



### One Week To Go Until Great Futures Celebration 2026!

Next **Thursday, April 23 at 6:00 PM**, friends and partners of Boys & Girls Clubs of Polk County will gather at the **George Jenkins Memorial Club** for an inspiring night of reflection, storytelling, and impact. Guests will enjoy a chance to tour the Club, a delicious dinner, and an inspiring program that highlights both the past and future of our organization. There are a few spots left, so don't miss your chance to join the Celebration!

[Tickets Still Available!](#)



Want your chance to win exciting auction items, but can't make the event? Sign up for Online Bidding today! **Registration is now open for online bidders, with items up for bid starting on Monday, April 21st.** This year's auction features a variety of unique and exciting items from one-of-a-kind memorabilia to must-have tickets and treats. Click the link to below to preview the items on offer, and sign up for your chance to win!

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**GREAT SUMMERS START HERE**

Free Summer Program    Open Monday - Friday    7:30A - 5:00P

Ages 6 - 18    Running June 4<sup>th</sup> - July 30<sup>th</sup>    9 locations in Polk County

Registration Now Open For New and Existing Members!

Registration is now open for our **free Summer Program** for kids aged **6 to 18!** This year's program will run from June 4th through July 30th.

Summer is a time when anything feels possible, and we're determined to make sure our members have a great summer! This year's program will be packed with fun activities, hands-on learning, and new friendships. There's something for everyone—from sports and arts to science and lessons in leadership.

**Space is limited, so be sure to sign up early to secure your spot!**

[Register For Summer Program Today](#)

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Boys & Girls Clubs of Polk County are proud to announce that we have begun the process of applying for another round of funding through the Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) grant program.

These programs provide opportunities during non-school hours for academic enrichment, including providing tutorial services to help students, particularly students who attend low-performing schools, to meet the challenging State academic standards.

The programs also provide a broad array of additional programs and activities such as youth development activities, service learning, nutrition and health information, physical fitness and wellness programs, arts, music, drug and violence prevention programs, and more.

This process is a highly competitive one, and recipients will be announced this coming Fall.

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**Thank You Panda Cares!**

In celebration of the Lunar New Year and appreciation for their incredible support of our mission for over four years now, Club members paid a visit to Panda Express in Winter Haven last month!

Their fundraising efforts, through the **Panda Cares Foundation**, have provided our members with invaluable resources and experiences that will benefit them for years to come. So please join our members in saying:

**Thank You Panda Express!**

**Fun In The Sun With Aldi!**

Thank you to the team at Aldi for donating \$10,000 to support Great Futures for children in Polk County! This grant will go towards ensuring the kids we serve get the things they need to thrive.

We were honored to host Aldi District Managers from around the state of Florida at our North Ridge Club recently, **where they joined our members for a day of fun and learning during Spring Break!**



# What's Up At The Club?



## Weinstein Family Club

Let's take a look back at what our members got up to in the last month:

- Members at the **Weinstein Family Club** in Lakeland kicked off their celebration of Women's History Month with a unit on legendary aviator Amelia Earhart.
- Rising stars from Lake Wales' own **South Ridge Club** have been making incredible progress in their academic journey, with some improving by several letter grades so far this school year.

- During a very busy Spring Break, High School members from the **Joe L. Saunders Club**, many taking their first trip outside of Polk County, paid a visit to Jacksonville university!
- At the **James J. Musso Club** in Lakeland, their own Spring Break plans saw them paying a visit to a local ranch where they enjoyed the sounds of animals, the open sky, and the sense of freedom that only nature can provide.
- Meanwhile at the **George Jenkins Memorial Club** in Winter Haven, members faced off in a classic test of strength and athletic skill: Tug-O-War!
- Members from the **Fort Meade Club** were challenged by their Unit Director to do at least three good deeds every day last month, and they rose to the occasion with pride and compassion!
- We capped off our annual Ross Dress For Less fundraiser with help from some young ladies from the **John L. Sanders Club** in Lakeland, who paid a visit to the North Lakeland location to show our appreciation for staff and shoppers alike.
- **North Ridge Club's** own "Positive Vibes Crew" proudly participated in Haines City's Martin Luther King Jr. Parade, where they danced their hearts out in front of hundreds of community members who lined the streets cheering them on.
- Third graders from the **Wogan S. Badcock Jr. Club** didn't let a little thing like Spring Break get in the way of their academic amazingness, deftly tackling fourth-grade reading tasks with plenty of enthusiasm.

#### **Meet-A-Member: Alianna**

Each month, several high school students sign up to volunteer at their club. Ms. Alianna has been a consistent and dependable helping hand in everything we need, from cleaning tables to assisting staff and tutoring our younger members.

She is a wonderful role model for our club members, showing respect in the way she carries herself and dedication through the strong 3.5 GPA she maintains in her academics.

Thank you, Alianna, for being such a great example and inspiration to our younger club members!



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