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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
OF THE WAUSAU AREA

Every day, kids and teens walk through the doors of our Boys & Girls Club locations to find a fun, safe and educational environment and this summer is no exception! Our doors open every day at 6:45 a.m. with kids and teens eager to get to programming and their friends.



No matter the season or time of year, the Club is a place where **hundreds of young people** come together in a space that is dedicated to them. It's a place they choose to go to try something new, participate in activities, go on field trips and play sports and games. For some, the Club is a place to go to see their friends, eat a nutritious meal and to be a kid. For others, the Club is a second home filled with caring adults who they consider family.



The next few months will be filled with moments that will turn into memories. For one Club Member, that moment was receiving a letter of acceptance into our Youth Workforce program. After a successful application and interview process, he will join a team of 13 Club Members participating in workforce development activities, team meetings and business tours while helping staff in areas throughout the Club. Through his tears of pride and excitement he told our staff, **"Thank you - I can't wait to tell EVERYONE!"**



Whether it is catching a first fish, breaking a board in martial arts, cooking a delicious meal, solving an engineering challenge, making a new friend, or achieving a personal goal, this summer is filled with experiences, fun and opportunities. This summer experience is possible because of your generous investment. Your support helps ensure the Club is accessible and affordable to all families.

Please consider investing in the Boys & Girls Club today! Together, we will provide a place for a kid to be a kid and a **caring, supportive** environment to help them grow.

Thank you,

*Kim*  
Kim Larsen  
CEO

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## Summer at the Club

During the first week of summer programming, **351 Members** walked through the doors of our Caroline S. Mark Site. Each day is filled with hands-on learning opportunities in both our teen and elementary centers.

Throughout the next ten weeks, Club Members will have the opportunity to participate in over **100 field trips** to explore local parks, businesses, pools, fishing spots, colleges and so much more!



Every day includes free breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack - by the close of summer programming the Club will provide more than **20,000 nutritious no-cost meals and snacks.**

Over **80 businesses and organizations** are partnering with the Club to offer engaging experiences in the Club and throughout our community to help ensure Club Members have a fun and educational summer.

The Club is open nearly **600 hours** this summer - providing consistent and affordable access to hundreds of families.

Families rely on the Club as a consistent, safe place where Members can be themselves, feel a sense of belonging and explore opportunities in our community.



The Club is an affordable solution for families with summer fees of less than \$1.00 per day, however the actual cost for the Club to serve one young person this summer is \$550.

**\$2,500** Provides one week of free breakfast & lunch

**\$1,500** Provides one month of free afternoon snacks

**\$900** Provides two weeks of workforce development activities

**\$550** Provides support to serve one Club Member for the summer

**\$375** Provides one week of field trip transportation





On May 18th, the Boys & Girls Club hosted our annual Member Recognition Dinner - Presented by CoVantage Credit Union - to celebrate Members of the Month from our four Club locations.

The Member of the Month award recognizes Club Members as they develop their own leadership abilities. The recognition fosters leadership within the Club, celebrates success and empowers Members.

Members also recognized Community Partners who make so much possible throughout the year through hands-on programming, opportunities and mentoring.

Thank you to CoVantage Credit Union for helping to provide Club Members a sense of belonging, pride and connectedness.

Throughout the Member Recognition Dinner, Club Members celebrated and recognized some of our Community Partners for their service & dedication to the Boys & Girls Club including:

**Kyle Thao**, Career Coach for UW-Stout in support of the UW-Pathway Initiative, supports the Club's efforts to connect teens to post-secondary opportunities.

**Alex Dodd**, General Manager of Noodles & Company, mentors Club Members and helps them develop self-esteem and self-confidence to believe in themselves.

**Veronica Hope**, Welding Instructor at Northcentral Technical College, connects Members to post-secondary opportunities and teaches welding courses for Members.

**Beth Schultz**, Community Volunteer, teaches Members how to safely prepare nutritious meals for themselves and their families.

**Jamy Klopotic**, Community Volunteer, teaches Members the importance of mental and physical wellbeing through yoga.

**Liberty Mutual Insurance**, Community Partner, chooses to spend their Serve With Liberty Day volunteering at the Club and completing projects throughout the Club.

Thank you, Community Partners, for helping to enrich and transform the lives of young people, especially those who need us most!



Click here to see more photos from our Member Recognition Dinner!



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