



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF SOMERSET**

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2024-2025 MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK



GREAT FUTURES START **HERE!**

Boys & Girls Club of Somerset

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ABOUT THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF SOMERSET

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Boys & Girls Club of Somerset is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

OUR VISION

Provide a world-class experience that assures success is within reach of every young person who enters our doors, with all members on track to graduate from high school with a plan for the future, demonstrating good character and citizenship, and living a healthy lifestyle.

OUR CORE BELIEFS

A Boys & Girls Club provides:

- A safe place to learn and grow
- Ongoing relationships with caring, trained staff who guide, coach, and motivate young people to be successful
- Life-enhancing programs and character development experiences
- Hope and opportunity

Regardless of physical, emotional, or socioeconomic background, the Boys and Girls Club of Somerset welcomes all youth in our community to be part of our Club.

Our work is focused on three priority outcome areas—**Academic Success, Character & Leadership, and Healthy Lifestyles**—because these are the tools EVERY kid needs to have a joyful, happy, productive life.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB CODE

I will respect my Friends.

I will respect my Staff.

I will respect my Club.

I will respect myself.

WELCOME TO THE CLUB!

AREA DIRECTOR WELCOME

“It is my honor and privilege to welcome you and your family to the Boys & Girls Club of Somerset. Our dedicated staff and community are committed to providing a safe, fun, and accessible environment for you. Our goal is to instill a sense of belonging, competence, and usefulness in all of our Members, so that they are excited to graduate as productive, responsible, and caring members of our community and the world around us. We look forward to fulfilling our mission of enabling the youth of our community to reach their full potential and starting great futures HERE!”

Kathy Townsend, Area Director

We are so excited to have you as a Member of our Boys and Girls Club of Somerset family!

Before finalizing your membership, please read through the entire handbook. This document communicates important information about our Clubs, your membership, and Club expectations.

Once your membership has started, you may use this as a convenient reference for our hours of operation, drop-off and pick up procedures, pricing, payments, expectations, and other essential information.

As always, our Club staff is also available to help with any questions you might have.

We look forward to seeing you in our Club!

CULTURE OF SAFETY

Ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our members is fundamental to the mission of the Boys and Girls Club of Somerset and our top priority. We work everyday to create a safe, fun, and accessible environment so our members can have every opportunity to be successful in life. **We have a ZERO tolerance for inappropriate behavior of any kind, including sexual abuse or misconduct.**

The Boys and Girls Club of Somerset has comprehensive safety policies in place for staff, volunteers, guests, and Members that are continually updated to best serve our Club community (published on our website as updated). Staff members participate in regular training and our facility and vehicles are subject to regular safety inspections that comply with state and federal guidelines, as well as guidelines set by the Boys and Girls Club of Somerset.

The Boys and Girls Club of Somerset provides a confidential, toll-free Child Safety helpline. To access the Child Safety Helpline, call 1-866-607-7233 (Boys & Girls Clubs Helpline) or 877-597-2331 (Kentucky Helpline).

YOUTH PROGRAM MODEL

The Boys and Girls Club of Somerset programs are designed to address the following targeted priority youth outcomes:

Academic Success

Increases grade level advancement, encourages career readiness, and reduces high school dropout rates.

Good Character & Citizenship

Increases community services, encourages civic engagement, and reduces crime rates.

Healthy Lifestyles

Encourages healthy behaviors and decreases drug use and obesity rates.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Afterschool Program (Normal School Year Schedule)

Monday through Friday from 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Summer Program

Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM

Closures

When public schools are closed, Club facilities may be open from 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM, but only if it is not a Club-recognized holiday. The Club will make every effort to maintain normal working hours during inclement weather. However, the Area Director or their designee may decide to close the Club if weather conditions are deemed too severe.

REMINDER The Boy and Girls Club of Somerset follows the Somerset Independent Schools system, Pulaski County Schools system, and Science Hill Independent School System calendars, respectively, in the event of closings as well as when they return back to school. We will send updates on our Club Facebook page as well as our Remind system regarding any closings.

The Club will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Day after Thanksgiving
- Christmas Week
- New Year's Eve

ENROLLMENT

AGES SERVED

The Boys and Girls Club of Somerset welcomes youth in 5th through 12th grade.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

A completed registration form and \$25.00 registration fee is due and will hold a Club member's place in the Club. The \$25.00 registration fee goes toward program costs like snacks, transportation, and field trips, and is non-refundable.

