



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON

# Volunteer Info

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

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## 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

## Volunteer Application

### Clearance Application and Disclosure

Applicant's Full Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_ Alias/Maiden Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Residences in the past (7) years (2 maximum)

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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SSN \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Gender M F Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### **Availability**

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 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. I also agree to submit my Social Security Number and other personal information required for the purpose of a background check.

In connection with your application for volunteering we may procure a consumer report on you as part of the process considering your candidacy as a volunteer. In the event that the information from the report is utilized in whole or in part of making an adverse decision with regard to your application to volunteer before making the adverse decision, we will provide you with a copy of the consumer report and a description in writing of your rights under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act. By your signature below, you hereby authorize us to obtain a consumer report, and/or an investigative report about you in order to consider you for volunteering.

I understand that my application process will not be complete until I have received clearance by the Volunteer Director. Furthermore, I have received and reviewed the Volunteer Handbook from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Washington and agree with its contents.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_