



### **Fuel Great Futures This Summer**

As the school year wraps up, we're gearing up for an unforgettable summer at the Club! While kids prepare for summer break, we're planning amazing adventures filled with learning, laughter, friendship, and fun.

With a gift today, you can help ensure every Club kid has a summer filled with opportunity, support, and unforgettable experiences they might not otherwise have. Your support helps make it possible for them to learn, grow, and create lasting memories all summer long.

### **[Help Make it the Best Summer Yet](#)**

A green banner with white icons of a lightbulb, apple, and smiley face. On the left, the text "GREAT SUMMERS START HERE" is written in large, bold, blue and yellow letters. In the center, three small photos show children: one in a pink shirt, one in a pink shirt climbing a structure, and one in a blue shirt in a garden. On the right, a blue box contains the text "Registration Now Open For New and Existing Members!". Below the photos are three blue boxes: "Free Summer Program", "Open Monday - Friday", and "7:30A - 5:00P". At the bottom are three more blue boxes: "Ages 6 - 18", "Running June 4<sup>th</sup> - July 30<sup>th</sup>", and "9 locations in Polk County".

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Registration is still open for our Summer Program for youth ages 6 to 18, offered at no cost to families thanks to the support of our community and generous donors. This year's program will run from June 4th through July 30th.

Summer is a time when anything feels possible, and we're committed to making sure our members have a safe, engaging, and enriching experience. This year's program will be filled with fun activities, hands-on learning, and opportunities to build new friendships. There is something for everyone—from sports and arts to science and leadership development.

[Register For Summer Program Today](#)

A white background with a grid of small, light gray icons including books, stars, a graduation cap, and a lightbulb. The text "WE CARE WEDNESDAY!" is written in large, bold, orange letters. To the right, the text "GREAT FUTURES START HERE." is written in blue. Below that is the logo for "BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF POLK COUNTY" with a blue and white icon. Underneath is the text "LAKELAND" and the "Flying Tigers" logo, which features a tiger's head with wings and the text "Flying Tigers" in a blue script font.

**WE CARE WEDNESDAY!**

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF POLK COUNTY

LAKELAND

**Flying Tigers**



A heartfelt thank you to the Detroit Tigers and the Lakeland Flying Tigers team for inviting Boys & Girls Clubs of Polk County to be part of this year's We Care Wednesday event! We are so grateful for the opportunity to be highlighted during the game and to share more about our mission with the community. The warm welcome, in-game recognition, and chance to connect with fans made for a truly memorable evening for our staff, supporters, and Club families.



One of the biggest highlights of the night was seeing our CEO, Steve Giordano throw out the ceremonial first pitch — an unforgettable moment that perfectly captured the spirit of the event. We are also incredibly thankful for the signed baseball gifted to our organization to auction off in support of the youth we serve every day. Thank you again to the Detroit Tigers and Lakeland Flying Tigers for your generosity, hospitality, and continued commitment to supporting local nonprofits and creating meaningful community connections!



# 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 put their green thumbs to work planting flowers and greenery outside their Club, taking pride in improving their space while learning the importance of caring for the environment. The project encouraged teamwork, responsibility, and excitement as members worked together to watch their efforts grow.
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**Weinstein Family Club** members explored the whimsical world of storytelling through author and illustrator Tomie DePaola, whose adaptations of classic nursery rhymes brought Mother Goose characters to life. Through discussion and creative reflection, members connected with stories that sparked imagination, conversation, and joy in reading.

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**South Ridge Club** members took part in a meaningful community experience focused on kindness, generosity, and trying new things. They shared treats with community members and visited a veterans organization, spreading smiles while learning the impact of small acts of kindness and service.

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**Joe L. Saunders Club** members engaged in “Habitat Handoff,” an active learning game where they passed a ball, named biomes, and identified animals through spelling challenges. The fast-paced activity encouraged teamwork, focus, and lots of laughter while reinforcing learning in a fun way.

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**James J. Musso Club** members continue to foster a welcoming environment where kindness and connection are part of daily life. Members practice respectful social habits, engage positively with peers and staff, and stay actively involved in learning activities like Kahoot, promoting both kindness and engagement.

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**George Jenkins Memorial Club** members reflected on Memorial Day by creating handmade cards for veterans and their families, expressing gratitude through thoughtful messages and artwork. The activity encouraged creativity while reinforcing respect, remembrance, and appreciation for those who served.

- **John L. Sanders Club** members turned a Montessori-style math game into a collaborative learning experience, working together to solve multiplication challenges. Members supported one another through each step, building confidence, teamwork, and academic skills.

- **North Ridge Club** members enjoyed a high-energy day of activities supported by Aldi team members, rotating through stations like Connect 4, archery, dancing, egg racing, and basketball. The experience encouraged teamwork, participation, and plenty of excitement across all activities.
- **Wogan S. Badcock Jr. Club** members focused on welcoming new families and helping children transition into the Club environment. Through structured programming and group activities, members built connections, encouraged inclusion, and strengthened a supportive Club community.

#### Meet-A-Member: Noah

Noah is a middle school member working toward his goal of joining Torch Club. He has been building confidence by working closely with staff, practicing communication skills, and stepping into opportunities that support both peers and program activities. He consistently shows dedication across all areas of the Club and is always willing to help where needed.

As he continues through his trial period, Noah's effort, focus, and willingness to learn have made a strong impression. He is a great example of a member growing into leadership and taking advantage of opportunities to develop new skills within the Club.





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