



**WAKEMAN
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

FALL/WINTER 2025-26

Program Book



OUR MISSION

To guide and inspire young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible people.

**CELEBRATING 110 YEARS
SERVING BRIDGEPORT,
FAIRFIELD, AND
SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES!**

General Information

Wakeman Boys & Girls Club offers proven and nationally recognized programs developed by Boys & Girls Clubs of America to provide extra-curricular enrichment opportunities for children and teens in the Fairfield, Bridgeport, and surrounding communities. Locally developed programs and partnerships further strengthen the Club experience for members.

Wakeman Boys & Girls Club ofrece programas probados y reconocidos a nivel nacional desarrollados por Boys & Girls Clubs of America para brindar oportunidades de enriquecimiento extracurricular para niños y adolescentes en Fairfield, Bridgeport y las comunidades circundantes. Los programas y asociaciones desarrollados localmente fortalecen aún más la experiencia del Club para los miembros.

Para asistencia en español, comuníquese con cualquier casa club. Una versión en español de este folleto está disponible en wakemanclub.org

OUR LOCATION

Madison Avenue Community Clubhouse – 595 Madison Avenue, Bridgeport, CT	203-908-3381
Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse – 2414 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, CT	203-908-3378
Southport Clubhouse – 385 Center Street, Southport, CT	203-259-4805
McKinley School-Based Site – 60 Thompson Street, Fairfield, CT	203-259-4805
Holland Hill School-Based Site – 105 Meadowcroft Road, Fairfield, CT	203-259-4805
Administration Office – 595 Madison Avenue, Bridgeport, CT	203-908-3381

OUR CORE AREAS

Academic Success
Health & Well Being
Character & Leadership
Life & Workforce Readiness

OUR VALUES

Kindness
Fun
Responsibility
Courage
Community

Program Registration: All programs require registration, except Open Rec and where noted. Fees are due at registration, unless noted. Failure to pay fees on schedule may result in removal from program without refund.



Register for all programs online, except where noted, at wakemanclub.org

OUR SAFE SPACES FOR YOUTH

The Safety and Wellbeing of Young People is Our Number One Priority

We work every day to create a safe, fun environment so kids can have every opportunity to be successful in life. Wakeman Boys & Girls Club maintains a culture of safety with robust safety policies, programs and training for our staff and volunteers that are designed to promote child safety and protect young people from threats that are present in our society. Visit our Safety page at wakemanclub.org under About Us for more details.

OUR TEAM

Clubhouses, sites and programs are managed by Youth Development Professionals. Our professional staff work closely with more than 100 trained part-time staff and 300 volunteers to create great programs supporting youth. Wakeman Boys & Girls Club is often seeking new staff and volunteers with a passion for working with young people in any of our core areas.

OUR FACILITIES

Each of Wakeman Boys & Girls Club's three Clubhouses offer a unique, yet similar and familiar experience for Kindergarten to 12th graders to spend engaging time after school, nights, weekends, and summer. The Madison Avenue Clubhouse also serves 3–5-year-olds. Learn more on our website about specific Clubhouse features.

Visit our website for more details about:

- Club Refund & Cancellation Policy
- Tiered Pricing & Financial Assistance
- Club Rules, Policies, & Procedures
- Safety
- Facility & Amenities
- Guest Policy
- Adult & Young Adult Memberships
- Inclement Weather Policy

Visite nuestro sitio web para obtener más detalles sobre:

- Política de cancelación y reembolso del club
- Precios escalonados y asistencia financiera
- Reglas, políticas y procedimientos del club
- Seguridad
- Instalaciones y comodidades
- Política de invitados
- Membresías para adultos y adultos jóvenes
- Política contra las inclemencias del tiempo



Membership & Program Registration

MEMBERSHIP

A current membership is required to participate in any program or Open Rec/Open Gym drop in.

Now priced to be even more accessible to all, a WBGC membership opens the door to our programs at all three Clubhouses, including Summer Camp, After School Program, athletic programs, STEAM offerings, youth leadership clubs and so much more. We plan to add even more Member events soon!

Memberships are valid for one year (365 days) from the day of purchase or renewal date. If a membership expires during a program, the member is required to renew membership to participate in all program meeting dates.

Note: Membership is available to all K–12th graders regardless of their age or town of residence and is valid at our Southport Clubhouse, Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse and Madison Avenue Clubhouse. Visit our website for details about our McKinley School and Holland Hill Program. Membership enrollment and renewal is online.

