



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY**

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND SIGNATURE - PARENT MEMBER HANDBOOK

I have received the Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Charles County Parent & Member Handbook and have been given the opportunity to ask questions regarding its content.

I understand and take full responsibility for following all policies and procedures outlined in this handbook.

Please complete and return this page with your child's completed Membership form, signed permission forms, birth certificate, and report card.

Member Name - Printed (1)

Member Signature

Member Name - Printed (2)

Member Signature

Member Name - Printed (3)

Member Signature

Parent/Guardian Name - Printed

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and has significant person-to-person spread. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies have recommended and/or required ongoing prohibitions on the congregation of groups of people of various sizes, mask usage, and other safety measures.

Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Charles County (BGCSTC; Club) has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. These include social distancing, wellness monitoring, increased sterilization, required hand-washing, etc. However, the Club cannot guarantee you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending the Club could increase your risk and your child(ren)'s risk of contracting COVID-19.

Staff, volunteers, and members are not required to be vaccinated for COVID-19 or wear masks to attend BGCSTC at this time.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my child(ren) and I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending the Club and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at the Club may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, Club employees, volunteers, and program participants and their families.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my child(ren) or myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my child(ren) may experience or incur in connection with my child(ren)'s attendance at the Club or participation in Club programming ("Claims"). On my behalf, and on behalf of my children, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless the Club, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the Club, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any Club program.

Member Name (1)

Parent/Guardian Name - Printed

Member Name (2)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Member Name (3)

Date



PROGRAM PERMISSIONS

All programs listed below are approved and funded by the Community and Children's Resource Board of St. Charles County, the Missouri Alliance, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, and/or the Department of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention.

The SMART (Skills Mastery and Resistance Training) programs utilize a health promotion approach, which is focused on building youth's attitudes and skills that support healthy decision-making. It is focused on building foundational social-emotional skills. SMART includes Meth SMART, SMART Girls, Passport to Manhood, and SMART Moves.

Please **review and mark each program** to allow your child to participate or to not participate. Some programs are based on specific age ranges and genders. If you have any questions about these programs and your child's participation, please contact Rick Daleen, Director of Programs, at (636) 946-6255 or at rdaleen@bgcstc.org.

SMART Girls & Passport to Manhood: Ages 10 to 14

SMART Girls (females 10-14) and Passport to Manhood (males 10-14) are part of healthy lifestyles education, focused on healthy relationships, abstinence from sexual relations, and caring for our bodies. These programs include topics such as physical and emotional change and growth, self-esteem, body image, the influence of media, healthy eating, the importance of physical fitness, the importance of regular health exams, personal values, social interactions, social media, and healthy relationships with friends, significant others, and family.

I give my permission for my child to participate in this education. _____

I do not give my permission for my child to participate in this education. _____

Meth SMART: Ages 8 to 18 years

Meth SMART educates members on the dangers of methamphetamines and other street drugs.

Age-appropriate programs cover the following topics: What is METH? What are some of the harmful ingredients in methamphetamines and other street drugs? How can you tell if a friend or family member uses METH? What are effective strategies for saying "NO" to harmful substances?

I give my permission for my child to participate in this education. _____

I do not give my permission for my child to participate in this education. _____

Mentoring Program: Ages 6 to 18 years

The Mentoring program involves trusted and vetted mentors selected from the community or Club staff trained in adolescent development. A mentor will be expected to spend a minimum of one hour per week with your child on-site at the Boys & Girls Club. Mentors are not permitted to meet with a child outside of the Club facility. The child will participate in a mentoring session prior to meeting their mentor. During the program year, special group events (incorporating all mentors and youth) and family events may be offered.

I give my permission for my child to participate in this education. _____

I do not give my permission for my child to participate in this education. _____

Separate form required for each child

Child Name: _____ Age: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (printed): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



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TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

TECHNOLOGY USE

Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Charles County is committed to providing a safe use of technology and online safety for members, staff, and volunteers. The acceptable use policy provides the framework for those safety practices and procedures.

CLUB MEMBER USAGE

Before a member will be allowed to use Club technology equipment or their personal device, both the member and his/her parent/guardian will need to read and sign this Technology Acceptable Use policy and return it to the Club.

Club devices shall include any and all Club-owned existing and/or emerging technologies and devices that can take photographs, play and record audio or video, input text, upload and download content and/or media and transmit or receive messages or images.

Personally owned devices shall include any and all member-owned existing and/or emerging technologies and devices that can take photographs, play and record audio or video, input text, upload and download content and/or media and transmit or receive messages or images.

Club purposes shall include program activities, career development, communication with experts and/or Club peer members, homework, and Club activities. Members are expected to act responsibly and thoughtfully when using technology resources. Members bear the burden of responsibility to inquire with staff when they are unsure of the permissibility of a particular use of technology prior to engaging in its use.

