



Fuel Great Futures This Summer

Summer is in full swing at the Club, and every day, hundreds of young people across Polk County are discovering new interests, building friendships, and creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Behind every field trip, nutritious meal, hands-on activity, and caring mentor is a community of supporters who make these opportunities possible. As summer continues, we still need your help to ensure every child has access to the safe, enriching experiences they deserve.

Your gift today helps provide the adventures, support, and opportunities that are shaping great futures right now.

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Thank you Alltek for joining Club members at our James J. Musso Club for Brown Bag Lunch at the Club. Over lunch, team members shared stories about their careers, interests, and experiences while learning firsthand about the impact of the Club from the young people we serve. Following lunch, they toured the Club and saw how our programs provide a safe place for youth to learn, grow, and thrive.

We are grateful for community partners like Alltek who take the time to connect with our youth and invest in their futures through meaningful conversations and experiences. Interested in joining us for a future Brown Bag Lunch at the Club? We'd love to welcome your team next!

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A special thank you to Orlando Health for welcoming our Club members for an engaging behind-the-scenes tour of their facility. Members had the opportunity to learn about the many careers that keep a healthcare organization running, explore daily operations, and gain valuable insight into potential future career paths.

Experiences like these help young people connect what they learn today to the opportunities that await them tomorrow. We are grateful to Orlando Health for investing in our youth and helping inspire the next generation of leaders and professionals.

What's Up At The Club?



Fort Meade Club

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

- **Fort Meade Club** members are making the most of summer by building friendships, creating lasting memories, and enjoying new experiences together. Through daily activities, games, and opportunities to connect, youth are finding a safe and supportive environment where they can learn, grow, and simply enjoy being kids.
- **Weinstein Family Club** members received a special boost of confidence thanks to the generosity of a local community partner who provided free haircuts. The experience helped youth feel refreshed, cared for, and ready to take on the summer while demonstrating the meaningful impact community support can have on young people.
- **South Ridge Club** members embraced summer fun and creativity through patriotic-themed activities that celebrated community, self-expression, and teamwork. Hands-on projects gave youth the opportunity to showcase their creativity while building friendships and enjoying a positive Club experience.
- **Joe L. Saunders Club** members strengthened their math and financial literacy skills through a hands-on activity using replica money to solve real-world money challenges. The interactive lesson encouraged problem-solving, critical thinking, and confidence as members worked to match exact totals and demonstrate their understanding of key concepts.
- **James J. Musso Club** members had the opportunity to explore future career paths during a special visit from a U.S. Navy recruiter. Through meaningful conversations and interactive discussions, youth learned about career opportunities, leadership, and the many pathways available to them as they begin thinking about their futures.

- **George Jenkins Memorial Club** members are building confidence and developing healthy coping skills through access to supportive staff and the Club's sensory room. The calming space provides youth with an opportunity to regulate emotions, refocus, and return ready to learn and engage with their peers, helping them feel safe, supported, and empowered.
- **John L. Sanders Club** members took the lead using replica money to solve the money amounts written on the whiteboard, turning the lesson into a hands-on challenge they were excited to conquer. Each member approached the task with focus and proudly showing when they matched the exact total. Their confidence grew with every correct solution, and the activity highlighted just how capable they are when given the chance to apply their skills in a meaningful, interactive way
- **North Ridge Club** staff embraced healthy lifestyles and teamwork through a month-long Step Challenge that encouraged participants to stay active and motivated. The friendly competition promoted wellness, accountability, and positive team culture while demonstrating the importance of leading healthy habits by example for Club members.
- **Wogan S. Badcock, Jr. Club** members are discovering new interests and building valuable life skills through engaging recreational activities. One member found a passion for pool, using the game to develop patience, focus, and self-discipline while strengthening connections with family and peers, demonstrating how positive experiences at the Club can inspire personal growth.

Meet-A-Member: Ketxiel

Toward the end of the school year, we welcomed two new members, brothers Kedriel and Ketxiel, to the Club. From day one, Ketxiel's kind heart, contagious smile, and friendly personality made an immediate impression on everyone around him. Whether he's sharing a kind word, making a new friend, or offering one of his signature hugs, he has a special way of brightening the day for those around him.

In this photo, Ketxiel is proudly sporting one of our new summer shirts—a vision brought to life by Jermisha McRae and the talented teens in our Workforce Readiness program. We are grateful to have Ketxiel as part of our Club family and thankful for the joy, positivity, and kindness he brings to the Club each day.



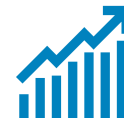
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