

Fall 2018-2019 Fee Structure



Boys & Girls Club
of the Bemidji Area

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ATTENTION:

The Club will be adding a **\$100 program** fee for the 2018-2019 school year for all 1-7 graders. There will be no additional program fees for 8-12 graders.

There will still be an annual \$25 registration fee for members 1-12 grade that will now be due every August instead of January.

All fees and forms are due by **August 17** for your child(ren) to attend the Club in September.

What does that mean?

Members will need the following completed by August 17:

\$25 registration fee

\$100 program fee

2018-2019 School year membership form

Attend a 2018 orientation

NEW THIS YEAR

Payment for registration and program fees can be completed online at www.bgcbemidji.org click Join the Club. Payment may also be made via cash or check at the Club's front desk.

Payment plans are available!

For more information contact Sara Collins, member services director, at bgcba.memberservices@gmail.com

For help registering your child, please attend a REGISTRATION NIGHT from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on one of the dates listed below. You will have access to Wi-Fi, computers and staff assistance to complete forms and payments.

- Tuesday, July 31
- Thursday, August 9
- Wednesday, August 15

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Q&A



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Fee Structure: What you should know

Q: Why is the fee going up?

A: Daily attendance at the Club has grown dramatically the last few years. With that growth has come additional costs and the need for more significant investments in staffing and facility maintenance. These are necessary investments, so we can continue to deliver a high-quality experience for your child in a safe and engaging environment. Even with the fee increase, the Club's after-school program fees are far below market value.

Q: Why is there a registration fee as well as a program fee?

A: The registration fee helps cover some of the costs of processing the paperwork required to make sure that Club staff have all the essential information about your child, including contact information for parents and guardians. This annual registration fee also helps cover some of the costs of orientation, which is required annually for all Club members and their parents and guardians.

Q: Can I pay online?

A: Yes! We are now accepting credit/debit card payments online through our website at www.bgcbemidji.org and click Join the Club.

Q: Will the membership fee be refunded if the Club does not work out for my child?

A: All registration and membership fees are non-refundable and non-transferable for any reasons, including suspension from the Club.

Q: Is there financial aid available?

A: It is our highest priority to make sure that families who need us most have access to our services. No child will be turned away because of inability to pay. Financial aid will be offered on a case-by-case, first-come-first-serve basis. Financial aid forms are available by request at our front desk or by emailing Sara at bgcba.memberservices@gmail.com

Q: What if we already paid our membership fee in January?

A: Until now, our annual registration has been in January. The fee was \$25 and helps cover the cost of the registration process. It does not cover any of the cost of Club membership. The change to register in August is four months earlier than it has been in the past. If this change creates a hardship for your family, please contact us to complete a financial aid form.

Q: Why are teens not charged a program fee?

A: Teens have more after-school options and are less dependent on adult supervision, which means they are more likely to be home alone if the Club becomes cost prohibitive. In the interest of retaining teen members, the fees will be held without an increase for this year. Also, grant funding helps cover the cost of teen programming and staffing, so right now, teens cost less to fund than their younger peers. We also have teens who pay their own registration fees, and we hope to remain affordable to them.

Q: Will there still be a family cap for fees?

A: We will continue to cap the fees after the third child for families with more than three children so no family pays more than \$375. Family is defined as immediate family, not extended family.

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