MEMBERSHIP FEE

Grades K-8: \$60

Grades 9-12: \$60

Se requiere una membresía actual para participar en cualquier programa o Open Rec/Open Gym sin cita previa.

Ahora con un precio aún más accesible para todos, una membresía de WBGC abre la puerta a nuestros programas en los tres Clubhouses, incluyendo el campamento de verano, el programa después de la escuela, programas deportivos, actividades de STEAM, clubes de liderazgo juvenil y mucho más. Planeamos agregar aún más eventos para miembros muy pronto.

Las membresías son válidas por un año (365 días) a partir del día de compra o fecha de renovación. Si una membresía vence durante un programa, el miembro debe renovarla para participar en todas las fechas de las reuniones del programa.

Nota: La membresía está disponible para todos los estudiantes de grados K-12 independientemente de su edad o ciudad de residencia y es válida en nuestra casa club de Southport, la casa club de Smilow-Burroughs y la casa club de Madison Avenue. Visite nuestro sitio web para obtener detalles sobre nuestra escuela McKinley y el programa Holland Hill. La inscripción y renovación de membresía se realiza en línea.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF YOUTH MEMBERSHIP?

- Kids Night Out
- Open Gym
- Open Art
- Access to FLOW (Future Leaders of Wakeman) Club
- Free Members-Only workshops and events
- Music (Smilow-Burroughs)

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF TEEN MEMBERSHIP?

- Teen Night at the Club
- Open Gym
- Access to Torch Club and Keystone Club
- Free Members-Only workshops and events
- Saturday Mornings at the Club (Smilow-Burroughs)
- Eligibility for Mentor Program

Free programs below are available to all youth and teens with a current membership, based on grade.

Activities may include classes, workshops, clinics, drop-in programs, supervised play, sports, crafts, and special events. Dates, times, seasons, and grades vary. Additional programs are available in the fall and winter. Visit wakemanclub.org for updates to these and other programs.

Southport Clubhouse	9th–12th Grade	Weekdays 2:30–5pm	Open Rec
	3rd–12th Grade	Frequent evening/weekend gym hours for (varies by month)	Art, Apple Coding & Music Making in our new Tech Lab funded by Apple (grades/dates/times vary)
Madison Avenue Clubhouse	9th–12th Grade	Weekdays 2:30–8pm	Open Rec Gym Time, Teen Lounge
	5th–12th Grade	Weekdays 6–8pm & Saturdays 10am–2pm	Tech Lab, Steam, Gym, Teen Lounge
Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse	5th–12th Grade	Weekdays 6–8pm	Open Rec Gym, Teen Lounge, Tech Lab
	K–12th Grade	Saturdays 10am–2pm	Open Rec Gym, Tech Lab, Art, Steam

Activities may include Gym, Game Room, Lounge, and Music.



Membership is now even more accessible to all!



CLUB CALENDAR

Wakeman Boys & Girls Club follows the calendar set by Bridgeport Public Schools and Fairfield Public Schools and is open for members on most scheduled school vacation days and school early dismissal days, subject to change.



Bridgeport Public Schools Early Dismissal Days: March 12, April 9, 23 & 24, May 7, June 4 & 13.
The Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse and Madison Avenue Clubhouse are scheduled to open at 1pm.

Fairfield Public Schools Early Dismissal Days: March 4, 18 & 20, April 1.
The Southport Clubhouse is scheduled to open at 1pm and the McKinley School Program opens at 1:40pm.

WBGC clubhouses and programs do not open early on days when schools close early due to weather or other unexpected circumstances. Weather related cancellations are made independently of local school districts. Visit wakemanclub.org and follow Wakeman Boys & Girls Club on social media for updates.

