



2024 Winter & Spring Program Book

Madison Avenue Community Clubhouse • Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse • Southport Clubhouse



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 extracurricular 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 LOCATIONS

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 FOCUS



Education & The Arts:
Programs focused on academic success are designed to ensure all Club members graduate from high school on time, ready for a post-secondary education and a 21st-century career, while Arts programs foster creativity in young people and give them outlets for self-expression.



Sports & Recreation:
These Club programs focus on fitness and healthy lifestyles while helping members build skills, develop confidence, and form friendships through teamwork.



Character & Leadership:
We emphasize developing good character and leadership skills so that youth are empowered to make a positive impact on their community.

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 designed to promote child safety and protect young people from threats 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 kindergartners to 12th graders to spend engaging time after school, nights, weekends and summer. The Madison Avenue Clubhouse also serves 3–5-year-olds.

Feature	General Description	Madison Avenue Clubhouse	Smilow-Burrough Clubhouse	Southport Clubhouse
Dedicated Teen Space	9th-12th grade lounge to hang out, play, focus on homework, community service, career development	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dedicated Middle School Space	6th-8th grade lounge to hang out, play and focus on schoolwork and enrichment activities		Yes	Yes
Gameroom	Featuring Club favorites like ping pong, carpet bowling, foosball, air hockey, LEGO® and more		Yes	Yes
Gymnasium	Full sized gym with 6 hoops, lined for basketball, volleyball, with spectator bleachers	Yes	Yes	Yes
Auxiliary Gym	A smaller gym for program use	Yes		Yes
Art Studio	Center for youth to create and express artistically		Yes	Yes
Dance/Fitness Studio	Equipped space for the creative arts and fitness	Yes	Yes	
Early Learning Center	Pre-school classrooms for 3–5-year-olds	Yes		
Gaga Ball Pit	A favorite outdoor game		Yes	Yes
Technology Center	Computers, tablets or other technology to support learning and creating.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Learning Spaces	Homework, tutoring, mentoring and quiet social play areas	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kitchen	Snacks & meals served. Culinary programs taught	Yes	Yes	
Health Center	Southwest Community Health Center (Late 2024)	Yes		
Field	Access to outdoor grass or turf area	Yes	Yes	Yes
Outdoor Basketball Courts	Access to outdoor basketball court	Yes		Yes

In addition to features listed above, each clubhouse has additional unique areas for youth to learn, have fun and make new friends.

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](https://www.wakemanclub.org)

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.

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: \$165/year (Valid for 365 days)

Grades 9-12: \$83/year (Valid for 365 days)

Madison Avenue Clubhouse Special Grand Opening Rate:

\$60 through August 30, 2024

Membership is only valid at Madison Avenue Clubhouse.

OPEN REC

(Known as Open Gym at Southport Clubhouse):

Time set aside for members in 3rd-12th grade to use the facility on a drop-in basis. K-2nd graders may not participate in Open Rec. Hours vary by season. Adults are not permitted in Open Gym. Visit wakemanclub.org for monthly schedules.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP AT WAKEMAN BOYS & GIRLS CLUB:

- Access to high quality programs led by professional staff in three safe, engaging and well-maintained clubhouses.
- Open Gym (Southport Clubhouse) and Open Rec (Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse/Madison Avenue Clubhouse).
- Monthly Kids Nights Out at each clubhouse.
- Various additional free programs and activities during the year.

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

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.



