BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF ABERDEEN AREA

DECEMBER 2026

GRADES K-5 NEWSLETTER

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM BGCAA!

Happy Holidays from the Boys & Girls Club of Aberdeen Area! Wishing all of our Club members, families, staff, volunteers, and supporters a joyful holiday season filled with happiness, laughter, and special memories. Thank you for being part of our BGCAA family! May your holidays be merry and bright!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

WINTER GEAR

As a reminder with the weather getting colder, please make sure your child is prepared to go outside with their appropriate winter gear! We will try to utilize outside as much as possible!

GIVING TREE

Please have all Giving Tree Tags & Gifts turned in to the Club by Friday, December 18. We will begin handing out all gifts on Monday, December 21. Please see pages 4 & 5 of this newsletter for more info!

LES SCHWAB TOY DRIVE

Our local Les Schwab Tire Center is collecting toy donations to benefit our Boys & Girls Club of Aberdeen Area! Want to help make the holidays extra special for our Club members? Drop off your donated toys at:

Les Schwab Tire Center 704 S. Melgaard Road in Aberdeen

Every donation helps bring smiles and holiday magic to children in our community! A huge thank-you to Les Schwab and everyone who donates for helping make the season brighter for our Boys & Girls Club kids!

LOST & FOUND CLEAN OUT

Please ask the Control Center if your child can look for their missing item(s) in the Lost & Found.



LOST & FOUND CLEAN OUT: DECEMBER 14 - DECEMBER 18

Lost & Found totes will be in the Club's Front Lobby December 14-18.

All remaining items will be donated on: Monday, December 21



BULLY PREVENTION

All Club members in grades K-5 will participate in bullying prevention lessons and hands-on activities on Thursday, December 10, during Power Time from 3:45 PM to 4:30 PM.



NO PROJECT LEARN

No Power Time
No Homework Help
No Reading Challenge

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21 - FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

Project Learn will resume on Monday, January 4, 2027!





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SANTA IN DISUISE

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY

1: Starting November 30, grab a Santa template from the basket on the table in the Club's front entrance lobby!

2: Take home your Santa and disguise him! Use your creativity & imagination! Work together with your family to create a one-of-a-kind masterpiece!

3: Turn your disguised Santa into the basket by

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

4: Winners will be announced on Wednesday, December 23. Each winner will receive a prize! We will also post winners on our Facebook page.

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SANTA IN DISUISE



MEMBER'S NAME: _____

SANTA IN DISGUISE ENTRIES DUE: MONDAY, DECEMBER 21!

QUESTIONS: PLEASE SEE MEGAN!

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HOLIDAY GIVING TREE

PICK A NAME & HELP A CHILD IN NEED!

Benefiting Boys & Girls Club Members this holiday season.

November 23 - December 18

Drop Off Location:
Boys & Girls Club 1121 1st Avenue SE

Lobby Hours:
Mondays - Fridays 8:30am to 6:30pm

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HOLIDAY Giving Tree

Benefiting Boys & Girls Club Members this holiday season!

November 23 – December 18

Help make the holidays brighter for a Boys & Girls Club member in need by participating in our Holiday Giving Tree! Choose a tag, shop for a child's wish list items, and return gifts to the Club by December 18!

Drop Off Location:
Boys & Girls Club
1121 1st Avenue SE
Aberdeen, SD 57401

Lobby Hours:
Mondays – Fridays
8:30am to 6:30pm

Questions:
Please contact Megan
605.225.8714 ext. 106

MERRY Christmas

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB GIVING TREE

HOW IT WORKS:

1. **Pick a Tag:** Stop by the Boys & Girls Club lobby between November 23 – December 18 and select a tag from the Giving Tree. Each tag includes a child's name & wish list.

2. **Shop for Gifts:** Purchase the item(s) listed on your selected tag for that child.

3. **Return Gifts:** Bring the unwrapped (or wrapped, if you prefer) gifts with the tag attached back to the Club by Friday, December 18. Please fill out the back of the tag with your information.

4. **Gift Wrapping & Gift Pick-Up:** Club staff will wrap gifts and distribute all gifts to children on Monday, December 21 starting at 3:00pm.

Your generosity helps make the holidays brighter for local Club members in need!

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December 2026
GRADES K-5 FIELD TRIPS

Registration Opens:
Monday, November 23
@ 12:00 PM
Online via Parent Portal

Registration Closes:
When all spots are full or
12:00 pm the day prior to the field trip

Questions: **Megan Reshetar** | **Program Director 605.225.8714 ext. 106**

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CHRISTMAS CAROLING FIELD TRIPS

MONDAYS: NOVEMBER 30, DECEMBER 7, 14, 21 | 3:45 PM - 5:30 PM

EACH FIELD TRIP IS A SEPERATE REGISTRATION IN PARENT PORTAL!