Special Events	Date/Time	Clubhouse
Kids Night Out	August 26, 6–8pm	Madison Avenue
Open House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept 2, 3pm–5pm Sept 12, 3pm–5pm Sept 26, 4pm–6pm 	Smilow-Burroughs
Open House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept 4, 4pm–6pm Sept 18, 4pm–6pm Oct 2, 6pm–8pm 	Southport
Open House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept 27, 10am–1pm Oct 11, 10am–1pm 	Madison Avenue
Day For Kids	September 6	Madison Avenue
Day For Kids	September 13	Southport
Family Night (Game Night)	September 25, 6–8pm	Smilow-Burroughs
Smurf Craft, Music, and Sip Night	October 10	Southport
Family Night (Pumpkin Carving)	October 15, 6–7:30pm	Smilow-Burroughs
Bingo Night	October 17	Southport
Trunk or Treat	October 31	Smilow-Burroughs & Madison Avenue
Family Night (Juice and Paint)	November 13, 6–7:30pm	Smilow-Burroughs
Glow in the Dark Family Basketball	November 14	Southport
Friendsgiving	November 21	Smilow-Burroughs
Holiday Festival	December 12	Southport
Christmas Extravaganza	December 19	Madison Avenue
Passport to Wellness Night	January 22	Southport
Special Someone Paint and Sip Night (Juice Box Edition)	February 6	Southport

See our website for additional events; we're always adding new experiences for our Members!

After School Program

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM | Grade K–12 | Fee: Varies | Dates: Weekdays 2:30–6pm | Register: Ongoing

Looking for a fun, safe, engaging place for your child to be after school? Welcome to the After School Program, the always-popular program for all members in Kindergarten-8th grade. Programming includes extended Open Gym times, Power Hour (dedicated homework space and staff), multiple outdoor play areas, frequent STEM & Creative Arts and monthly special activities. Whether members attend daily or a few times weekly, throughout the year or certain seasons, they are bound to have fun, learn and make new friends! The final day of ASP is TBD based on Fairfield and Bridgeport Public school schedules.

Note: All K-8th graders attending the Club after school must be enrolled in the After School Program unless they are enrolled in a different specific WBGC program that meets after school. The Club is also accessible to 9th-12th graders daily afternoons; membership is required. ASP registration is not required for high school students.

After School Program

EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS - AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

All sites open at 1pm on school early dismissal days for members enrolled in the After School Program. Clubhouse sites do not open early when schools close early due to weather or other unexpected circumstances. More details are available at wakemansclub.org.

REGISTRATION/WITHDRAWAL

After School Program registration can be completed anytime during the school year, space permitting.
Families who wish to withdraw from ASP are required to give two weeks' notice by email to the Clubhouse's Membership Director.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM TIERED PRICING

We understand families have differing abilities to pay for programs, so to make the Club more accessible for all, we offer a tiered pricing system for our After School Program, School's Out Program, and Summer Camp. Please choose the tier most fitting for your family. All members will have the same experience with their peers regardless of which tier a family selects. Tier selections are confidential and can be selected online. Families should understand Tier A is the base parent fee charged for program; families should pay this price if they can. ASP rates do not include days off from school and are not prorated based on missed days, Club closures, vacation days or snow. They do include school early dismissal days. Our School's Out Program is available on scheduled vacation days (fee applies). Tiered fees for the Before School Program at McKinley School are available at wakemansclub.org. Detailed pricing information is available on our website.

Vacation Days (School's Out Program) Grades K-8

Join us on your day off from school for organized games, challenges, sports, art, STEAM, and other activities. Members may be dropped off/picked up any time. Members have structured organized recreation options from 8–9am and 5:30–6pm. Structured activities begin at 9am and end at 5:30pm.

Program Dates vary by Clubhouse based on public school schedule.

Members should bring nut-free snacks for morning and afternoon snacks and a nut-free lunch and a refillable water bottle.
Southport Clubhouse Only: Add lunch of 2 pizza slices, potato chips, and a juice for \$8 to any School's Out Day.
Pizza must be pre-ordered through WBGC online registration portal.

Program dates vary by Clubhouse based on public school schedule.	
Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse & Madison Avenue Clubhouse	Sept 23, Oct 2 & 13 Nov 26, Dec 29–31, 2, 6, 19
Southport Clubhouse	Sept 23, Oct 2 Nov 11, Dec 29–31 Jan 2 & 19

Families can register for as many dates as they wish. Registration is ongoing, as space permits.

Southport Clubhouse:
Grades K–5

Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse:
Grades K–8

Madison Avenue Clubhouse:
Grades K–8

Fee Per Day	
Non-Member	\$65/day
WBGC Member	\$45/day
After School Program Participant (NEW!)	\$25/day

Check with each Clubhouse for Open Gym/
Open Rec time on Vacation Days.