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 2:30-5:00pm	Open Rec Gym
	3rd-12th Grade	Frequent evening/weekend gym hours (varies by month)	Art, Apple Coding & Music Making in our new Tech Lab funded by Apple (grades/dates/times vary)
Madison Avenue Clubhouse	6th-8th Grade	Weekdays 4:00-5:45pm	Open Rec Gym
	9th-12th Grade	Weekdays 2:30-8:00pm	Open Rec Gym, Teen Lounge
Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse	9th-12th Grade	Weekdays 2:30-8:00pm	Open Rec Gym, Teen Lounge, Tech Lab
	5th-8th Grade	Weekdays 6:00-8:00pm	Open Rec Gym, Game Room, Tech Lab
	5th-12th Grade	Saturday Mornings 10am-2pm	Gym, Gameroom, Teen Lounge, Middle School Lounge, Music, Dance Activities

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: February 7, 21, March 6, 27, April 24, 25, May 8, June 5, 10.
The Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse and Madison Avenue Clubhouse are scheduled to open at 1:00pm.

Fairfield Public Schools Early Dismissal Days: February 13, March 5, 19, 21, April 30.
The Southport Clubhouse is scheduled to open at 1:00pm 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.

Dates with Special Hours	Description	Madison Avenue Clubhouse	Smilow-Burrough Clubhouse	Southport Clubhouse
February 15	February Break – Bridgeport Schools Closed	8am-6pm+	8am-6pm+	Regular Hours
February 16	February Break – Bridgeport/Fairfield Schools Closed	8am-6pm+	8am-6pm+	8am-6pm+
February 19	President's Day – Bridgeport/Fairfield Schools Closed	8am-6pm+	8am-6pm+	8am-6pm+
March 29	Good Friday – Bridgeport/Fairfield Schools Closed	Closed	Closed	8am-6pm+
April 2	Professional Day – Fairfield Schools Closed	8am-6pm+	Regular Hours	Regular Hours
April 10	Eid-al-Fitr – Bridgeport/Fairfield Schools Closed	8am-6pm+	8am-6pm+	8am-6pm+
April 15, 16, 17, 18, 19	April Break – Bridgeport/Fairfield Schools Closed	8am-6pm+	8am-6pm+	8am-6pm+
May 27	Memorial Day – Bridgeport/Fairfield Schools Closed <i>*Members are invited to march with us in Fairfield's Memorial Day Parade. See staff for more details.</i>	Closed	Closed	Closed*
June 7	Last Day of After School Program	Regular Hours	Regular Hours	Regular Hours
June 10-14	Last Day of School; Make Up Days	Closed	Closed	Closed
June 17	First Scheduled Day of Summer Camp!	Camp Hours	Camp Hours	Camp Hours



After School Program

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM | Grade K-12 | Fee: Varies | Dates: Weekdays 2:30-6:00pm | Register: Ongoing

Welcome to the After School Program, the always-popular program for all members in grades Kindergarten - 8th who use the Club from 3:00pm-6:00pm weekdays. 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!

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.

Grades	Madison Avenue Clubhouse	Smilow-Burrough Clubhouse	Southport Clubhouse	McKinley School Program
K-2nd	Dedicated staff, STEM, structured games, art, indoor/outdoor creative fun, Homework Help. Youth stay with group at all times.	Dedicated staff, STEM, structured games, art, indoor/outdoor creative fun, Homework Help. Youth stay with group at all times.	Dedicated staff, STEM, structured games, art, indoor/outdoor creative fun, Homework Help. Youth stay with group at all times.	Dedicated staff, STEM, structured games, art, indoor/outdoor creative fun, Homework Help. Youth stay with group at all times. Weekly mentoring available.
3rd-5th	Dedicated staff, STEM structured games, art, indoor/outdoor creative fun, Homework Help. Youth stay with group at all times.	Dedicated staff, STEM, structured games, art, indoor/outdoor creative fun, Homework Help. Youth stay with group at all times.	ASP Flex, typically with 3 supervised activity spaces per period, blended staff-led and self-organized. Homework Help, STEAM and consistent gym time available.	Dedicated staff, STEM, structured games, art, Homework Help, indoor/outdoor creative fun. Youth stay with group at all times. Weekly mentoring available.
6th-8th	ASP with dedicated Middle School Lounge, access to gym space and variety of supervised activity spaces, blended staff-led and self-organized.	ASP with dedicated Middle School Lounge, access to gym space and variety of supervised activity spaces, blended staff-led and self-organized.	ASP with dedicated Middle School Lounge, access to gym space and variety of supervised activity spaces, blended staff-led and self-organized. Power Hour Homework Help and consistent gym time available.	None
9th-12th	Dedicated staff, Teen Center to join variety of dynamic activities, Power Hour homework help, hang out, gym time available.	Dedicated staff, Teen Center to join variety of dynamic activities, Power Hour homework help, hang out, gym time available.	Open Gym Drop-In only with a dedicated gym available. No ASP enrollment needed.	Volunteer Mentor positions available at McKinley Program and Holland Hill Program

