



# THE BUGLE



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The Club For Boys!

Spring 2025

## Some Call it Chaos, We Call it The Holidays

**THE HOLIDAY SEASON** at The Club for Boys is always full of memories. There are many activities going on in each program area, additional special events, gifts, laughter, full tummies, and teachable moments. Staff work hard to try and make this season extra special for everyone who walks through our doors.

At the end of October, there was a **Halloween Family Night** that usually kickoffs of our season. On this special night, Club members and their families dress up, can trick or treat, have a meal, and play games with everyone that they love. This family night is always our most well-attended. We had 125 different families attend with over 615 people.

Starting on November 1st, Club staff started to get ready for our **Christmas Tree Project, our Christmas Family Program and our Flag Football league**. The tree lot was set up, decorated, trees were delivered, and the boys were interviewed to be tree sellers. In addition, our families were called for their Christmas gift wishes. Our Christmas Tree Project sold almost 1,200 trees, raising over \$65,000 for our program. The Christmas Family Program helped 81 families, benefiting over 500 people. Our Flag Football league ended with 107 members participating.

**Our Curbside Thanksgiving Dinner** is always a blast for our staff and takes place on the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving. Our Nutrition Program team worked all week long to make this Thanksgiving dinner special for our families, serving meals to 70 Club families. There was a total of 28 turkeys, 20 large bags of potatoes, 546 corn on the cobs, pumpkin bread, and lots of stuffing made. It is a highlight event for our staff and helpful to our families.

At the end of November, 967 boys had enrolled in our program this fiscal year with a daily average of 215. We had 549 different boys attend.

The Club for Boys offered its **annual family night in December to celebrate Christmas** with our families. This year, 103 families attended totaling 485 people. This was an increase in 30 families, and 125 people compared to the previous year. We had two special Christmas parties, one for our younger boys and one for our older boys. Each Christmas party gave our members the opportunity to play games and contests, have fun, and take one present home. This year, we had a community partner reach out, and we were able to get 31 members and their siblings new beds for home.

We ended December with **Spirit Week**. During that week, there were different games based on themes that encouraged our members to dress up and have fun on the week before they went back to school. One of the boys' favorite days during the week was Pancakes and Pajamas. Our younger boys also went out to visit residents at a nursing home singing them Christmas carols and giving them handmade ornaments and stuffed animals.

In December, The Club for Boys added 20 more members totaling 987, with a daily average of 202. We had 568 different boys attend.

In January, we welcomed them back to an exciting new year **kicking it off with a ski trip**. We had 8 boys try skiing, and for 7 of them this was their first time on the slopes. We hosted another family night, with a tailgate theme to get ready for the Superbowl. We had 95 families attend, totaling 420 people. This family night was the first night that boys could sign up for the basketball leagues and Hooked on Hardwater.

At the end of January, The Club for Boys had over 1,000 members enrolled in our program this fiscal year and a daily average of 201. We had 546 different boys attend.

All of this was not possible without The Club for Boys dedicated staff, volunteers, donors, and our community. We thank you for helping us make this season brighter every single year for our members.



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# Honor Boy Nominee Highlights

We are proud to share our candidates with you for our upcoming Boy of the Year!

**JANUARY**



**BRICE**

**Brice** was nominated from the Main Gym. Brice is enjoyable to be around, is respectful to staff and other members, and is very active in multiple areas of the Club.

Brice demonstrates good leadership qualities and can always be counted on to help in program and with events.

**FEBRUARY**



**KARTER**

**Karter** was nominated from the Cave. Karter has a smile that brightens any room. He has a cool personality that makes him fun to be around.

Karter respects his peers and staff and participates in many areas of the Club.

**MARCH**



**MICHAEL**

**Michael** has a great personality, is always smiling, and has a great sense of humor. He has been helping around the Club for a couple of years now and is a huge help in the nutrition program.

He also takes it upon himself to open and run the Club's prize store each day. Michael is kind to others and a great example for others to follow.

**APRIL**



**JACKSON**

**Jackson** is an amazing young man. He is kind to all members and staff. He makes an effort to say hello and ask how people's days are going.

Jackson is always willing to lend a hand whether it's doing dishes, running the concession stand, or helping with events.

**MAY**



**MERRIK**

**Merrik** is a wonderful, hardworking young man. He always has a positive outlook and can make anyone smile.

When he's not working here at the Club, you can find him playing pool or helping others with their pool skills.

**JUNE**



**LENZY**

**Lenzy** was nominated from the Den for being a good example for his peers. He is always looking to help – from dishes, stocking the snack bar, or helping with laundry.

We are proud of Lenzy's growth and happy to see him in the Den every day.

**JULY**



**JACKSON**

**Jackson** was nominated from the Den. He is an everyday participant and is a joy to have in the room. He has been an active Den Leader always trying to make the Den better.

Jackson has shown growth in his behavior and leadership – making sure others follow the rules and are playing fair. He is also employed at the Games Room counter and practices good customer service skills while serving our members.

