

Boys & Girls Clubs Closed? NO WAY!

Even though our Clubhouses are not physically open to kids and teens, we are finding ways to reach our members with interesting and engaging programming!

Boys & Girls Clubs is excited to introduce the new, at-home Club program, A Club Without Walls!



While we miss our members and can't wait to reopen our Club facilities to them as soon as it is safe to do so, our A Club Without Walls will help our members cope with some of the learning loss they are sustaining from being unable to physically attend school and the emotional challenges and stress they are facing in these uncertain times.

[Click here for more information on A Club Without Walls!](#)



Summer V Camp

A Club Without Walls has taken our Clubs into our members' homes, and now, this summer, our Summer V Camp will take Boys & Girls Club online. Parents will sign their child up for V-Camp and, on a daily basis, kids will join an instructor online 3 times a day for different activities. The activities will be focused on social & emotional learning, character development, and academic enrichment. There will also be a fitness portion that will be done outside of the online classroom. Darius Rush, USC football defensive back, will be leading our fitness component as part of his summer internship with our Clubs. Summer V Camp participants will also receive the Club Without Walls bi-weekly activity newsletters and scheduled wellness check phone calls.



Hunger Does Not End With The Start of Summer

Last summer, we served over 40,000 breakfasts and lunches across 12 distribution sites. Statistics show that child hunger increases during the summer months, so we are committed to finding a way to continue, and even expand, our free summer feeding program, even if our sites are not physically open to members. We are working with our state sponsor to see if we can expand our summer food program. We want to increase our distribution sites that offer breakfast and lunch, whether it's a come in and eat program, a grab-and-go system, or a combination of the two. We are even exploring to see if we can add a 3rd meal of the day. No child should go hungry!

The Million Dollar Question

The question we are asked most frequently from members and parents is, "When will you be able to open again?" While we don't know when we can safely bring kids back in the facility, we are diligently working to do so as soon as we can. Currently, we are focused on opening this summer, following DHEC and CDC guidelines, for children of parents that must go to work. This will provide children with adult supervision and mentoring while their parents are not at home. We know that following the current safety guidelines will drastically reduce our normal summer attendance, but it is the only way we will re-open. The safety of our members is our #1 priority!

If we are unable to re-open this summer, all the work we are doing now will help ready us to safely open at the start of the next school year.



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