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December 2024



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF GREATER MANCHESTER**

Hello BCGM Families,

We can't believe it's December! With the winter weather upon us, please be sure to send your child to school and the Club with the appropriate clothing - warm jacket, hat, gloves, and shoes.

This month is packed with lots of holiday FUN! Be sure to read through all the events we have planned for families, and in the specific home-base areas and program areas. Calendars for each area can also be found in the lobby.

From all of us at Boys & Girls Club of Greater Manchester, we want to wish you and your families a very happy and healthy holiday season.

Thank you,
BGCGM Programming Staff



IMPORTANT CLUB INFO & DATES

Tuesday, December 10

Union Street Clubhouse will be closing at 5pm for the Staff Holiday Party. Sites will remain open until 6pm.

Friday, December 13

Family Breakfast

Before school program families are welcome to join their child for a holiday breakfast at the Clubhouse from 6-7:30am, or at their site. Breakfast, coffee, and hot chocolate will be served.

Wednesday, December 18

Holiday Family Dinner

Families are invited to join us for dinner, raffles, hot cocoa station, photo booth, and more, from 4:30-6:30pm at the Clubhouse. Each site will also be hosting a holiday family dinner too! Please RSVP at the Clubhouse front desk, or with your Site Director.

Friday, December 20

Early Release Day | Grade K-4

Elementary members will be released from school at 11:15am. The Clubhouse and sites will open early for elementary members. BGCGM transportation will pick-up members following dismissal.

December 23 - January 1

Holiday Recess

All BGCM sites are closed.

Food Pantry

Fridays, 3-6pm in the front lobby

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CLUB & SITE HAPPENINGS

December 5 | 4:00pm

Community Meeting

December 13 | 5:00-6:30pm

Christmas Lights



Select Kids Club & Junior members will be bused to see the top 10 decorated houses in and around Manchester. Permission slip required. See Wendy for more info.

December 16 - 20

Spirit Week

Join the fun at all of our sites! Each day will feature a new theme with activities to match! Stay tuned for the calendar of events coming soon!

December 20 | 3:30-6:00pm

Holiday Party



All members can participate in a variety of festive holiday activities including carnival games, cookie decorating, watching a holiday movie, and pictures with a special guest! **Sites will also be hosting their annual holiday parties at their sites, but families are welcome to visit the Clubhouse from 5:00-7:00pm to see the Coca-Cola Holiday Truck and Santa!**

JUNIORS GAMESROOM

December might be short, but there's a lot happening in the Juniors Gamesroom. Members have the opportunity to join a variety of clubs including Lego Club, Fashion Club, Science Days, and Cooking Club!



December 19

Christmas Movie

Get in the holiday spirit and watch a Christmas movie in the Juniors Gamesroom. Special treats will be provided.

TWEEN & TEEN SPECIAL EVENTS

December 13 | 6:00-10:00pm

Tween/Teen Holiday Party

Join Elvin and Gil, and the Tween/Teen teams for an evening of holiday festivities. Play games (gumdrop building challenge, guess the scent challenge), bake treats, sing karaoke, and more!

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Performing Arts

December 19 | 5:30pm

Holiday Spectacular: A Holiday Concert

Members from all sites have been rehearsing for this year's Holiday Spectacular. Families are welcome to join us in the gym for a wonderful evening of entertainment, an art exhibit, and hot cocoa!

Learning Center

December 12

Christmas Letters

Join Betty and her team and write your Christmas letter.



December 13

Winter Wonderland

Build gingerbread houses in the Learning Center.



STEAM

STEAM always has something fun and exciting happening. From the 3D printers (see Tyler) to computer games, there's never a shortage of fun. Art Director Kaitlyn is orchestrating seasonal crafts with snow globes, gingerbread, ornaments and more. She will be focused on painting, sewing, and crocheting. Scratch Coding lessons resume on Monday, and the team is excited to teach basic animation and digital art exclusively on Wednesday afternoons. STEM Director Keith is polishing the lenses of the telescopes, binoculars, and monoculars in anticipation of short days and long starry nights. See Kaitlyn and Keith for more info on all activities happening in the STEAM Lab. At a site, no worries! Kaitlyn takes art on the road to the sites on Mondays, and Keith brings STEM fun on Fridays!



HAPPY
Holidays!