Wakeman Boys & Girls Club's after-school program, serving 5 through 12-year-olds, is exempt from State of CT childcare licensure as per the Office of Early Childhood. All WBGC programs adhere to the membership and safety standards set forth by Boys & Girls Club of America.

TRANSPORTATION FROM SCHOOLS TO CLUBHOUSES

Clubhouse	Schools Served
Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse	Wakeman Walkers Program available from Black Rock School, Geraldine Claytor Academy, St. Ann Academy. WBGC staff walk members from school to the clubhouse. Wakeman Walkers operates throughout the school year, rain or shine.
Southport Clubhouse	Bus transportation available from all Fairfield Public Schools and St. Thomas School. Transportation from McKinley is only available for grade 3-5.
Madison Avenue Clubhouse	Wakeman Walkers Program available from Columbus School, Geraldine Johnson School and St. Raphael School. Wakeman BGC staff walk members from school to the clubhouse. Wakeman Walkers operates throughout the school year, rain or shine.

WBGC PROGRAMS AT SCHOOLS

School Site	Program Description
McKinley Elementary School (Fairfield)	The Before School Program at McKinley is available 7:00am-8:45am. The After School Program is available 3:15-6:00pm. As a 21st Century Community Learning Center and recipient of other grants, the McKinley ASP is available free to many youth, and low fee for other youth. Available to McKinley students only.
Holland Hill Elementary School (Fairfield)	The Great Futures Mentoring Program is offered on Tuesdays at Holland Hill, with 20 mentees matched 1 on 1 in a group setting with teen volunteer mentors for support in academics, physical activity, play and social skills. The Mentoring Program at Holland Hill is supported by the Kiwanis Club of Fairfield.

EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS - AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

All sites open at 1:00pm 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 wakemanclub.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 wakemanclub.org.

After School Program		# of Days Attending After School Program				
		5	4	3	2	1
Full Fee:		\$300	\$240	\$180	\$120	\$60
Grade	Parent Fee*	5-Days	4-Days	3-Days	2-Days	1-Days
K-5th	Tier A	\$70	\$56	\$41	\$27	\$14
	Tier B	\$47	\$38	\$29	\$20	\$12
	Tier C	\$25	\$20	\$17	\$14	\$11
Full Fee:		\$81 (Fee for 1-5 days/week)				
Grade	Parent Fee*	All Days				
6th-8th	Tier A	\$23				
	Tier B	\$17				
	Tier C	\$11				

**All WBGC fees are subsidized as a primary focus of our mission to give access to all. The full fee price will come up on your registration, but when you select your tier, you will only be responsible for the parent fee portion. Those who may qualify for Care4Kids will be required to complete a Care4Kids application if not already registered for C4K. This helps WBGC continue to support subsidizing our fees to keep the cost down. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.*

Tier Guide		
TIER A* - The full parent pay rate charged for this program, which is subsidized by WBGC, donors and other 3rd parties. If you are able to pay this amount, please do so.	TIER B* - A more substantial financial assistance rate for families who are financially challenged. If you are unable to afford Tier A, please pay this amount.	TIER C* - Thanks to our generous donors, we can provide some additional funding especially due to employment layoffs, families eligible for free lunch, or unforeseen circumstances. If you are unable to afford Tier A or B, please pay this amount.

