



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF YANKTON

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.

📞 LICENSED BILLING TRANSITION

We're preparing to move billing for the following programs to **Brightwheel** — a simpler and more secure way to manage your payments:

- Yankton Morning Academy
- Yankton Afternoon Academy

More information will be shared later this month with details and next steps. Once the transition begins, you'll receive an email from support@mybrightwheel.com inviting you to **set up an account and payment method** for automatic recurring billing.

☛ Memberships, field trips, and one-time charges will still be billed through Caregiver Portal (MCH).



NEED SUPPORT?

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COMMUNITY EVENT | FAMILY ENGAGEMENT NIGHT



Halloween Party

Friday, October 17 | 7:30–9:30 PM

\$5 per person | Children under 2: Free

📍 Traditional Site – 2008 Mulberry St.
Join us for a spooktacular evening of Halloween fun!

- Pay at the Elementary Front Desk
- Open to everyone!
- Youth must attend with an adult.





MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Monday, October 6

Club Closing at 6:00 PM – Staff Training

Monday, October 13

Club Open: 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM

Friday, October 24

Club Closed – Staff Training



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 →

FEE BASED ACTIVITIES

Cake in a Cup

Friday, October 10 | 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

4th & 5th Grade | \$5

Pony Bead Pumpkin Craft

Friday, October 10 | 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

1st - 3rd Grade | \$5

Mini Pie Bar

Monday, October 13 | 1:00–3:00 PM | Teens | \$5

Mazing Acres Field Trip

Monday, October 13 | 12:00–3:00 PM | 1st - 5th grade | \$15

** Please arrive at the Club by 11:00 AM.

Please pack a nut free lunch on all full days.

***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!*

i At Boys & Girls Club of Yankton, no child will be refused membership or paid program services due to inability to pay. For assistance, please contact Jayde Pick at jpick@greatfuturesd.org.



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!

FOOD & SNACKS

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

- **Snack:** Provided Afterschool
- **Dinner:** 6:00 PM each night



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.

Fueling young minds and bodies is one more way we help kids build **Great Futures!**



PICK UP POLICY

ALL Club members are now being picked up at the Eastside Entrance (Elementary Entrance).

Boys & Girls Club of Yankton requests that parents/guardians of elementary-aged members enter the building to pick up their member. Only Teen members with the necessary sign-out permissions may leave the Club without a parent entering the facility.

Each Boys & Girls Club of Yankton member **MUST** be picked up by an authorized pickup person. Please ensure that your authorized individuals are updated by accessing your Caregiver Portal (MCH).

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to the Club following school dismissal is generously provided by the Yankton School District Transportation department.



All elementary and high school members will be picked up from their respective schools by a YSD bus with a Boys & Girls Club staff member on board and be transported to the Club following school dismissal.

Any 1st-5th Grade member attending the Club MUST ride their respective Club bus following school dismissal; no 1st-5th Grade member may walk to the Club from their school.

All Club bus riders must enter the Club with their bus staff and be signed in before being picked up for the day. Club members are unable to be picked up directly from the bus.

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!

As October starts, the kids are savoring the outdoors, gaining conflict resolution skills through teamwork and joyful peer play. We're excited to see what else they'll discover!



FULL DAY ACTIVITIES (6:30 AM - 6:PM)

Mazing Acres Field Trip

Monday, October 13 | 12–3 PM | \$15
Please arrive at the Club by 11:00 AM.

Autumn Handprint Tree

Friday, October 24 | 1–3 PM | **FREE**
• Members should arrive by 10 AM.

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FRIENDLY Reminder

Full Days

- \$25 per child (Academy members only)
- Sign up on Caregiver Portal (MCH).
- Please pack a nut-free lunch on all full days.

Attendance

- If you know your child will not be attending the academy on a certain day, please call the academy phone at 605-661-7894.



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- All Academy bus riders must enter the Academy with their bus staff and be signed in to the Academy before being picked up for the day. Academy members are not able to be picked up directly off of the bus.



NEED SUPPORT?

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

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