Authorized use: Club devices and personally owned devices are permitted for use during approved Club times for Club purposes and in approved locations only. The Club expressly prohibits the use of Club devices or personally owned devices in locker rooms, restrooms, and other areas where there is an expectation of privacy.

Appropriate use: Members may not use any technology to harass, threaten, demean, humiliate, intimidate, embarrass, or annoy their peers or others in their community. Any inappropriate use of a Club or personally owned device, as determined by Club staff, can lead to disciplinary action including but not limited to confiscation of the device, immediate suspension from the Club, termination of membership or other disciplinary actions determined to be appropriate to the Club's existing disciplinary policies including, if applicable, referral to local law enforcement.

Monitoring and inspection: Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Charles County reserves the right to monitor, inspect, copy, and review files stored on Club-owned devices or networks. In addition, BGCSTC reserves the right to inspect and/or review personally owned devices that are brought to the Club. Parents/guardians will be notified before such an inspection takes place and may be present, at their choice, during the inspection. Parents/guardians may refuse to allow such inspections, but the member may be barred from bringing personally owned devices to the Club in the future.



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Loss and damage: Members are responsible for keeping devices with them at all times. Staff are not responsible for the security and condition of the member's personal device. Furthermore, the Club is not liable for the loss, damage, misuse, or theft of any personally owned device brought to the Club. Any inappropriate or unauthorized use of a Club or personally owned device, as determined by Club staff, can lead to disciplinary action including but not limited to confiscation of the device, immediate suspension from the Club, termination of membership or other disciplinary actions determined to be appropriate to the Club's existing disciplinary policies, including, if applicable, referral to local law enforcement.

Members must be aware of the appropriateness of communications when using Club or personally owned devices. Inappropriate communication is prohibited in any public or private messages, as well as material posted online.

Cyberbullying:

Members may not utilize any technology to harass, threaten, demean, humiliate, intimidate, embarrass, or annoy their peers or others in their community. This behavior is cyberbullying, which is defined as bullying that takes place using emerging technologies and devices. Any cyberbullying that is determined to disrupt the safety and/or well-being of the Club, Club members, Club staff or community is subject to disciplinary action.

Members may not attempt to gain unauthorized access to the Club's network, or to any other computer system through the Club's network. This includes attempting to log in through another person's account or accessing another person's files. Members may not use the Club's network to engage in any illegal act, including, but not limited to, arranging for the purchase or sale of alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs; engaging in criminal activity; or threatening the safety of another person. Members may not make deliberate attempts to disrupt the computer system or destroy data by spreading computer viruses.

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Internet access: Personally owned devices used at the Club must access the internet via the Club's content-filtered wireless network and are not permitted to directly connect to the internet through a phone network or other content service provider. Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Charles County reserves the right to monitor communication and internet traffic, and to manage, open or close access to specific online websites, portals, networks, or other services. Members must follow Club procedures to access the Club's internet service.



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Parental notification and responsibility: While the Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Charles County's Technology Acceptable Use Policy restricts the access of inappropriate material, supervision of internet usage might not always be possible. Due to the wide range of material available on the internet, some material might not fit the values of members and/or their families. Because of this, it is not considered practical for BGCSTC to monitor and enforce a wide range of social values in student use of the internet. If parents/guardians do not want members to access information beyond the scope of the Technology Acceptable Use Policy, they should instruct members not to access such materials.

Digital citizenship: Club members shall conduct themselves online in a manner that is aligned with the BGCSTC Code of Conduct. The same rules and guidelines members are expected to follow offline (i.e., in the real world) shall also be followed when online. Should a member behave online in a manner that violates the Code of Conduct, that member shall face the same discipline policy and actions they would if their behavior had happened within the physical Club environment.

Club-owned-and-operated technology: Members are expected to follow the same rules and guidelines when using Club-owned technology. Club technology and systems are the property of the Club, are intended to be used for Club purposes and are to be used during approved times with appropriate supervision. Club members shall never access or use Club technology or systems without prior approval.

Digital citizenship and technology safety training: All members who wish to use a Boys & Girls Clubs device or equipment will be required to successfully complete a BGCA-provided digital citizenship and technology safety training. This training is required for all members annually.

Members have access to the Club's computer labs each day. The use of Club computers and access to the internet is a privilege that requires responsibility. We strictly monitor internet access and teach Members the importance of online safety.

Members who violate the technology use policy by using it inappropriately will have their privileges revoked, may be suspended, or have their membership terminated.



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By signing below, you indicate that you have received the **Technology Acceptable Use Policy of the Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Charles County** and that you agree to terms and conditions identified in this policy. In addition, your signature indicates that you agree to comply with the policy and understand that violations of the Technology Acceptable Use Policy may result in disciplinary and/or corrective action.

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