***All families who select Tier B or C may be required to complete a Care4Kids application to the state of CT to assist WBGC in recouping childcare expenses. Some families who select Tier A may also be required to complete a Care4Kids application, based on the family's stated household income and family size during program enrollment. An income guide is available on our website.*

Those unable to afford full membership or Tier C of After School Program should submit a completed financial aid application to the Membership Director at least two weeks prior to registration date, when possible.

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Vacation Days (School's Out Program)

Grades K-8

Join us on your day off from school for organized games, challenges, sports, art, STEM and other activities. Members may be dropped off/picked up any time. Members have supervised free play options from 8:00-9:00am and 5:30-6:00pm. Structured activities begin at 9:00am and end at 5:30pm.

Members should bring nut-free snacks for morning and afternoon snack 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	February 15, 16, 19 April 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19
Southport Clubhouse	February 16, 19 March 29 April 2, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19

Families can register for as many dates as they wish. Registration is ongoing, as space permits.	Fee per Day*	
	Tier A	\$57
	Tier B	\$40
	Tier C	\$23
Southport Clubhouse: Grades K-5		
Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse: Grades K-8		
Madison Avenue Clubhouse: Grades K-8		



Open Rec/Gym Time on School Vacation Days (All Clubhouse)	
6th - 12th Grade	Gym is generally available for basketball from 11:00am-5:00pm*
3rd - 8th Grade	Gym space is available 2:30-5:00pm* (Turf field is available at Southport Clubhouse weather permitting)

*Hours/spaces subject to change. Check monthly Open Rec Schedule for updates to daytime/evening hours.



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's 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 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM. Weekly tuition fees will be determined on a sliding scale. Families are encouraged to apply for Care4Kids during the registration process. For more information, visit wakemancub.org, call 203-908-3381 or visit the Madison Avenue Community Clubhouse. Opening soon!



Basketball Leagues, Clinics, & Challenges

JUNIOR BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Grades: 6-8 | Fee: \$115

Dates: February 5 - April 11

Location: Southport Clubhouse

Boys Junior League is the exciting place where 6th, 7th and 8th graders choose to play in a structured environment while learning the game and developing team skills and concepts. While traditionally a league for boys, girls are welcome too! Each grade group is scheduled to play in separate divisions however two grades may be combined based on registration. Players are assigned to a team that practices one night during the week (Monday-Friday based on participant's availability) and play one game each weekend. Teams play a 7-game regular season and then a single elimination playoff to crown a champion in each division. Teams are coached by parent and other volunteer coaches who have completed WBGC Safety Trainings. Smilow-Burroughs Club teams will play in a join league with the Southport Clubhouse. SBC teams are expected to play the majority of their games at SBC.

BASKETBALL SKILLS CHALLENGE DAY

Grades: 3-5 & 6-8 | Fee: None

Date: Monday, February 19 from 2:30-4:00pm

Location: Southport Clubhouse

Join our Basketball coaching staff for a healthy dose of friendly competition full of b-ball challenges: Foul Shot Contest, 2Ball, Speed Dribbling, 3-Pointer, Knockout & More! Prizes will be awarded. Register online to reserve your spot. Pizza will be available for sale. Open gym is available after challenge activities.

SHOOTING STARS BASKETBALL CLINIC

Grades K-2 | Fee: \$75

Session III Dates: Wednesdays, March 13 - April 10 from 5:30-6:30pm

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. Participants play with size 7 WBGC basketballs and receive a t-shirt. Activity drills, games and friendly competitions will have your budding star eager to come back for more hoops action with friends! Parents/spectators are not permitted to remain in gym during clinics.