DeLuca Early Learning Center (Preschool Program)

DELUCA EARLY LEARNING CENTER AT WAKEMAN BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

The DeLuca Early Learning Center is a state licensed childcare facility focused on providing a high-quality preschool program at Wakeman Boys & Girls Club - Madison Avenue Community Clubhouse for early learners ages 3–5. Our program focuses on fostering positive relationships between adults and children.

At the DeLuca Early Learning Center, preschoolers will thrive and develop across various domains. Our experienced staff encourages play-based and outdoor learning through a diverse range of developmentally appropriate activities.

The DeLuca Early Learning Center operates as a full-day program from 7:30am to 5:30pm. Weekly tuition fees will be determined on a sliding scale. Families are encouraged to apply for Care4Kids during the registration process.

OPEN HOUSES

Ages: 3-5 (children 2 years & 9 months are eligible)

Dates: Sept 20 and Oct 4

Time: 10am–1pm

Location: Madison Avenue Community Clubhouse

For more information,
contact **Shandra Patton**,
Director of Early Learning, at
spatton@wakemanclub.org.



Basketball Leagues, Clinics, & Challenges

Bridgeport Caribe Youth Leaders Programs

HELD AT THE WBGC MADISON AVENUE COMMUNITY CLUBHOUSE

BCYL COED BASKETBALL

Grades: K–8

Fee: \$120–140

Dates: Sept–Dec

Time: Varies

Registration Opens: August 15

Location: Madison Avenue Community Clubhouse

Open to all skill levels, the program offers expert coaching to help young athletes improve their basketball skills, game strategy and sportsmanship.

BCYL TRAVEL BASKETBALL

Grades: 6–8

Fee: \$275

Dates: Nov–Feb

Time: Varies

Registration Opens: August 15

Location: Madison Avenue Community Clubhouse

Join the Travel Basketball Team and compete at a higher level! Designed for dedicated athletes, our program offers advanced coaching and competitive play against top teams.

BCYL FALL BASEBALL

Grades: 3–8

Fee: TBD

Dates: July–Oct

Time: Varies

Registration Opens: Now Open

Location: Seaside Park

**Program is no longer year round*

BCYL FALL SOFTBALL

Grades: 3–12, 12U and 18U

Fee: \$95

Dates: Sept–Nov

Time: Varies

Location: TBD

**Program is no longer year round*

Visit bcyl.org for more details

Basketball Leagues, Clinics, & Challenges

TRAVEL BASKETBALL

Grades: 5–8

Fee: \$275

Dates: October 6, 2025–March 2, 2026

Times: 5:30pm–9:00pm Weeknights, and
Weekend Games. Times Vary.

Registration Opens: August 15

Location: Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse

Designed to cultivate team building skills and to develop basketball ability through team-based play. This is a more comprehensive/competitive commitment than our other programs. Open to all Bridgeport Residents. Fee is Subsidized.

TRAVEL BASKETBALL

Grades: 6–8

Fee: \$750

Dates: October 6, 2025–March 2, 2026

Times: 5:30pm–9:00pm Weeknights, and
Weekend Games, Times vary.

Registration Opens: August 15

Location: Southport Clubhouse

Designed to cultivate team building skills and to develop basketball ability through team-based play. This is a more comprehensive/competitive commitment than our other programs. Open to all Fairfield Residents.

PEE WEE BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Grades: 3–5

Fee: \$129

Dates: November 11, 2025–February 2, 2026

Times: 5:30–8:30pm Weeknights, and Weekend
Games. Times Vary.

Registration Opens: August 15

Location: Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse
Southport Clubhouse

Learn team building skills and develop basketball ability through team-based play. Generations of boys and girls in grades 3–5 have had fun, learned skills and made friends in our Pee Wee Basketball League! Whether your player has been playing for a few years or never touched a ball, there's a spot for them in Pee Wee. Southport has both boys and girls teams.

FALL PEE WEE SKILLS ACADEMY

Grades: 3–5

Fee: \$90

Dates: October 4, 2025–November 8, 2025

Times: Saturday Mornings, 10:00am–11:15am

Registration Opens: August 15

Location: Southport Clubhouse

FALL SHOOTING STARS

Ages: Boys & Girls Grades 1–2

Fee: \$90

Dates: October 4, 2025–November 8, 2025

Times: Saturdays, 11:30am–12:30pm

Registration Opens: August 15

Location: Southport Clubhouse

This introductory class is ideal for boys and girls in grades K–2, with a focus on fun while learning basic concepts such as dribbling, shooting, and passing.

DEVELOPMENTAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Ages: Boys & Girls Grades 1–2

Fee: \$100

Dates: December 6, 2025–January 31, 2026

Times: Saturday Mornings. Times Vary.

Registration Opens: August 15

Location: Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse
Southport Clubhouse

Get started with the basics of basketball in this program for first and second graders.

JUNIOR BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Grades: 6–8

Fee: \$129

Dates: February 2, 2026–April 10, 2026

Times: 5:30pm–8:30pm Weeknights, and Weekend
Games. Times Vary.

Registration Opens: August 15

Location: Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse
Southport Clubhouse

The Junior League is where players can choose to play in a structured environment while learning the game and developing team skill and concepts.

RED BAKER 4-ON-4 LEAGUE

Grades: 9–12

Fee: \$112

Dates: January 3–March 15, 2026

Times: Weeknight and Sunday games. Times Vary.

Registration Opens: August 15

Location: Southport Clubhouse

In the Greatest League on Earth, Grade 9–12 members submit their own teams and play an 8-game regular season followed by a single elimination playoff for the coveted Championship. All players must register online for membership and program and submit a roster no later than Dec. 21. League may fill well before 12/21 — don't wait! See website for more details.



STEAM & Educational Development

ASML STEAM WORKS*

Grades: K–12

Fee: None

Dates: September–June

Time: 4pm–6pm

Registration Opens: None

Location: Madison Avenue Community Clubhouse

Our STEAM initiatives, made possible through ASML, offer hands-on exploration and exciting opportunities to approach science, technology, engineering, math and the arts in new ways.

ASPETUCK LAND TRUST – THE NATURAL WORLD*

Grades: K–12

Fee: None

Dates: Winter & Spring Sessions

Time: 4pm–6pm

Registration Opens: None

Location: Madison Avenue Community Clubhouse

Through our Environmental STEM Initiative, in partnership with Aspetuck Land Trust, we aim to connect Bridgeport youth with hands-on learning experiences that foster curiosity, stewardship, and a deeper understanding of the natural world.

MYSTIC AQUARIUM*

Grades: K–5

Fee: None

Dates: TBD Winter & Spring Sessions

Time: 4pm–6pm

Registration Opens: None

Location: Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse

We have partnered with Mystic Aquarium to offer students enriching programming that develops knowledge of environmental and endangered species concerns through fun and innovative games, reading, and interactive activities.

SAWUBONA*

Grades: 6–8

Fee: None

Dates: TBD Fall Wednesdays

Time: 4pm–6pm

Registration Opens: None

Location: Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse

This program utilizes expressive arts like drawing, drumming, movement, writing, music, and gardening that build resilience and improves mental health.

IVY LEAGUE

Grades: 6–8

Fee: None

Dates: TBD Winter & Spring Sessions

Times: 4pm–6pm

Registration Opens: None

Location: Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse

Students get to develop their own small business from conception to implementation and sell their goods. Students learn about business, marketing, and product development.

STEM PROGRAMMING FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY*

Grades: 3–12

Fee: None

Dates: TBD Winter & Spring Sessions

Times: 4pm–6pm

Registration Opens: None

Location: Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse

WBGC has partnered with Fairfield University to bring STEM programming to the Club. Through the use of innovative projects and creative games, students will have the opportunity to develop their knowledge and love of science, technology, engineering, and math.

SOAR YOUTH FLOWER POWER*

Grades: 6–12

Fee: None

Dates: TBD Winter & Spring Sessions

Times: 4–6pm

Registration Opens: None

Location: Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse

SOAR is an acronym which stands for the four interrelated categories of needs the organization and its specific programmatic designs meet: Social, Occupational, Artistic, and Recreational. SOAR's mission is to end epidemic levels of loneliness and social isolation through innovative in-person and online programming.

WRITTEN OUT LOUD*

Grades: 5–12

Fee: None

Dates: TBD Winter & Spring Sessions

Times: 4–6pm

Registration Opens: None

Location: Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse

This program offers members the opportunity to create an original piece of written work and publish it.

**These programs are integrated into the After School Program and are only open to ASP registrants.*



STEAM & Educational Development

MYSTIC STEM PROGRAM

Grades: K–5

Fee: None

Dates: Wednesday, Oct 22–Dec 17; no class on 11/26.

