

Our Mission

To inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens.

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The Boys & Girls Club of Santa Clarita Valley is committed to developing boys and girls into healthy, responsible, and productive members of society. We provide positive opportunities for young people to learn, explore, earn, and contribute along with supports that nurture and assist them as they grow.

How?

The club serves youth 7 to 17 years of age. Over 1,500 club member are engaged in positive programs that reinforce good values and provide avenues for personal growth and development. Core programs are not limited to, but include.

- Education and Career Development
- The Arts
- Character and Leadership Development
- Sports, Recreation and Fitness
- Health and Life Skills

Our full-time staff is comprised of trained youth development professionals including our Chief Executive Officer, Branch Managers at each site and Program Directors. Dedicated part time staff includes an Education Director, Athletic Director, Social Recreation, and other program assistants.

Volunteers also enhance Club programs by lending their time and talents in the arts, tutoring, storytelling, coaching and other areas of expertise.

EDUCATION AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Our goals are to support and enhance the efforts of teachers and counselors, to ensure academic achievement and to instill a desire for lifelong learning.

PROJECT LEARN is an initiative that increases skills and academic achievement through the following programs:

- Focused homework help and tutoring
- High-yield learning and leisure activities
- Parent and adult involvement
- Collaboration with schools
- Accountability and incentives

Computers in our Learning Center and Computer Lab offer children the chance to sharpen their technology skills and complete homework assignments.

CHARACTER & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The **KEYSTONE CLUB** gives young people 14-17 years old an opportunity to develop decision making and leadership skills along with community service, a sense of responsibility, and personal growth as they design and implement projects and activities.

Our local Keystone Club has received national recognition for community service and leadership. Their signature event is the annual Haunted Jailhouse, staged at our local Sheriff's Station. This community wide event attracts over 5,000 people and provides a safe, fun Halloween experience. National Keystone Conferences broaden horizons and provide positive reinforcement to develop young leaders.

LEADERS IN TRAINING (LIT) Empowers teens to be responsible community leaders by developing necessary tools of character and leadership. Weekly meetings, workshops, job readiness, weekly events and monthly outings are offered.

HEALTH AND LIFE SKILLS

SMART GIRLS and SMART BOYS groups address important health and lifestyle issues with an emphasis on avoiding drugs, alcohol, tobacco and teen pregnancy. Discussions on responsible conflict resolution, handling peer pressure, healthy dietary choices and even cooking classes help prepare young people for healthy, productive lives as adults.

Our MENTORING PROGRAM provides young people with emotional support, counsel, friendship, reinforcement and a constructive example in a structured and trusting relationship through both formal and informal day to day contact with Club staff, volunteers, board members and other community leaders.

SPORTS, RECREATION AND FITNESS

The Club sponsors leagues in basketball, soccer, flag football, dodgeball and other sports with an emphasis on TEAMWORK, FAIR PLAY AND EFFORT. An all-star team represents our two Clubhouses in tournaments with other Boys & Girls Clubs.

Other activities in our full-sized gymnasiums include volleyball, whiffle ball, radical relays, dodgeball as well as other physical activities.

Activities in our Games room area include regular tournaments in ping-pong, air hockey, pool, bumper pool, and foosball for all ages and skill levels.

THE ARTS

Our annual fine arts contest, national photography contest, local talent show and day to day crafts projects with paints, clay, wood and other mediums give Club members many outlets for creative expression.

- Sign in every day.
- Walk in the Club.
- Use polite language.
- Keep membership current.
- Sit on chairs, not the tables.
- Eat in the designated food areas.
- Shirts and shoes MUST be worn.

- Keep the Club clean.
- Bring your membership card.
- Respect yourself.
- Respect others.
- Respect the Club.
- Remove hats inside.
- Chew gum outside.

Late Pick-up Policy

The Club closes at 7:00 p.m. sharp so members must be picked up by 6:59 p.m. at the latest to avoid fees and suspensions. There will be a fee and suspension for ALL late pick-ups, regardless of phone call or not.

All fees must be paid in full and suspensions served before your child(ren) will be allowed to return to the club or participate in any club activities.

Personal Belongings

Please encourage your child to leave any valuable personal belongings at home. The Boys and Girls Club assumes no liability for lost or stolen items. Make sure to label all belongings with your child's name.

Safe Passage Policy

The Club operates on a SAFE PASSAGE POLICY in order to ensure the safety of the members. Ensure that you send your child with food if they tend to get hungry throughout the day, as they will not be able to leave the club premises.

Traditionally, the Club has operated under an Open Door Policy in which members were free to come and go as they wish throughout the day. However, in the interest of our members' safety, the Club has reevaluated its policies such that members are no longer free to come and go from the Club throughout the day, as they wish.

The Safe Passage Policy requires that:

- Members must scan in and out each day;
- Members under the age of 12 must be retrieved from the Club by a parent, guardian or other authorized adult;
- Members aged 12 and older may leave the Club unescorted with written permission from a parent or guardian and a signed release of liability;
- Members 12 and older may also escort other members of their household from the Club (with written permission);
- No member, regardless of age, will be allowed to return to the Club once they leave the premises for the day. This is with the exception of members with a signed release of liability for extracurricular activities such as sports practices or medical appointments on file;
- Members that leave unescorted without written permission will face disciplinary actions up to and including suspension and termination of membership.
- In addition, ALL adults must check in at the Front Desk.
- Volunteers must continue to check in and out, as before.

Membership is only \$60 per person for a calendar year for regular club hours. \$45 for each additional child. Occasional Early Morning Hours and Transportation Services are also available for additional, affordable fees.

Early Care

During vacations, some holidays or other early release days, there will be Early Care Hours from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. To attend these Early Hours, there is an additional \$10 fee per child per day.

Transportation

Transportation is available from select schools at both the Newhall and Sierra Vista Clubhouses for \$225 per month for the first child and \$100 for each additional child.

Other Fees

The Club offers various sports leagues and other activities which require a \$20 fee when signed up. There are also field trips, offered occasionally, which require varying fees. Make sure to ask the front desk about upcoming trips as well as their cost.

Annual Membership: \$60 Additional Children: \$45 Early Care: \$10/day Transportation: \$225/month Additional Children: \$100/month Sports Leagues: \$20 Field Trips: Varying Prices **Newhall Branch / Admin Offices**

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Sierra Vista Branch

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Personal Belongings



Mailing Address P.O. Box 220639 Santa Clarita, CA 91322-0639

Administrative Staff

(661) 254-2582 Matthew Nelson, Chief Executive Officer Janine Fairall, Director of Operations Ali Campbell, Resource Development Director

GREAT FUTURES START HERE





Child's Name: _____

Authorization to Leave Premises Unescorted:

□ My child is 12 years or older and has my permission to check him/herself out of the Club.

□ My child is 12 years or older but does not have my permission to check him/herself out of the Club.

Children younger than 12 years old may leave the Club with a relative so long as the relative is 12 years or older.

 \Box My child is younger than 12 years old, but has my permission to leave the club with:

Age: Relationship:
Brother
Sister
Cousin
Aunt/Uncle

I understand the Club has adopted a Safe Passage Policy that prohibits members from coming and going as they please. I understand that once a child has entered the building, they will not be allowed to leave until a parent/guardian/authorized adult arrives to retrieve them. I understand that the Club is not a licensed day care facility and that staff will not physically restrain children who insist on leaving without parent permission.

I have read and agree to abide by the policies stated in the Parent Handbook. I understand that failure to abide by the policies in the handbook may result in the removal of my child from Club programs.

Signature of Parent/Guardian:		Date:	
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