1ST-2ND GRADE DEVELOPMENTAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Grades: 1-2 | Fee: \$105

Dates: Saturdays, February 24 - April 6

Location: Southport Clubhouse

Don't miss out on our first developmental league for 1st-2nd graders. Each Saturday morning, teams meet for a 30-minute practice followed immediately by a mini game against an opponent, complete with volunteer coaches, official referees, scoreboards, jerseys, 8 foot hoops and spectators – the perfect recipe for great, fun play! Six game schedule of games will be played at 8:45am weekly. Spectators are welcome for both the practice and game portion of each week. This program also includes 4 optional weekday clinics. See details at wakemanclub.org.

NEW!

BASKETBALL SKILLS ACADEMY CLINIC

Grades: 3-5 | Fee: \$75

Dates: Mondays, March 11 - April 8 from 6:00-7:00pm

Location: Southport Clubhouse

WBGC basketball coaching staff players through fun and exciting basketball skills and drills balanced with fun competitions and scrimmages. Focus is on the fundamentals of the game. Players of all experiences welcome. Players will use an intermediate size ball (provided) while grouped based on grade and experience.

SPRING SENIOR LEAGUE

Grades: 9-12 | Fee: \$105

Dates: April 22 - June 7 (Monday, Wednesday, Friday Game Nights)

Location: Southport Clubhouse & Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse

High school members love this springtime 5 on 5 Spring Basketball League. Players create their own teams. Individual players will be accepted and assigned to teams as needed. Each time will play 6 regular season weeknight games, followed by a double elimination tournament to crown the champion. Teams may be grouped into pools by grade based on enrollment. Games are held at Southport Clubhouse and Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse.

SUMMER BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Grade: 5-8 | Divisions for Grades 5-6 and 7-8 | Fee: \$93

Dates: Wednesdays July 10, 17, 24, 31, and August 6, 13, 20

Times: 5th-6th grade: 6:00-7:00pm, 7th/8th Grade: 7:15-8:15pm

Location: Southport Clubhouse

Players in grades 5-8 get a great basketball workout in our favorite summer league. Players are grouped into two teams each week and play a "pickup style" game with our WBGC coaching staff. Players receive reversible jerseys at the first game. Games will be refereed by current IAABO officials. All games played in the air-conditioned Warren Gym.

MIDNIGHT BASKETBALL AT THE CLUB (Summer)

Ages: 14-21 | Fee: None

Dates: Fridays/Saturdays, June 2 - August 26

(No program 6/30 and 7/1)

Ages 14-17 play 6:00-8:00pm

Ages 18-21 play 8:00pm-Midnight

(Arrive before 10:30pm, as doors will lock at this time)

Location: Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse

Midnight Basketball at the Club is a new collaboration with the Bridgeport Police Department, Hall Neighborhood House, and The Justice Education Center, Inc. and Wakeman Boys & Girls Club. The Club will be open Fridays and Saturdays for pickup basketball, supervised by WBGC staff and BPD officers. Registration at the Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse is required and can be done in person or online. If you are not a current Wakeman BGC, register as a non-member.

New basketball programs are being developed at our Madison Avenue Clubhouse and Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse in 2024-2025. Visit wakemanclub.org for updates.

STEAM & Educational Development

DIGITAL PLAYGROUNDS: THE POWER OF CODE

Grades: 3-5 | Fee: None

Date: Mondays, February 26 - April 1 from 6:45-7:45pm

Location: Southport Clubhouse

Led by our Apple educators, members follow interactive lessons on the Club's Apple iPads to learn key coding concepts. Creative challenges will encourage members to learn code and skills to build confidence, creativity and problem solving.

SWIFT FRIENDSHIP BRACELET NIGHT

Grades: 3-5 | Fee: None (Bring a Guest \$10)

Dates: March 1 from 6:30-8:00pm

Location: Southport Clubhouse

Create Friendship Bracelets, dress in sparkles or in your favorite "Era", trade bracelets, listen to the coolest music and enjoy Taylor inspired snacks!