Spring Sessions TBD

Times: 4pm–5pm

Registration Opens: None

Location: Southport Clubhouse

Through our partnership with Mystic Aquarium, our members will be able to explore the environment, endangered species and other STEM-related topics.

DIGITAL PLAYGROUNDS: CODING

Grades: 4–8

Fee: None

Dates: Mondays, Oct 20–Dec 8,

Winter and Spring Session Dates TBD

Times: 5:15pm–6:15pm

Registration Opens: August 25

Location: Southport Clubhouse

WBGC has partnered with Apple to offer enriching programming that develops knowledge of coding, technology and machine learning skills. Join our certified Apple educators with interactive lessons on our iPads, learning key coding concepts and incorporating creative challenges designed to help participants learn code and skills to build confidence, creativity and problem solving. Limited class size.

DIGITAL PLAYGROUNDS: CREATING

Grades: 4–8

Fee: None

Dates: Mondays, Oct 20–Dec 8,

Winter and Spring Session Dates TBD

Times: 6:30pm–7:30pm

ASP members can stay from 6:00–6:30pm

Registration Opens: August 25

Location: Southport Clubhouse

WBGC has partnered with Apple to offer members enriching programming to explore the power and versatility of the Apple iPad with our certified Apple educators. Create and learn how to make music, art and much more! You will be surprised at how much the iPad can create with your imagination! Take your skills to a whole new level and make your technology productive. Limited class size.

TEEN iLAB: CODING AND CREATING

Grades: 9–12

Fee: None

Dates: Mondays, Oct 20–Dec 8,

Winter and Spring Session Dates TBD

Times: 7:30pm–8:30pm

Registration Opens: August 25

Location: Southport Clubhouse

WBGC has partnered with Apple to offer teens an exciting chance to learn to code in SwiftUI and XCode and to use the power of an iPad to learn technology, creativity skills, while creating projects to add to their resumes and workforce readiness skills. Take your skills to a whole new level and make your technology productive and use to further career readiness goals.

SATURDAY OPEN ART

Grades: 3–8

Fee: None

Dates: October 4, 11, 18,

November 1, 8, 15,

December 6, 13,

January (2026) 10, 24, 31

Times: 10:00am–11:30am

Registration Opens: August 25

Location: Southport Clubhouse

Introducing our newest drop-in program! Drop in any week to create your own masterpiece under the guidance of our staff. Whether you feel you're a budding Georgia O'Keefe or Salvador Dali — or still mastering stick figures — you'll enjoy creating art, learning techniques, and making memories with friends. Themes will change weekly and be posted in September. All artwork created before Feb. 1 can be entered in the Club's annual art exhibit.



NATIONAL ARTS EXHIBIT

Grade K–12 | Fee: Free (Members Only) | Time: TBD

Each year we showcase artistic talents of members in conjunction with Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Fine Arts Exhibit. The exhibit is a program designed to promote creativity using various media and to encourage artistic skills and cultural enrichment. Each year, more than 200 pieces of artwork are submitted by young artists from Wakeman Boys & Girls Club. Last year, WBGC had a national winner! Any artwork created by a Club member in 2025 or 2026 at home, school, the Club, or our Saturday Open Art series may be entered into our Clubhouse exhibit. Check out our website for theme and date information.

This year's theme is The Power of Us.

Healthy Lifestyles, Fitness & Recreation

COBRA RUGBY

Grades: 3–12

Fee: \$60

Dates: March–June

Time: TBD

Registration Opens: OPEN ENROLLMENT

Location: Madison Avenue Community Clubhouse

The rugby program is an alliance between COBRA Rugby and WBGC. Participants will learn the values of hard work, persistence, effective communication, and teamwork.

VOLLEYBALL

Grades: 4–8

Fee: TBD

Date: Sept 14–Oct 19 on Sundays

Time: 2pm–6pm

Registration Opens: August 15

There will be Fall, Winter, & Spring Sessions.
Check website for registration dates and timing.

Location: Madison Avenue Community Clubhouse

Clinics will lead players of all abilities through the fundamentals of the game with a balance of instruction and play.

COWBOYS TACKLE FOOTBALL

Grades: 3–8

Fee: \$150

Date: July 31–November 29, 2025

Time: 6pm–8pm

Registration Opens: Ongoing

Location: Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse

Develop skills necessary to excel in football, learn and execute plays, and work together as a team! The program also includes tutoring, equipment and meals.

