



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF VERMILLION

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.

PRIORITY OUTCOMES

- Academic Success
- Health & Wellbeing
- Character & Leadership
- Life & Workforce Readiness

ACADEMY BILLING TRANSITION TO BRIGHTWHEEL

We're preparing to move billing for the **Vermillion Academy PM (JK-2) program** to **Brightwheel** — a simpler and more secure way to manage your payments.

We'll share more information later this month with details and next steps. Once the transition begins, you'll receive an email from support@mybrightwheel.com with instructions to set up your account and payment method for automatic recurring billing.

👉 **Please note:** Memberships, field trips, and fee-based camps will continue to be billed through the Caregiver Portal (MCH).



NEED SUPPORT?

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

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Sign up for membership & programs!
Scan the QR code or visit
greatfuturesd.org, Caregiver Portal (MCH).





MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Thursday, October 9

1:30–6:00 PM Early Dismissal
Club OPEN for all members (JK–12th grade)

Friday, October 10

OPEN – 7:30 AM–6:00 PM (JK–12th grade)
JK–2nd grade | Sign-up in Caregiver Portal (MCH)
\$25/day | Sign-up opens Sept. 29

Monday, October 13

OPEN – 7:30 AM–6:00 PM (JK–12th grade)
JK–2nd grade | Sign-up in Caregiver Portal (MCH)
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Friday, October 24

- Morning Program & Traditional Club (3rd–12th grade): **CLOSED** – Staff Training
- Academy (JK–2nd grade): OPEN – After School–6:00 PM



TRANSPORTATION

After-School Transportation to the Club

- **Elementary & Middle School Members:** Ride one of two school district buses straight to the Club. *Please remind your child's teacher about their after-school plans.*
- **High School Members:** Take the district bus to the middle school. From there, it's just a short walk to the Club!

St. Agnes Members

- The Club provides daily pick-up at 3:20 PM and brings members to the Club.



We are no longer providing daily transportation after tutoring.



JOIN NOW

• Morning Program (JK–5th)

- **Hours:** The Club opens at 6:00 AM. Please drop off your member no later than 7:30 AM.
- **Snack** provided!
- **Transportation** departs at 7:45 AM so members have time to eat school breakfast.
- **\$100/semester** (Aug–Dec).

• Academy (JK–2nd)

- **Hours:** After-school until 6:00 PM.
- **\$150/month.**

• Traditional Club (3rd–12th)

- **Hours:** After-school until 6:00 PM.
- **FREE** until June 2026!
- **Elementary Club:** 3rd–5th grade
- **Teen Club:** 6th–12th grade

- Register online at greatfuturesd.org or Scan the QR code to get started.



i At Boys & Girls Club of Vermillion, no child will be refused membership or paid program services due to inability to pay. For assistance, please contact Samantha Nelson at snelson@greatfuturesd.org.



FOOD & SNACKS

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

- **Morning Program:** Breakfast served at your child's school. A snack will be served at the Club.
- **Afterschool:** Snack provided for **ALL** members, every day.

On full days (including no-school days and inclement weather days), all members must bring a nut-free sack lunch.

Please note that we do not have access to refrigerators or microwaves, so pack lunches that do not require heating or refrigeration.





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.

Garden Club – Wednesdays | 4-5 PM

FREE | No Registration Needed

- Join Mr. Mike for a fun, all-ages gardening adventure! Dig, plant, and learn together with weekly activities, tools provided, and plenty of outdoor fun. Whether you're a beginner or a gardening pro, everyone is welcome to join!

Wired Wednesday – Wednesdays | 4-4:30 PM

FREE | Beginning October 1

No Registration Needed

- Traditional Club members will explore tech, gadgets and digital challenges that boost creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving. Members can also bring their devices following Club guidelines — perfect for tech beginners and pros alike!

Reading Buddies

Every Other **Wednesdays** | 5-5:30 PM

FREE | Beginning October 8

No Registration Needed

- 3rd–5th grade members can sign up to read with our JK–2nd graders. This is a great way to build reading skills, practice leadership, and be a positive role model!

Pokémon Club – Fridays | 4-4:30 PM

FREE | No Registration Needed

- Traditional and Academy members will explore a new Pokémon each week — its type, abilities, evolutions, and fun facts. A great way to learn, share, and connect with fellow fans! **Note:** Trading of cards or items will not be allowed during Pokémon Club.

Friday Flicks at the Club | 4 PM

FREE | No Registration Needed

- Members in 3rd–5th grade and our Teens are invited to join us every Friday for Cinema Day! Youth will enjoy an age-appropriate movie and have the chance to purchase concessions for the full movie experience. It's the perfect way to wrap up the week with friends, fun, and popcorn!



HOMEWORK HELP



Academic success starts with support, and we're here to help.

Tutor Club (JK–12th Grade)

Monday–Friday | 4:00–5:30 PM | **FREE**

- Our Tutor Team works directly with members, schools, and families to ensure each child receives the help they need to thrive. Members are grouped by age and grade (JK–2nd, 3rd–5th, and Teens)

👉 Registration is required. Please sign up through the Caregiver Portal (MCH).

Power Hour (All Members)

Monday–Friday | 4:00–5:00 PM | **FREE**

- Power Hour is the perfect time for members to tackle homework, read a favorite book, or get extra practice. Tutor teachers and assistants are there to guide and encourage youth along the way.

At the Club, we're here to cheer on your child's growth and help build strong habits for school success!



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.**



SIGN UP → FIELD TRIPS

Mazing Acres Pumpkin Patch (Traditional Club)

Monday, October 13 | 11:15 AM – 3:00 PM

3rd-5th grade | \$15

- Members must be at the Club by 10:45 AM. The bus will arrive back at the Club at 3:00 PM
- Lunch will be offered at 10:45 AM & snack upon return.

SIGN UP → FEE BASED ACTIVITIES

Pumpkin Painting Fun

Friday, October 10 | **JK-12th Grade | \$6**

- Includes pumpkin and supplies. Each youth will decorate their own pumpkin to take home.

Schedule:

- JK - 2nd: 1:00 – 1:45 PM
- 3rd - 5th: 2:00 – 2:45 PM
- Teens: 3:00 – 3:45 PM



FAMILY NIGHT

Thursday, October 30 | 6:00 – 7:00 PM | **FREE**

Join us for games, treats, and activities for all ages!

- A free meal will be served
- Family-friendly costumes encouraged

Open to all Academy and Traditional program members
Youth must attend with an adult.

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 → TOYS & ITEMS FROM HOME

To keep the Club safe, organized, and focused on learning and fun, we ask that all toys and personal items from home stay at home or in your child's backpack during program hours.

Please note that the Club is not responsible for any items from home that may be lost, stolen, or broken. Thank you for helping us create a positive environment for all members!

Reminder → BEHAVIOR POLICY

- At Boys & Girls Club, we want all members to feel safe, respected, and supported. To help with this, we use a point system to address behavior concerns in a fair and consistent way:
- **Consequence Form (1 point):** For smaller behavior issues.
- **Incident Report (2 points):** For more serious concerns (such as hurting others, threats, theft, or possession of substances).
- **Daily Rule:** 3 points in one day = member must be picked up or stay home the next day.
- **Weekly Rule:** 5 points in one week = member must be picked up and take at least one day off.
- Additional steps may include short suspensions for more serious actions (such as harming staff, damaging property, or repeated issues). Points reset weekly, and our team reviews each situation carefully.
- This system helps members learn accountability while giving them the chance to grow and improve. Thank you for partnering with us to ensure a safe and positive Club experience for all kids!