WE CREATE: APPLE DIGITAL ARTS NIGHT

Grades: 3-5 | Fee: None

Date: Friday, February 1 from 7:00-8:15pm

Southport Clubhouse

Create a masterpiece in digital art alongside our Apple educators and be ready to enter the BGCA National Art Contest! Our Apple lab and Apple trained WBGC staff are ready to provide members an opportunity to explore and learn more about Apple programming and iPad productivity and creativity suite. Snack included. Limited class size.



APPLE CREATES

Grades: 3-5 | Fee: None

Date: Mondays, February 26 - April 1 from 5:30-6:30pm

Southport Clubhouse

Come explore the power and versatility of the Apple iPad with our 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.

FINE ARTS EXHIBIT

Grades: K-12 | Fee: None

Date: Submit artwork January 5 to February 14, 2024

Exhibit: will be on display in February.

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 2023 at home, school or the Club may be entered into our Clubhouse exhibit.

UNDER THE SEA-MIXED MEDIA ART FOR KIDS

Grades: K-2 | Fee: None (Bring a Guest \$10)

Date: Thursday, March 28 from 6:30-8:00pm

Location: Southport Clubhouse

This fun ocean themed class will have young artists take a journey through the sea to learn about sea life and create artwork using mixed media to create 2 different projects. Snacks included.



Fitness & Recreation

VOLLEYBALL SKILLS ACADEMY

Grade: Girls 3-5 & 6-8 | **Fee:** None for all Bridgeport Residents \$60 for other participants. Must be WBGC member (\$60)

Dates: Sundays March 10 - April 21 (No class 3/31, 4/7)

Times: Grade 3-5 – Sun 1:00pm-2:00pm

Grade 6-8 – Sun 2:15pm -3:45pm

Location: Madison Avenue Clubhouse

Open to all 3rd-8th grade girls, volleyball is back for an exciting 2024 launch at our Madison Avenue Clubhouse's three beautiful, new courts. Clinics will lead players of all abilities through the fundamentals of the game with a balance of instruction and play. Players split into teams and focus on team concepts and individual skills to increase knowledge and game readiness through weekly scrimmages. Volleyball is held under the guidance of WBGC CEO Sabrina Smeltz, a volleyball clinician with over 20 years competitive coaching experience. On the first day of the clinic, all players receive their own ball to keep!



DODGEBALL TOURNAMENTS

Grade: 3-5 & 6-8 | **Fee:** None

Dates: Grade 3-5 – Friday February 16 from 2:30-4:30pm (No School Today!)

Grade 6-8 – Friday, March 29 from 2:30-4:30pm (No School Today!)

Location: Southport Clubhouse

For this double elimination tournament, players submit teams of 6-7 players by completing a team application available at wakemanclub.org. Tourney end time varies for teams. Pizza and drinks will be available for purchase. Members of the winning team earn a prize! Each player must be a current member.

Note: Registration form is on the Southport Clubhouse's Fitness & Recreation webpage, not in the online registration page portal. Van transportation may be available from the Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse and Madison Avenue Clubhouse; inquire at MAC and SBC for details.

4TH ANNUAL FLASHLIGHT EGG HUNT

Grades: K-4 | **Fee:** \$12 Members (\$22 Guest of Member)

Date: March 15 from 6:45-8:15pm

Location: Southport Clubhouse

Join us for our third annual Flashlight Egg Hunt as we egg it up and go on an adventure in the dark on our turf field. Members will also enjoy a craft and playing spring-themed games. Each participant will go home with a candy bag that they decorate. Please bring a flashlight. Dress for the weather. Event will be held indoors if raining. Presented by our service clubs: Future Leaders of Wakeman, Torch Club and Keystone Club. Van transportation may be available from the Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse and Madison Avenue Clubhouse; inquire at MAC and SBC for details.

PARTIES (Birthdays, Bar/Bat Mitzvah After Parties, Sport Team Parties, etc.)

