



# Army Reserve & Mission: Youth Outreach



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# BGCA/Military Partnership History



## 1906

The Federated Boys Clubs in Boston was formed with 53 member organizations – this marked **the start of a nationwide Movement** and our national organization.

### Our Mission:

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

- Military partnership - 1991 during the Persian Gulf War.
- 2022 was the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our partnership.

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- By 1995 the Military solidified its partnership with BGCA
  - On-Installation: 213 BGCA-affiliated youth centers/500 sites worldwide.
- In 2013 Mission: Youth Outreach was started to connect geographically-dispersed families to local Boys & Girls Clubs.
  - Off-Installation: We have 1120 organizations and over 5,100 sites across the United States.
- Since 2016 - BGCA partnered to improve the lives of military families in civilian communities.
- Called the “Better Together” partnership, this ground-breaking public-private collaboration is focused on taking action to support military youth and their families.

# Mission: Youth Outreach (MYO) Program for Army Reserve Families



## WHAT IS IT?

- Voucher/application process with a \$238 value
- Provides annual membership to a participating local Boys & Girls Club organization
- For all kids 6-18
- Can be renewed every year
- Can be transferred if relocation occurs

## IS THERE A COST?

- Each Club is its own non-profit organization | Federated Model
- 89% of all Boys & Girls Club organizations' annual membership is under \$238
- There may be additional fees for transportation, summer, monthly, etc.
- Local scholarships are available from the Club if membership exceeds \$238

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## ELIGIBILITY:

- Ages 6-18
- Dependent youth living geo-dispersed
- Biological, Step, Foster, Guardian, Adoptive
- Active-Duty, Guard & Reserve families only

## BEFORE SCHOOL:

- Some Clubs open early to support working families
- Some are child-care providers (0-5), but these are not MYO eligible
  - This changes, so will need to call local Club to see about hours, etc.
- Most can be drop-in if registered in advance

## AFTER SCHOOL:

- Most can be drop-in if registered in advance
- Some Clubs open on Saturdays
  - This changes, so will need to call local Club to see about hours, etc.
- Some Clubs open late, but typically close between 5 – 7pm

# Mission: Youth Outreach (MYO) Program

## What do Clubs provide?

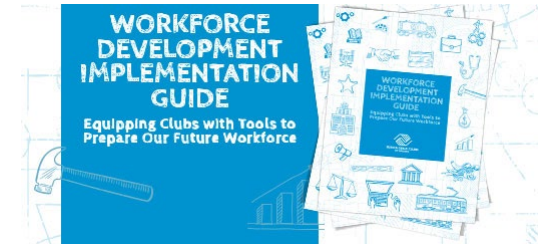
- Mentors
- Leadership guidance
- Life Skills
- Career counseling
- Physical Fitness training

**MY FUTURE**



## What types of Programs?

- Digital Learning Platforms
- Sports & Recreation Programs
- Healthy Lifestyles Programs
- Good Character & Leadership Programs
- Academic Success Programs
- The Arts Programs
- Life & Workforce Readiness Programs





# Our Secret Sauce

## Our Formula for Impact







The **Five Key Elements for Positive Youth Development** are crucial to an optimal Club Experience. When Clubs create an **optimal Club Experience**, they:

**1 Provide a safe, positive environment**

**2 Provide access to fun and a sense of belonging**

**3 Provide access to supportive relationships**

**4 Provide meaningful opportunities and expectations**

**5 Provide formal and informal recognition**

## BGCA's MISSION:

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



*"As a single fulltime working parent of two young military children, it is a necessity for me to be able to work and provide for my family. Having a safe, caring, and engaging place for my children to go after school is a bonus. Thankfully, the Boys & Girls Club provides my family with both – dependability so I can focus on my job and the relief of knowing my children are safe, happy and in an environment where they are thriving mentally, physically, and socially."* Anonymous parent of a military youth

*"I am honored to be welcomed in a place, the Boys & Girls Clubs, that understands and supports what we go through as military kids."* Rylei

## VISIT YOUR LOCAL BOYS & GIRLS CLUB TODAY!

Please complete the form inside and take it to your participating Boys & Girls Club.

## HOW TO FIND A CLUB

If you don't live near or have access to a military Youth Center, please use the "Find a Club" feature at [BGCA.org](http://BGCA.org) to find the Club closest to you.



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A partnership between the Joint Military Services and Boys & Girls Clubs of America



Do your kids need a place to go after school and in the summertime?

Do they need a place that offers supervised programs?



## MEMBERSHIPS FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

An opportunity for children of National Guard, Reserve and Active Duty families who do not live near military installations to join a Boys & Girls Club.



Download/print the brochure



## WHAT IS MISSION YOUTH OUTREACH?

The **MISSION: Youth Outreach** partnership supports kids and teens, ages 6 to 18, by creating a positive, supportive network. Through this partnership, dependent youth of active-duty, National Guard and Reserve families are eligible to receive a free annual membership or summer camp experience with a Boys & Girls Club. (Additional membership, transportation, summer camp and/or field trip fees may apply at some locations.)

## WHAT DOES A BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OFFER?

Boys & Girls Clubs offer a wide variety of educational, recreational, cultural and social activities for kids and teens. Clubs are designed to maximize opportunities for young people to acquire a sense of belonging, usefulness, influence and competence. A typical Club has an arts and crafts area, gymnasium, computer lab, games room and multi-purpose rooms. Some Clubs have swimming pools, a learning center, camps and outdoor play areas. All Boys & Girls Clubs are staffed by trained, caring professionals who inspire young people to reach their full potential.

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## HOW DO I ENROLL MY CHILDREN?

Participating Boys & Girls Clubs open their doors to kids and teens from military families. Please present your completed enrollment form to front desk personnel at your local Club.

For more information about **MISSION: YOUTH OUTREACH**, PLEASE EMAIL [MYO@BGCA.ORG](mailto:MYO@BGCA.ORG)



## OFF-INSTALLATION BOYS & GIRLS CLUB ENROLLMENT FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY (Signature forms will be returned)

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Site Name: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ New Club Membership ☐ Old Membership Renewal

Military Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Document presented to verify eligibility of youth ☐ Sponsor ID Card \*Review only. Do not retain copies.

Branch: ☐ Air Force ☐ Army ☐ Coast Guard ☐ Marine Corps ☐ Navy

Component: ☐ Guard ☐ Reserve Status: ☐ Active Duty

Duty Station: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth #1 First & Last Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Age(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of Sponsor to Dependent Youth:

☐ Biological parent ☐ Foster parent ☐ Legal guardian ☐ Step-parent

Youth #2 First & Last Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Age(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of Sponsor to Dependent Youth:

☐ Biological parent ☐ Foster parent ☐ Legal guardian ☐ Step-parent

Youth #3 First & Last Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Age(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of Sponsor to Dependent Youth:

☐ Biological parent ☐ Foster parent ☐ Legal guardian ☐ Step-parent

\*If more than three youth, must use additional member

Are your dependent children registered/enrolled at a Military Youth Center? ☐ Yes ☐ No

How far is your home (in miles) from your installation Youth Center? \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Go in the name of military sponsor

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*How did you hear about MISSION: Youth Outreach? \_\_\_\_\_

Complete this form and take it to your nearest Boys & Girls Club (CLUB OFFICE USE ONLY)

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Event Name: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I attest to verifying the information on this form \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Staff First & Last Name



**THANK YOU!!**

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