TEEN NIGHT

Grades: 8–12

Fee: None (Membership of \$60 annually is required)

Date: Sept 26–Dec 5, Every Other Friday

Time: 6pm–9pm

Registration Opens: Ongoing

Location: Madison Avenue Community Clubhouse

TEEN NIGHT AT THE CLUB

Grades: 8–12

Fee: None/\$10 Per Guest

Dates: Feb 6, March 6 & 13, April 3, May 1 & 15

Time: 6pm–9pm

Registration Opens: Ongoing

Location: Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse

Twice monthly at SBC, teens gather for fun, hanging out and camaraderie with their peers and BGC Staff. Gym, movies and the Performing Arts Center will be available. A strong emphasis is placed on career exploration, college preparedness with SAT test preparation courses, local and regional college campus visits, as well as behind-the-scenes visits to local corporations for exposure to the business world.

CHEERLEADING

Grades: 4–8

Fee: \$275

Dates: August 15, 2025–March 15, 2026

Time: 6pm–8pm

Registration Opens: September 2

Location: Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse

Combine elements of dance and acrobatics to entertain spectators as we cheer on and support our WBGC teams.

COOKING CLASSES W/ CHEF RAQUEL

Grades: 5–12

Fee: \$25

Dates: Fall TBD; Winter & Spring. Check our website for details.

Times: 5pm–6pm

Location: Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse

Learn about healthy habits and lifestyles!

CT AFRICAN DANCE & BALLET

Grades: 2–5

Fee: None

Dates: TBD African Dance (Winter) & Ballet (Spring)

Times: 4pm–6pm

Registration Opens: Ongoing

Location: Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse

Experience classical and contemporary forms of dance.



Healthy Lifestyles, Fitness & Recreation

KIDS NIGHT OUT

Grades: K-8

Fee: Free for Members (\$10/Non-Member Guest)

Dates: Fridays, Oct 17, Nov 3, Winter dates TBD

Times: 7pm-8:15pm

Registration Opens: September 26

Location: Southport Clubhouse

Kids – join us for our very popular movie nights in the Southport Clubhouse's gym. Movie title is announced one month prior to showing. Free popcorn included! Those who attend can purchase snacks and drinks from our snack stand. A member may bring one non-member guest per night for a \$10 fee. Guests may attend one WBGC program per 12-month period without membership. Don't forget your favorite sleeping bag, pillow, lawn chair, etc. Additional winter dates TBD. Parents are not permitted at movie.

DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

Grades: 3-5

Fee: \$23/Player

Date: November 11

Time: 12pm-2pm

Registration Opens: TBD

Location: Southport Clubhouse

For this double elimination tournament, players submit teams of 6-7 players by completing a team application available at www.wakemanclub.org. Tourney end time varies for teams. Each team's players will receive a tournament shirt. Pizza will be available for purchase starting at 12:30pm. Sports drinks are not permitted in gym. Members of the winning team earn a prize!

Each player must be a current member and pay a tourney fee.

Note: Individuals will pay through the online registration portal, but their team registration form should be submitted through the Southport Clubhouse's Fitness & Recreation page at wakemanclub.org.

PICKLEBALL

Adult Pickleball: Nearly 70 adults joined our daytime pickleball program in winter 2025! Join in now to take advantage of our first full year program. Our Adult Pickleball Program provides space for adults to play with friends and make new pickleball friends. A league is not offered. Visit www.wakemanclub.org and scroll onto Programs > Pickleball for full details, times and fees.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Celebrate your child's birthday or other special occasion at the Club with a private 2-hour party including 1 hour of gym time, 30 minutes of Gameroom time, and 30 minutes of party room time! Our staff will entertain guests with gym activities and assist with party room set up. Popular activities include capture the flag, dodgeball, basketball, and soccer — other activities welcome. Learn more on our website.



Leadership, Mentoring & Workforce Readiness

COLLEGE & RÉSUMÉ NIGHT

Grades: 7–12

Fee: None

Dates: Wednesday, Oct 22

Times: 7pm–8:30pm

Registration Opens: None

Location: Southport Clubhouse

Open drop-in for help in developing and editing your résumé. Get college and career ready!

ACE MENTORING PROGRAM

Grades: 9–12

Fee: None

Dates: Oct 2025–May 2026

Registration Opens: Enrollment Closes in October

Location: Madison Avenue Community Clubhouse

This program is designed to attract high school students into pursuing careers in architecture, construction and engineering, including skilled trades. Ten mentors from ACE companies will work with the teens.