Grades: K-8 | **Fee:** \$260 Member/\$305 Non-Member

Dates: Upon Request as Available (Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays)

Location: Southport Clubhouse, Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse

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 Game Room time and 30 minutes of party room time! Contact the clubhouse Membership Director to inquire about scheduling a party.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

The Holidays are magical times to connect our community to our Club Kids who need extra attention and care or just love a reason to celebrate with friends. WBGC Provides opportunities for Club Kids to benefit from parties, breakfast events and more. Activities are announced during the year.

KIDS NIGHT AT THE CLUB

Featuring a Movie, Open Rec & More!

Grades K-6 (Southport Only) | Fee: None for Members (Guests: \$10)

Dates: Visit wakemanclub.org for dates. Movie titles are shared one month prior through monthly clubhouse emails.

Times: Movie nights are between 6:00-9:00pm.

Actual start and end times vary by month.

Join us for our popular movie night on our jumbo screen! Don't forget your favorite sleeping bag, lawn chair, stuffie, etc. FREE Popcorn for all moviegoers, with other snacks/candy available for purchase. Parents/adults are not allowed to attend movies.

TEEN NIGHT AT THE CLUB

Grades: 8-12 | **Fee:** None

Dates/Location: Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse - February 2, March 1, 15, April 5, 19, May 3, 17

Dates/Location: Madison Avenue Clubhouse - February 9, 23, March 8, 22, April 12, 26, May 10

Time: 6:00-9:00pm

Twice monthly at MAC and 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. Some activities may be held outside of Friday nighttime.

WBGC COWBOYS COED FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING

Grades: 4-8 | Fee: \$300

Date: August - November

Registration Date: March 4

Location: Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse

The Football Program teaches communication skills, self-control, and strength through consistent weekday practices and weekend games. In our 3rd year the 8th grade team won the championship! Our 7th Grade team were runners up in the championship. The Cheer Program teaches communication skills, fitness and team building.

MEMORIAL DAY MARCHING

Grades: 3-12 | Fee: None

Date: May 27 from 9:15-10:45am

Location: Fairfield

Join us for our annual march and float ride in the Fairfield Memorial Day Parade! Teen members are also welcome to join us in construction and design of the float in May! Details about float construction and marching will be available May 1, 2024, from the Southport Clubhouse.

PICKLEBALL (Adults)

Ages: Adults | Fee: \$265/school year

Date: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Late Mornings/Early Afternoons

Location: Southport Clubhouse & Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse

Now in its second year, Wakeman Boys & Girls Club's Adult Pickleball program gives adults an opportunity to play pickleball while following the Club's key priorities of having fun, learning new things and making new friends. Pickleball at Wakeman BGC is self-organized by participants. More details at wakemanclub.org.

RUGBY

Ages: 10-18 | Fee: \$60

Dates: March - June

Location: Madison Avenue Clubhouse Program at Various Fields in Bridgeport Community

The Rugby Program is an alliance between COBRA Rugby and Wakeman Boys & Girls Club. The goal is to demonstrate to our young men and women that hard work, persistence, effective communication, commitment to the team, self-control and considerate behavior result in real strength; strength that is noticed, acknowledged, and respected by others. Our team members learn that these behaviors lead to success. Participants train together twice a week and compete against teams throughout the New York tri-state area. This increases focus on academics and positive actions due to a newfound belief that future successes are attainable. More details available at wakemanclub.org.



School-Based Programs & Mentoring

MCKINLEY & HOLLAND HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Since 2005, Wakeman Boys & Girls Club has provided after school enrichment and mentoring programs for elementary students and volunteer opportunities for high school students. Through these after-school programs, McKinley and Holland Hill students connect with consistent role models, strengthen their academic skills, and socialize with peers. Teen volunteers develop patience and connection as they support youth and give back to the community.

