



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF KING COUNTY**

FACT SHEET

MISSION

The Boys & Girls Clubs of King County exist to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

FIVE CORE PROGRAM AREAS:

Character & Leadership Development, Education & Career Development, Health & Life Skills, the Arts and Sports/Fitness/Recreation

HIGHLIGHTED PROGRAMS:

Project Learn – Extension of school learning through after-school activities with an educational focus

Club Tech – Computer centers in every Club; Microsoft software and age appropriate lessons

RBI – In partnership with the Seattle Mariners, free baseball & softball leagues for kids ages 11-18

WHO WE SERVE AND WHERE WE SERVE THEM:

- 18,000 + annual members
- 14 Clubs (Ballard, Bainbridge Island, EX3 Ron Sandwith Teen Center, Federal Way, IWASIL, Kirkland, Mercer Island, North Seattle, Redmond/Sammamish, Rotary – Central District, Southwest – White Center, Rainier Vista – Rainier Valley, Wallingford, Renton/Skyway)
- 29 before- and after-school program sites (includes child care, school-based education assistance, dropin)
- Outdoor Education Center – Gold Creek Lodge

HISTORY:

- Boys & Girls Clubs of America founded in 1860
- Greenwood Boys Club founded in 1943 (first club in King County)

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE PROVIDE:

- We provide a positive place where every child can participate, regardless of race, religion or financial situation while feeling safe & welcome.
- We are a facility-based youth service organization that provides daily access to a diverse set of programs designed for ALL kids aged 6-18! Clubs are open after-school, evenings and weekends and daytime hours in the summer.
- Full-time professional staff that serve as positive role models.
- No child is turned away, regardless of ability to pay for services. Annual membership remains affordable, ranging from \$1 to \$36; we provide over \$200,000 in “scholarships” and fee waivers annually.
- We work with a proven youth development strategy that fosters a sense of belonging, competence, usefulness and influence.
- We make all decisions in the context of what is best for the kids.
- Our goal is to put a membership card in the hand of every kid that wants to belong.
- The cost of keeping one member busy in a Boys & Girls Club is \$450 annually; compared to the average annual cost of incarcerating a youth in a Washington State youth detention facility (upwards of \$45,000)

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