**AUGUST**



**PEYTON**

**Peyton** was nominated by Aaron in the Den for being a tremendous young man. He is always willing to help with any task and often stays back to clean the Den at the end of the day.

He actively participates in Den activities and displays fair play, respect, and honesty in everything he does.

**SEPTEMBER**



**CHANNING**

**Channing** was nominated from the Cafeteria for being a great junior staff. He started as a dishwasher and has been learning other duties.

He works well with staff and members and treats everyone with respect. We are proud to have Channing represent The Club for Boys!

**OCTOBER**



**KADEN**

**Kaden** was nominated from the Den. He is an outstanding young man who is always willing to help and sets a good example for others. Kaden is the Den treasurer and takes the role seriously.

Kaden has also stepped out of his comfort zone this year by participating in the flag football league. He's been dedicated to showing up and giving his all while displaying good sportsmanship.

**NOVEMBER**



**TEIGAN**

**Teigan** was nominated from the Cafeteria and Outdoor Program. He always has a smile on his face, has a great attitude, and is respectful.

Teigan helps his peers and staff out of the kindness of his heart and never asks for anything in return.

**DECEMBER**



**JOSYAH**

**Josyah** was nominated from the Games Room. He is a counter boy worker and is always eager to lend a helping hand. He is flexible with his schedule, pivoting to cover shifts when needed and is incredibly dependable. When the Club is open day hours, we can always count on Josyah to be one of the first ones to arrive and get the Games Room ready for our members. Josyah consistently goes the extra mile and makes a positive impact on our Club.





# YOUR GIFT CHANGES THE LIVES OF OUR BOYS

We would like to thank everyone who donated gifts of time, money, and in kind.

Thank you to the people, businesses, and organizations that gave gifts from October 2024 to December 2024 to The Club for Boys.

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Our Santas will be thanked in our Summer Bugle Edition! Stay Tuned!

# Shoot Hoops at The Club for Boys

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** The Club for Boys Annual Corporate Free Throw Challenge is in March along with our annual Younger Boys and Older Boys basketball leagues.

Join our annual Corporate Free Throw Challenge to see how many free throws your team can make for a chance to win a traveling trophy while supporting The Club for Boys. The challenge is open to everyone and is comprised of teams of 5 taking their shot on the court. Each person will shoot 25 free throws, plus one bonus round of 25 free throws. The lowest of the 6 scores is eliminated. There is also the opportunity to shoot a half court shot and is the highlight for many of the shooters. If your company is unable to participate, please consider sponsoring a Club for Boys team to shoot for your company.

Samantha Wickham, Volunteer and Event Coordinator explained, "What makes our Annual Corporate Free Throw Challenge special is that the event rolls over into program. Supporters that are unable to come down and shoot themselves can sponsor a boys' team. This gives our members the opportunity to be on a team and to cheer

each other on. In addition, we can have members that usually do not come into our gym, experience some positive and fun exposure to athletics."

"One of our biggest success stories was from a couple of years ago," Chantel McDonnell, Director of Development explained. "We had a member that didn't go into the gyms at all and didn't have a strong core group of friends. The special jerseys these teams wore during our leagues caught this member's eye. He really wanted a jersey. With that being said, the jersey didn't matter when it came to the end of the season. The friendships he created with his entire team plus the enjoyment of the game was what he was the most grateful for. The jersey now is only the icing on the cake."

The money raised from this event provides funding for our athletic programs. Although our athletic programs are varied and diversified, basketball seems to be the sport most enjoyed by our boys. We currently have our basketball leagues starting to kick off and they are one of our most successful programs. We offer a Younger Boys Basketball League and an Older Boys Basketball League. Around 150 of our members participate on a yearly basis.

## The Boys in the Basketball League are successful for the following reasons:

- Boys get to be on a team and that comradery carries over into other parts of the Club.
- On game nights, the bleachers are filled with family members cheering the boys on.
- Many of the coaches and referees are current and former Club members.
- Good sportsmanship is taught to be more important to our boys than the outcome of the game.



The Club for Boys Corporate Free Throw Challenge is March 24 through March 28. To sign up, reach out to Samantha at [samanthaw@theclubforboys.org](mailto:samanthaw@theclubforboys.org) or (605)343-3500.

## 4 wishes

- Sunscreen for Summer Program
- Gatorade for Basketball Leagues
- Bunch of Balloons for Summer Program Water Days
- Remote Control Cars

### We are able to do more at The Club for Boys with the support of people like you!

In addition to your financial support of our work, which keeps our dues at just \$12 per year per boy, we would appreciate donations for some items for The Club!



## Thank You for Your Support!

You may also scan this QR Code to view other items on our Wish List!



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## The Club for Boys Thrift Store Bunnies in Bloom Event

**Wednesday, March 19**  
**9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Join us for our Bunnies in Bloom Event!  
For one day only, enjoy storewide discounts,  
all while supporting the Club for Boys!

**The Thrift Store**  
**is currently accepting EBT!**

