



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON

Volunteer Info

*How to get involved with the
Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Washington*

WHO WE ARE

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Washington provides diversified activities that meet the interests of all young people. Core programs encourage activities with adults, peers, and family members that enable kids to enhance self-esteem and fulfill their potential. In the past year, we were able to serve more than 2,000 members, grades 1st-12th, from all nationalities, races and social backgrounds. The Clubs are after-school programs that operate from 3-7pm at two locations:

The Clinton & Gloria John Clubhouse

(off Hazel Dell Ave)
409 NE Anderson Road
Vancouver, WA 98665
360-567-1152

O.K. Clubhouse

Jim Parsley Community Center
4100 Plomondon Street
Vancouver, WA 98661
360-313-4960

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WHAT WE DO

Diversified activities designed to meet the interests and needs of all young people. Club programming is centered around Cultural Arts, Education, Social Recreation, Sports and Fitness, the Technology Lab and Teen Services. The day is divided in three hour long rotations, in which members have the option to select an area.

- **Cultural Arts**
Painting, sculpture, origami, digital art, free-hand drawing, art history and all varieties of arts and craft projects.
- **Education**
Homework help, engineering, innovative cooking lessons, reading assistance, scientific experiments, geographical scavenger hunts and more.
- **Social Recreation**
Pool, bumper pool, foosball, ping-pong, board games, chess and checkers, sportsmanship promotion and game invention.
- **Sports and Fitness**
Basketball, wall ball, dodge ball, jump rope, juggling, dance, fitness education, activity invention and sportsmanship promotion.
- **Technology Lab**
The Technology Lab is often used to enhance the above programming areas and ample opportunities exist to assist our members on learning how to use technology and the internet responsibly.
- **Teen Services**
Homework help, newspaper club, youth leadership, civic engagement, financial planning and responsibility.

*The **Positive Place For Kids***

HOW CAN I HELP?

Volunteer opportunities at the Boys & Girls Clubs are plentiful and rewarding! By donating your time and presence, you can positively influence the life of a youth.

YOUTH MENTORING

Many of our members are in need of positive role models and would greatly benefit from the individual attention of a caring adult. A Youth Mentor is paired with a club member and meets with them on a weekly basis for no less than one hour per week over the course of one full school year.

TUTORING

Power Hour and Power Surge, our after school homework-help programs for 1st-5th graders and 6th-12th graders respectively, are always in need of capable and caring volunteers to help multiple students with their daily homework needs. For those members in need of more personalized educational assistance, one-on-one tutoring opportunities also exist. In order to instill a sense of trust and consistency in the tutor relationship, tutors must commit to volunteering for no less than one hour per week, for one school year.

SPECIAL INTEREST

Do you have a skill, talent or expertise that you believe would benefit our population? Become a Special Interest Volunteer and design and run a program of your very own.

COACHES

Do you love sports? Do you love working with kids? The Boys & Girls Clubs run both non-competitive skills-based basketball and baseball leagues for club members. The Leagues are based on sportsmanship and development and require a ten-week commitment from volunteer coaches.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Volunteers are often needed to aid in the preparation and the execution of an event.

APPLICATION PROCESS

At the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Washington, we strive to create positive matches between our Clubs' needs and the interests and abilities of potential volunteers. Our application/interview process is designed to help us make those matches.

1. The Application

Prospective volunteers complete and return the application to the Boys & Girls Clubs.

2. The Interview

Applicants will participate in an interview with the Volunteer Coordinator in order to gauge the interests and abilities of the individual.

3. The Background Check

The continued safety of our Clubs' members is of the utmost importance. Therefore, every volunteer is subject to a criminal background check prior to the commencement of the volunteer period.

4. Orientation

Before, or soon after, volunteer employment begins, volunteers will be required to attend a group or individual orientation meeting with the Volunteer Coordinator.

5. Placement

After completion of the Volunteer Orientation, the volunteer will be placed within a club program, assigned to a particular member etc.



Club Interested In:
 Clinton and Gloria John Clubhouse
 O.K. Clubhouse at the JPCC

High School Volunteer Application

Applicant's Full Legal Name _____

Current Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____ Gender M F Ethnicity _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Availability /Interests

I am able to volunteer on the following days at the following times: (Club hours are from 3pm-7pm, Monday—Friday)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

What date will you be available to begin volunteering? _____

Some of my interests include: _____

Volunteer Positions of Interest Mentor Tutor Program Assistant Coach Special Interest

Commitment

What kind of a time commitment are you able to make? 3 Months 6 Months School Year Other

Emergency Contact

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony against children or any other persons? Yes No

If so, please provide a brief explanation. _____

I, _____, wish to be a volunteer with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Washington. I certify that all statements made in this application are true and correct. I understand that any misrepresentation, or omission of material fact may result in my application being rejected; or, if I have been offered a position as a volunteer, in my offer being withdrawn. Furthermore, I have received and reviewed the Volunteer Handbook from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Washington and agree with its contents.

Volunteer Applicant Signature _____

Date _____