We will be taking a group of Grades K–5 Club members to visit various local businesses and organizations to spread some Christmas cheer by singing holiday carols. We look forward to sharing smiles, laughter, and a little extra holiday magic with our community!

Monday, November 30	3:45-5:30 PM	Various Locations	Free
Monday, December 7	3:45-5:30 PM	Various Locations	Free
Monday, December 14	3:45-5:30 PM	Various Locations	Free
Monday, December 21	3:45-5:30 PM	Various Locations	Free

FIELD TRIP IS FREE OF CHARGE | OPEN TO GRADES K-5

- Registration Opens: **Monday, November 23, at 12:00 PM online via Parent Portal**
- Registration Closes: **When all spots are full or 12:00 pm the day prior to the field trip**

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
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GRADES K-5 FIELD TRIPS

2026 Christmas Caroling Field Trips

Registration Opens: Monday, November 23, at 12:00 PM on Parent Portal

Reminder for Parents & Guardians: You may sign your child up for as many Christmas Caroling field trips as you would like.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30 3:45 PM - 5:30 PM	MONDAY, DECEMBER 7 3:45 PM - 5:30 PM	MONDAY, DECEMBER 14 3:45 PM - 5:30 PM	MONDAY, DECEMBER 21 3:45 PM - 5:30 PM
TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
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Register online via My Club Hub Parent Portal beginning on Monday, November 23 @ 12:00 pm (noon).

Questions: Megan Reshetar | Program Director

Office Phone: 605-225-8714 ext. 106 | Email: mreshetar.bgca@midconetwork.com

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INDOOR ICE SKATING FIELD TRIPS @ ODDE ICE ARENA

TUESDAYS: DECEMBER 1, 8, 15, 22 | 3:45 PM TO 5:45 PM

EACH FIELD TRIP IS A SEPERATE REGISTRATION IN PARENT PORTAL!



We will be taking a group of Grades K-5 Club members ice skating at the indoor rink located at the Odde Ice Arena. Rental skates are available at the rink.



Tuesday, December 1	3:45-5:45 PM	Indoor Ice Skating @ Odde Ice Arena	Free
Tuesday, December 8	3:45-5:45 PM	Indoor Ice Skating @ Odde Ice Arena	Free
Tuesday, December 15	3:45-5:45 PM	Indoor Ice Skating @ Odde Ice Arena	Free
Tuesday, December 22	3:45-5:45 PM	Indoor Ice Skating @ Odde Ice Arena	Free

FIELD TRIP IS FREE OF CHARGE | OPEN TO GRADES K-5

- Registration Opens: **Monday, November 23, at 12:00 PM online via Parent Portal**
- Registration Closes: **When all spots are full or 12:00 pm the day prior to the field trip**

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THE BIRDIE BAY CO. FIELD TRIPS

WEDNESDAYS: DECEMBER 2, 9, 16 | 3:45 PM TO 5:15 PM

EACH FIELD TRIP IS A SEPERATE FEE & REGISTRATION IN PARENT PORTAL!



We will be taking a group of Grades 2–5 Club members to The Birdie Bay Co. on Main Street to enjoy the golf simulators. The Club will provide all necessary equipment. Each field trip costs $7 per child and is a seperate registration in Parent Portal on My Club Hub.

Wednesday, December 2	3:45-5:15 PM	Golf Simulators @ The Birdie Bay Co.	$7 per child
Wednesday, December 9	3:45-5:15 PM	Golf Simulators @ The Birdie Bay Co.	$7 per child
Wednesday, December 16	3:45-5:15 PM	Golf Simulators @ The Birdie Bay Co.	$7 per child

FIELD TRIP FEE: $7 PER CHILD PER FIELD TRIP

OPEN TO GRADES 2-5 | CLUB WILL PROVIDE EQUIPMENT

- Registration Opens: **Monday, November 23, at 12:00 PM online via Parent Portal**
- Registration Closes: **When all spots are full or 12:00 pm the day prior to the field trip**

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TRAINS AT CHRISTMAS FIELD TRIPS

JAMES VALLEY MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

THURSDAYS: DECEMBER 3, 10, 17 | 3:45 PM TO 5:15 PM

EACH FIELD TRIP IS A SEPERATE FEE & REGISTRATION IN PARENT PORTAL!



