#### Friday, January 2

- Brookings Club open 7:30 AM–6:00 PM

#### Friday, January 23

- Staff Training

#### Friday, February 13

- Brookings Club open 7:30 AM–6:00 PM

#### Monday, February 16

- Brookings Club open 7:30 AM–6:00 PM

#### Friday, February 27

- Staff Training

#### Friday, March 27

- Staff Training

#### Thursday, April 2

- Brookings Club open 7:30 AM–6:00 PM

#### Friday, April 3

- Brookings Club Open 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM

#### Monday, April 6

- Brookings Club Open 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM

#### Friday, April 24

- Staff Training

#### May 18 - 22

- Summer Prep

#### Monday, May 25

- Memorial Day

### Reminders

#### Friday, May 15

- Last Day of School-Year Programming
  - All Clubs

#### Monday, May 18 - Friday, May 22

- Summer Prep & Staff Training
  - All Clubs are closed during this time.

#### Tuesday, May 26

- First Day of Summer Programming – Brookings
- Elkton members may attend the Brookings Club.  
Daily transportation is provided from the Elkton School District.

Boys & Girls Club of Elkton serves JK–5th grade members who attend school in Elkton. The Club is located inside the school and provides a safe, supervised transition from the classroom to after-school programming.

**IMPORTANT:** During the school year on no-school days and during the summer, the Elkton Club is closed. Elkton members may attend the Brookings Club with an active Elkton membership.

**Brookings Club hours:** 7:30 AM–6:00 PM  
Daily summer transportation is provided by the Club from the Elkton School.

All members receive a free daily snack and light dinner.



## NEW MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS FOR 2026

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

### Seasonal Membership Levels

**Spring:** \$50 • \$100 • \$150

**Summer:** \$150 • \$200 • \$250

**Fall:** \$50 • \$100 • \$150

### Spring Enrollment Information

Spring 2026 runs from January through May.

- Enrollment opens: January 5, 2026 on the Caregiver Portal (MyClubHub)
- Spring enrollment deadline: February 2, 2026
- Enrollment will remain open afterward 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.

**Financial Support:** Scholarships ranging from 20%–100% off, along with flexible payment plans, are available to ensure every child can attend the Club. Scholarships are valid for one year and automatically apply to most Club programming, except for third-party vendor programs.

### Obligation-Free January!

Enjoy the Club all January, FREE and with no commitment. It's the perfect chance to try us out before choosing a membership.

### Need Help?

At the Boys & Girls Club of Elkton, no child will be refused membership or paid program services due to inability to pay. For questions or scholarship assistance, please contact:

 [scholarships@greatfuturessd.org](mailto:scholarships@greatfuturessd.org)

 605-692-3333 ext. 151.

Learn More at:  
[greatfuturessd.org/2026TraditionalClubMembership](http://greatfuturessd.org/2026TraditionalClubMembership)



## Enroll or Renew Your Membership

**Registration Opens January 5**

**SCAN  
ME!**



### How to Renew

Visit [greatfuturessd.org](http://greatfuturessd.org) and log in to the **Caregiver Portal (MyClubHub)** to complete your membership registration.

### Enroll in Obligation-Free January!

Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/bUGxs4rmqT>  
or scan the QR Code below!



### Questions About Enrollment?

We're happy to help!

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## MEALS & SNACKS

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

### School Days

- Members receive a snack immediately after school, and a light dinner is served daily at 5:00 PM.

### Full Days (Brookings Club)

- Breakfast, a hot lunch, an afternoon snack & warm dinner are provided.
- Members may also bring a **nut-free** sack lunch (please note: no refrigerator or microwave is available).



## Drop-Off & Pick-Up

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



## SPRING 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!



## Seasonal Reminder



For the safety of our members and staff, the Elkton Club will be closed in the event of a snow day or early school dismissal due to inclement weather.

Stay tuned — closure updates will be sent directly to your email.



These activities and field trips are offered in Brookings on no-school days when Elkton programming is closed.

To enroll your child in activities at the Brookings Club, please update your location in the Caregiver Portal (MCH) to **Brookings K-5th Grade Club**. Once updated, select your preferred option from the **Elementary Full-Day Activities section**.

**SIGN UP →**



## **SPECIAL CLUB EVENTS**

### **Full-Day Activities – Brookings Club**

- **Registration required!**
- Register in the Caregiver Portal (MCH).
- Activities open for registration one week before each event.
  - Activity fees help us cover staffing, transportation, supplies, and admission costs needed to make activities possible

### **Friday Fun Nights - Brookings Club**

Members are invited to fun themed evenings at the Club featuring games, hands-on activities, and time with friends.

February 6<sup>th</sup> | 7:00-8:30 PM | \$10

March 6<sup>th</sup> | 7:00-8:30 PM | \$10

May 1<sup>st</sup> | 7:00-8:30 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!

### **Sock Snowman Craft**

**Friday, January 2 | 1:00–3:00 PM | \$10**

**Registration opens December 26**

- Youth will get the chance to create their very own snowman craft to bring home and display.

### **The Lanes Field Trip**

**Monday, January 5 | 1:00–3:00 PM | \$15**

**Registration opens December 29**

- Join us at The Lanes for bowling, games, and an afternoon of fun with friends.

### **Homemade Heart Pizzas & a Movie**

**February 13 | 1:00–3:00 PM | \$10**

**Registration opens February 6**

- Celebrate Valentine's week by making your own heart-shaped pizza and watching a movie together.

### **Wildfire**

**February 16 | 1:00–3:00 PM | \$15**

**Registration opens February 9**

- Spend an afternoon at Wildfire enjoying fun activities, games, and snacks

### **Cloud Dough**

**April 2 | 1:00–3:00 PM | \$10**

**Registration opens March 26**

- In this hands-on activity, members will create their own soft, moldable cloud dough and take it home to enjoy!

### **Easter Egg Dyeing**

**April 3 | 1:00–3:00 PM | \$12**

**Registration opens March 27**

- Get creative bright spring colors while dyeing and decorating your own Easter eggs.

### **Laser Tag**

**April 6 | 1:00–3:00 PM | \$10**

**Registration opens March 30**

- Gear up for action! Enjoy high-energy laser tag battles in a fun, friendly environment.

### **Outdoor Movie & Picnic – Community Event**

**April 17 | 7:00-9:00 PM | \$10**

- More information to come!