



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are writing to let you know about upcoming fee changes beginning March 1, 2017. Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Washington values your children and is committed to providing a warm, welcoming environment in which our Club members have fun, participate in life-changing programs, and build caring relationships with peers and adults.

With a major increase in Washington's minimum wage effective January 1, our organization is facing additional expenses. In order to maintain the best quality of care and programs for youth, **we are introducing a monthly activity fee on a sliding scale of \$0-\$50 during the school year.** While it costs us nearly \$950 per child per year to operate the Clubs, families have paid just \$5-\$30 a year in membership dues in the past. Our new school year fee structure is based on the following:

- An annual membership fee of \$30 will continue and is due at the time of registration. Monthly activity fees will be charged starting on the first of the following month.
- The monthly fee will be based on household family income (see chart on the back of this page). Families who qualify for the free/reduced-price meal program at school will not be charged a monthly fee.
- For members who only come once or twice a month, instead of a monthly fee, a daily fee of \$5.00 per child will be charged.
- Monthly activity fees apply only to elementary-aged members.

For your convenience, we will be moving to an online payment system prior to summer enrollment. Stay tuned for more details and instructions for how to sign up. In the meantime, there are a number of ways you'll be able to make your monthly activity fee payment. See the enclosed payment voucher for details.

BGC is confident that these fees are in line with the high quality programs and activities your child receives at our Clubs, and remain an outstanding value for youth and families. As has always been the case, we are committed to serving the children who need us most, and believe fees should never be a barrier to participating in Club programs. Scholarships and multi-child discounts will be available to those who qualify.

If you have any questions or concerns about these changes, please contact Alison Lauderdale, Area Director of Elementary Programs, at 360-448-7089 or [Alison@mybgc.org](mailto:Alison@mybgc.org).

Thank you for your help in making sure our Clubs continue to be a safe, positive place for our community's kids.

Sincerely,

Elise Menashe  
Executive Director

Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Washington – Sliding Scale for Monthly Activity Fees  
**Effective March 1, 2017**

NOTE: Household size means all people, including parents, children, grandparents, and anyone else who lives in the home with you and shares living expenses.

	*Full Fee Waiver Guidelines	**Reduced Fee Income Guidelines	Regular Fee Guidelines
	NO FEE	\$30.00/month	\$50.00/month
Household Size	Monthly Income <b>Before Taxes</b>	Monthly Income <b>Before Taxes</b>	Monthly Income <b>Before Taxes</b>
1	Less than \$1832	Less than \$2290	More than \$2290
2	Less than \$2470	Less than \$3088	More than \$3088
3	Less than \$3106	Less than \$3883	More than \$3883
4	Less than \$3747	Less than \$4684	More than \$4684
5	Less than \$4385	Less than \$5481	More than \$5481
6	Less than \$5023	Less than \$6279	More than \$6279
7	Less than \$5663	Less than \$7079	More than \$7079
8	Less than \$6304	Less than \$7880	More than \$7880

*\*Based on USDA’s eligibility guidelines for free/reduced price meals*

*\*\* Based on United Way’s Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) report*

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Is there a multiple child discount?**

Yes! Multi-child discounts are available. Please see the Scholarship Request Form for details.

**What if my child doesn’t attend Club every day?**

**Will you pro-rate?**

We don’t pro-rate, but if your child only comes once or twice a month, there is a daily fee of \$5 per child, per day.

**Are there any other fees during the school year?**

The Membership Fee is \$30 per member, per year. Early Bird Fees during school breaks are \$7/day per member.

**What about summer fees?**

The cost for the summer program is \$80 per child, or \$30 per child if you qualify for free/reduced price meals at school. *There is no monthly activity fee for summer.*

**What are the accepted forms of payment?**

Payments can be one-time or monthly with debit or credit cards, and we also accept cash and checks. We are moving to an online payment system soon—stay tuned for details.

**If we can’t afford the fee, are scholarships available?**

Yes, we have scholarships available for those who qualify. Ask at the front desk or see your Club Director for more information.