The McKinley Program provides Before School Program daily from 7:00-8:45am and After School Program daily 3:15-6:00pm. The After School Program incorporates numerous high yield learning experiences in academics, Art, STEM, play and mentoring, including through partnerships with Apple and Mystic Aquarium. The Program at McKinley is a 21st Century Community Learning Center.

The Holland Hill Program provides small group mentoring to 20 youth mentees, once weekly at school. Holland Hill students may also ride the bus to the Southport Clubhouse After School Program.

Funded by various grants, these programs are free or low-cost for elementary aged participants. More information about our McKinley and Holland Hill-based school programs is available at wakemanclub.org.

TEEN VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

Grades: 9-12 | Fee: None

Dates: Vary

Location: All Clubhouses

Register: Ongoing - Online Application

Teens - Volunteer two hours a week or more to make a difference in a child's life...and they will also make a difference in yours! Teens frequently use their hours toward college applications, Fairfield Prep Christian Service, National Honor Society, High School Key Club, SASO, and more. Programs begin mid-September, but volunteers are accepted throughout the school year as space is available. Volunteers must commit to a consistent day for a minimum of 1 season of the school year (fall, winter, spring) and 2 hours per visit.

- **Great Futures Mentoring:** 9th-12th grade volunteers mentor their K-5th grade mentee in a weekly two-hour session, spending time with other mentors and students for homework, life skills, social lessons, games, crafts, sports, and more. Options may include Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays 3:10pm-5:10pm at McKinley or Tuesdays 2:40pm-4:40pm at Holland Hill.
- **Power Hour Homework Tutor:** 9th-12th grade volunteer positions may be available assisting youth with homework, enrichment activities and play at the Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse, and Madison Avenue Clubhouse.

Volunteer application and full updated details about various volunteer options are available at wakemanclub.org
Interested teens should contact Club staff at the site they wish to volunteer.



Character & Leadership

TORCH CLUB

Grades 7-8

Torch Club is a powerful program through which young people develop and strengthen their 21st-Century leadership skills, giving them a firm foundation of good character and integrity. Torchers elect officers and work together to implement projects in 4 areas: Service to Club & Community; Education; Health & Fitness; and Social Recreation. Come join the club that was nationally recognized for our community service!



REQUIREMENTS: Members attend 2 meetings/month and perform 2 hours/month of community or Club service from October-May. All hours are completed through projects planned by Torch Club members and Club advisors, as well as approved non-profits and community organizations. Program fee includes Torch Club apparel. This program meets October-May, with regular registration in August/September.

Site	New Members Accepted?	Fee	Start Date	Typical Meeting Day
Southport Clubhouse	Yes	\$60 (Mid-Year Rate)	Ongoing	Thursdays 7-8:30pm
Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse	Yes	None*	February 2024	Tuesdays 4-6pm
Madison Avenue Clubhouse	Yes	None*	February 2024	Tuesdays 4-6pm

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KEYSTONE CLUB

Grades 9-12

Keystone Club is the Boys & Girls Club Movement’s most dynamic teen program: leadership and service clubs for 9th-12th grade teens designed to develop good character and help members grow to become productive, responsible adults and leaders. The Southport Clubhouse’s 2023 Keystone Club was recognized with Boys & Girls Clubs of America’s National Award for Community Service – presented to only one Club in the USA. Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse and Madison Avenue Clubhouse are excited to launch Keystone Clubs in February 2024! Learn more about Keystone Club’s focus and activities at wakemanclub.org.



REQUIREMENTS: Members attend 2 meetings/month and perform 2 hours/month of Club or community service from October-May. All hours are completed through projects planned by Keystone Club members and advisors, as well as approved non-profits and community organizations. Program fee includes Keystone Club apparel.

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Hand in Hand Celebration

Monday, May 6 - Save the Date!

Please join us as we honor the Youth of the Year and award community members for their achievements in academics, health and fitness, and character and leadership. More event details will be shared in the spring.

