

# Boys & Girls Clubs of Springfield



## Boys & Girls Club Programs



### **Character and Leadership Development**

Programs in this Core Program Area empower youth to support and influence their Club and community, sustain meaningful relationships with others, develop a positive self-image, participate in the democratic process and respect their own and others' cultural identities.

- Youth of the Year
- Torch Clubs (preteen community service club)
- Keystone Clubs (teen community service club)
- Community Service projects
- Special events (American Heritage Day, Martin Luther King celebration, etc.)

### **Education and Career Development**

Programs in this Core Program Area enable youth to become proficient in basic educational disciplines, to apply learning to everyday situations and to embrace technology to achieve success in a career.

- Boys & Girls Club Scholarship program (provided \$115,00 in support in 2013)
- YEO job training program for teens
- Power Hour (after school tutoring with volunteers from multiple universities)
- Project Learn
- Technology labs
- Reading program with Springfield/Greene County Library
- Club newspaper staff
- S.T.E.M. chapter at Musgrave (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)

### **Health & Life Skills**

Develop young people's capacity to engage in positive behaviors that nurture their own well-being, set personal goals, and develop the competencies to live successfully as self-sufficient adults.

- Mission to Mentor
- Mental Health program (provides individual and group counseling, staff and parent training)
- Healthy meals (served over 104,000 meals in 2013)
- Passport to Manhood • Ronald McDonald Tooth Truck dental services
- Family events (Banquet of Champions, Holiday dinners, seminars)
- Triple Play (Mental health program for club members)
- Money Island (Practical money skills)
- Foster grandparent program
- Meth Smarts and Smart Moves (Drug resistance training)

- KAA Camp (We will send approximately 70 youth for a one week camp)

## **Sports, Fitness & Recreation**

Develop fitness, positive use of leisure time, stress management skills, appreciation for the environment, and social and interpersonal skills.

- Baseball Leagues (over 500 youth participate)
- Basketball Leagues (47 teams, ages 6 to 14)
- Various sports camps (football, basketball, baseball)
- Partnerships with university sports teams
- Swimming (Pools at our Musgrave unit and in Grant Beach Park)
- Flag football league
- Volleyball
- Junior golf
- Quick start tennis
- Games room activities and tournaments
- Gym activities
- Field trips (Cardinals games, Lasers tennis, Bears, Panthers and Crusaders games)
- Visits by national sports figures (Bobby Knight, Drew Brees, Nick Saban, Bob Gibson)

## **The Arts**

Enable youth to develop their creative and cultural awareness through knowledge and appreciation of visual and tactile arts and crafts, performing arts and creative writing.

- Guitar lessons
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Club Image Makers photography program
- National Art Contest
- Fine arts program
- Field trips