

In The

BGCM Mix

September 2024



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF MANCHESTER

Back to School

Welcome Back!

We hope everyone had a wonderful summer full of fun and relaxation. While we have seen many of you over the summer, we are thrilled to see so many returning members, and even more excited to have so many new members join the BGCM family!

Our staff has been working hard to prepare their spaces and curriculums for members, programming, clubs, and activities happening throughout the fall.

We wanted to share a couple of reminders with you:

- Please be sure to read all alerts that are sent to you. We will do our best to keep them to a minimum, but they are important and the easiest way for us to communicate with each member's family.
- Please remember pick-up procedure:
 - Kids Club members must be picked up inside the building in Kids Club by an approved parent/guardian.
 - Juniors must be picked up at the front desk.
- Parking is available in front of the building on Concord Street. Should all of the spaces be full, there is ample street parking around the building. Please DO NOT park in the funeral home parking lot.

We have many exciting events planned for September, so be sure to read through this newsletter to learn more.

Thank you,
BGCM Programming Staff

IMPORTANT CLUB INFO & DATES

Tuesday, September 10

Voting Day, No School
Union Street Clubhouse will be open.

Registration is Required!

Email Kim at kkuehl@mbgcnh.org
to register.

Grades K-8: 7am-6pm

Grades 9-12: 12-6pm

Friday, September 20

Family Music BINGO | 5:00-6:30pm

Union Street Clubhouse

September 23

Highland Goffe's Falls Family Night

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Mobile Food Market

Thursday, 4-6pm until October 10

Food Pantry

Friday, 3-6pm in the front lobby



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What is a Home Base area?

Members are assigned to a home base area based on their grade.

Kids Club (Grade K-2), **Juniors** (Grades 3-5), **Tween** (Grades 6-7), and **Teens** (Grades 8-12). Each home base is a landing place for members in between periods for attendance, but also if they do not want to attend any of the program areas - STEAM, Gym, Learning Center, Performing Arts, Playground, and Outdoors - available to them.

Kids Club - Madi, Program Manager

Welcome to Kids Club, Madi, our Program Manager is excited to lead our youngest members, grades K-2, through their first years at BGCM. In Kids Club, many programs are offered daily, such as homework help, art, gym games, open play, and time outside. We also do different clubs throughout the school year such as Madi the Mad Scientist, Read-a-Thon, and Cooking Club!

Juniors Gamesroom - Heather, Program Manager

Welcome Juniors! We are excited to kick-off the school year with some new activities and clubs including Pokémon Club, Comic Book Club, Science Fun Day, Cooking Club, and our leadership group Gemstones. We also have a quiet room that members can utilize for a calmer atmosphere.

Tweens Room - Gil, Tween Director

In the Tween Room, Gil and his team offer 6th and 7th graders a plethora of activities to participate in, from board games, table games, and card games to arts and crafts, special events, and field trips. The Tween Room staff is enthusiastic about teaching members how to play all sorts of games and activities while also encouraging them to pay it forward and teach others. We also have our leadership group, Torch Club, which is made up of 15 members who represent grades 6-8. Torch Club's primary focus is to volunteer in and outside of the Club and learn how to become better leaders. Being in Torch Club also includes hosting/running special events, fundraisers, club projects, being the voice of the Tweens. *Torch Club info meeting will be September 11, at 4pm - see Gil for more info!*

Teen Center - Elvin, Teen Director

You might recognize Elvin from the gym, but he has stepped in to the role of Teen Director, and we are ecstatic to have him lead our teens. The Teen Center, for our older members grades 8-12, offers a variety of activities such as baking, video games, tournaments, art projects, and movies. The Teen Center also hosts events throughout the year for teens including Teen Takeover (September 27), Haunted Houses, and dances, as well as field trips to trampoline parks and tubing, and so much more. Teens also have the ability to participate in Keystone Club, our teen leadership program. Keystone focuses on academic success, career preparation, community service, and teen outreach. *Keystone Club info meeting will be September 11, at 4:30pm - see Nathalie for more info!*

You can find a monthly calendar for each home base area in the lobby. Be sure to have your member pick one up so you can see when their favorite activity or club is being offered.



(L to R): Gil, Heather, Madi, and Elvin



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CLUB HAPPENINGS

Dance Class

September - October

Performing Arts is teaming up with community dance leaders to offer a 10-week dance course featuring six styles of dance. Practices will take place on Tuesday or Thursday; each class will perform their dance at the Fall Dance Show on December 6. See Isaiah for more info.

Dance Team

September 11

Audition for the Dance Team will take place on September 11. Classes will begin on September 12, and continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Dance Team will perform during Club events, and in the community. See Isaiah for more info.

Geocaching (STEAM)

September 18

STEAM Director will be taking members to Camp Foster to place caches for other members to find later in the school year.

Planetarium Theatre

September 26 & 27

McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center will be bringing their traveling planetarium to BGCM. Members will be able to experience the inflatable planetarium throughout the two days.



TWEEN & TEEN SPECIAL EVENTS

Torch Club Info Meeting

September 11 | 4:00pm

Join Gil, Alex, and Torch Club members to learn more about our 6-8th grade leadership group.

Keystone Club Info Meeting

September 11 | 4:30pm

Join Nathalie, Rudi, and Keystone Club members to learn more about our 8-12th grade leadership group.

Teen Takeover

September 27

Take a trip to Camp Foster for s'mores, boating, softball, arts & crafts, and more!