We will be taking a group of Grades K–5 Club members to visit the James Valley Model Railroad Association's Trains at Christmas exhibit at the Railroad Depot. This is a fun opportunity for our Club members to enjoy the holiday train displays and make special Christmas memories. This field trip is free of charge!

Thursday, December 3	3:45-5:15 PM	Trains at Christmas James Valley Model Railroad Associaton	Free
Thursday, December 10	3:45-5:15 PM	Trains at Christmas James Valley Model Railroad Associaton	Free
Thursday, December 17	3:45-5:15 PM	Trains at Christmas James Valley Model Railroad Associaton	Free

FIELD TRIP FEE: FREE | OPEN TO GRADES K-5

- Registration Opens: **Monday, November 23, at 12:00 PM online via Parent Portal**
- Registration Closes: **When all spots are full or 12:00 pm the day prior to the field trip**

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB MEMBERS IN GRADES K-5

FREE

GINGERBREAD
Stem Night & Dodgeball Party

Open to Grades K-5 with active Club memberships.

Get ready for a night of creativity, friendly competition, and holiday fun! Members will decorate their own gingerbread houses and enjoy an exciting dodgeball party with their friends. It's the perfect combination of STEM, creativity, and active fun!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED | REGISTRATION BEGINS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23 AT 12:00 PM

FREE EVENT!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

FREE PIZZA & JUICE SERVED TO ALL PARTICIPATING MEMBERS!



FREE



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Grades K-5

MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11
7:15 PM - 9:00 PM

Movie: The Grinch (2018)
Movie Rating: PG
Run Time: 85 Minutes
7:15 PM: Doors Open
7:30 PM: Movie Starts

- Members must be a Boys & Girls Club member in Grades K-5 to attend.
- Registration begins via Parent Portal on Monday, November 16 @ 12:00 PM
- Event is FREE of charge to Grades K-5!

Dr. Seuss' The GRINCH



THE NORTH POLE EXPRESS

SPECIAL EVENT FIELD TRIP

FREE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

EVENT IS OPEN TO BOYS & GIRLS CLUB MEMBERS IN GRADES K-5

- 7:00–8:10 PM: All aboard the North Pole Express! Members will enjoy a festive ride around Aberdeen to see the beautiful Christmas lights and holiday displays at various locations using Boys & Girls Club vans.
- 8:10–8:30 PM: Return to the Boys & Girls Club for hot chocolate and a Christmas cookie to finish off our evening of holiday cheer!
- Registration Required | Registration Begins: Monday, November 23 @ 12:00 PM

CLUB HOURS OF OPERATION

REMINDER Our Boys & Girls Club follows the Aberdeen Public School District's 2026-2027 academic calendar.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
21 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM Club Open 3:00 PM - 6:30 PM	**22** AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM Club Open 3:00 PM - 6:30 PM	**23** AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM Club Open 3:00 PM - 6:30 PM	**24**  CHRISTMAS EVE Club Open 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM	**25**  CHRISTMAS DAY Club Closed Happy Holidays!
28 WINTER BREAK Club Open 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM	**29** WINTER BREAK Club Open 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM	**30** WINTER BREAK Club Open 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM	**31** WINTER BREAK Club Open 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM	**1** JANUARY  NEW YEAR'S DAY Club Closed Happy New Year!
4 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM Club Open 3:00 PM - 6:30 PM	**5** AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM Club Open 3:00 PM - 6:30 PM	**6** AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM Club Open 3:00 PM - 6:30 PM	**7** AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM Club Open 3:00 PM - 6:30 PM	**8** AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM Club Open 3:00 PM - 6:30 PM

NO SCHOOL DAYS

MEAL & SNACK INFO:

Boys & Girls Club Open 7:30am to 6:00pm on No School Days





8:00am Breakfast



$1 per day per child cash only!

11:00am Lunch



FREE FOR ALL CLUB MEMBERS

3:00pm Snack

FREE FOR ALL CLUB MEMBERS

Meal & Snack Menus Available Online: www.bgcaberdeen.org

NO SCHOOL DAYS

Meal & Snack Rules + Reminders

- **All meals & snacks are served in the Club's Dining Room.**
- **Members are able to bring a sack lunch meal from home if they wish. Sack lunch is announced at 11:00 AM on No School Days. Members keep their lunches in their lockers.**
- **Lunch is announced by each grade level starting with Kindergarten beginning at 11:00 AM on No School Days.**
- **Snack is announced by each grade level starting with Teens beginning at 3:00 PM on No School Days.**

Questions? Please give us a call at the Club! 605-225-8714. Thank you!