BRIDGEPORT FIRE CADET PROGRAM

Ages: 17–18

Fee: None

Dates: November 2025–July 2026

Registration Opens: Enrollment Closes in November

Location: Madison Avenue Community Clubhouse

The program is a collaboration between the Bridgeport Fire Department, the Bridgeport Military Academy and WBGC.

WEBSTER FINANCE LAB

Grades: 8–12

Fee: None

Dates: Fall, Winter, & Spring Sessions

Times: 5:30pm–7pm

Registration Opens: OPEN ENROLLMENT

Location: Madison Avenue Community Clubhouse

Description: Join us for this series focused on providing the skills needed for financial literacy and empowerment.

LIVEGIRL*

Grades: 5–8

Fee: None

Dates: Fall, Winter, & Spring Sessions

Registration Opens: None

Location: Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse

This program offers opportunities for young girls to build confidence, visualize the future, and bond amongst other girls while developing esteem and leadership qualities.

**These programs are integrated into the After School Program and are only open to ASP registrants.*



Leadership, Mentoring & Workforce Readiness

Leadership Clubs vary by location. Please visit our website or call your Clubhouse for details.

TORCH CLUB

Grades: 6–8

Fee: None

Dates: TBD Winter & Spring Sessions

Times: 4pm–6pm

Location: Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse

Southport Clubhouse

Madison Avenue Community Clubhouse

Torch Club provides opportunities for members to demonstrate the positive impact youth and teens can have on their communities. Through small group, peer-driven Leadership and Service clubs, members ages 10-13 identify needs in their Club or community, and create and implement service projects to address those needs. New Leadership and Service Sessions allow members to explore, practice and strengthen critical leadership skills.

Note: Applications for the Southport Club are due by September 30, 2025.

KEYSTONE CLUB

Grades: 9–12

Fee: None

Dates: TBD Winter & Spring Sessions

Times: 4pm–6pm

Location: Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse

Southport Clubhouse

Madison Avenue Community Clubhouse

Keystone Club is the Boys & Girls Club Movement's premier leadership program for teens in grades 9–12—built to help them grow, lead, and explore their future. Through hands-on experiences in Character & Leadership, Service to Club and Community, and Education & Career Exploration, members gain confidence, build real-world skills, and discover what they're capable of. The Southport Keystone Club is a national first place award winner for the last three consecutive years!

Note: Applications for the Southport Club are due by September 30, 2025.

FLOW: FUTURE LEADERS OF WAKEMAN

Grades: 4-5

Fee: None

Dates: November–April

Times: 6:15pm-7:15pm on Tuesdays

Registration Opens: September 2025

Location: Southport Clubhouse

Future Leaders is a new service program at the Southport Clubhouse through which 4th and 5th graders begin to develop and strengthen their community service involvement, leadership and teamwork while exploring their interest in helping others and curiosity about the world where they live. No application is required.





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Join us and feel the difference you're making every day.

There are many ways to give back. But none have greater impact on youth than building confidence, teaching life skills, and helping plan for a great future.

Make a Donation
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Volunteer
Attend an Event
Tour a Clubhouse



Call us or visit
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to learn more.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Day For Kids

Bridgeport: Saturday, Sept 6, 2025 | 11am-3pm | Madison Ave. Clubhouse
Southport: Saturday, Sept 13, 2025 | 11am-2pm | Southport Clubhouse

Join us for a day of free family fun! Games, Inflatables, Crafts, STEM Activities, Food & More! Our Bridgeport event is held in partnership with Bridgeport Caribe Youth Leaders and Southwest Community Health Center. Rain or shine.

Construction Junction

Wednesday, October 15, 2025 | Madison Avenue Community Clubhouse
Elementary & Middle School: 4:30pm-6pm
Teens & Young Adults: 6pm-7:30pm

Kids, teens and young adults can explore careers in the fields of construction, architecture and engineering, meet leaders from union and apprenticeship trade programs, and engage in hands-on projects at the Construction Junction. Free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Advance registration requested.

Over The Edge

Saturday, October, 25, 2025

Event proceeds will benefit the Wakeman Boys & Girls Club Annual Fund, to help us deliver enriching programs that promote academic success, health & wellbeing, character & leadership, and life & workforce readiness.

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