Scholarships will be granted based on need. If you are unable to pay the registration fee, please contact the Area Director.

To enroll, please visit www.bgcsomerset.org and complete one Membership Application per person (if there are more than one Member being enrolled). Current Club members will register on a first-come, first served basis, based on space availability and staffing. A wait list will be established when the program is filled. As space becomes available, families will be contacted starting with the first families to apply working forward. The Club will then open enrollment for new Club members. Registration for the school year is on a rolling basis until the Club is at capacity, and then registration for the school year begins in August.

Membership applications cannot be processed without a complete Membership Application. The following items are required to complete your Membership Application:

- Acknowledgement and Agreement of Membership Handbook
- Signed Waiver Forms

UPDATING PERSONAL INFORMATION

Members must maintain accurate member information with the Club at all times. If member/family information changes at any time during your Club membership, **please inform the Area Director to update.**

Parents/Guardians are responsible for ensuring information is current and correct at all times. This can be updated at any time.

PAYMENT POLICIES & LATE PICKUP FEES

Dues for all Boys and Girls Club members will be paid annually upon registration. Members will be issued a membership card on the first day of our After-School Program and Summer Camp. We accept cash, checks, and online payments via PayPal. All payments are non-refundable and non-transferable, regardless of member attendance or circumstances.

SUMMER CAMP FEES

Summer Camp fees are \$200.00. For families with more than one child or teen, the fee is \$200.00 for one child, and then \$100.00 for each child.

Scholarships will be granted based on need. If you are unable to pay the registration fee, please contact the Area Director.

Summer Camp fees cover any and all field trips, breakfast, lunch, and snacks, as well as any events the Member may attend.

LATE FEES

Any Club member left after Club hours will be charged a late fee of \$1.00 every minute per member you have enrolled at the Club. Parents/Guardians will be held accountable for this fee by the Area Director. Parents/Guardians will be contacted if this child/teen is brought to the Club without a late fee payment.

Please know that it is not our intent or mission to turn a child away because of a fee. We will work with each and every family to make sure your child(ren)/teen(s) have the opportunity to attend the Club.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

There is no attendance requirement, as we understand that our Members may have schedules that make it difficult for them to attend the Club every day or for the entire duration of the after-school hours. **HOWEVER, we encourage all members to be as active as possible in their programming areas. This consists of listening and participating while they are at the Club.**

CLUB ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

ARRIVAL/SIGN IN PROCEDURES

Club Members must present and scan in each day with their Membership card for statistical and safety purposes. Only authorized persons can sign in/out Club members—these persons should be indicated on the Membership Registration Form under the “Pick Up List” section.

Club Members that are transported by a vehicle operated by another organization must indicate said person/people in their “Pick Up List” section (ex. International Futbol Academy, Karate Academy, etc.).

DISMISSAL/SIGN OUT PROCEDURES

Club Members must sign out each day with their Membership card for statistical and safety purposes. Only authorized persons can sign in/out Club members—these persons should be indicated on the Membership Registration Form under the “Pick Up List” section. Authorized persons must be of 18 years of age or older and have a photo I.D. card to show daily to the Club staff to release a Club member. Unless there is a custody order on file, a Club member may be released to a non-custodial parent if they are on the Club Member’s “Pick Up List”.

Parent/Guardian/Authorized Person must come to the Club to sign their complete legal name/signature, date, and time on a sign in/out sheet. The staff will not accept phone calls from parents/guardians requesting that an unidentified contact escort a Club member out of the Club. The Club will not release a child to an unauthorized individual. The parent/guardian/emergency contact will be called and be required to pick up the member. The parent/guardian of the Club member must make any necessary changes to the membership application in-person at the Club. Phone calls, emails, and/or faxes for change in authorization WILL NOT be accepted.

If you will be arriving late to pick up your Member(s), please contact the Club immediately.

Members may not wait outside the Club for pickup. If members are present on Club property, they will be considered under supervision of the Club.

If a parent/guardian/authorized person arrives for pickup and appears to be under the influence of a substance, the Club reserves the right to refuse release and keep the member in their care. In these circumstances, Club staff will contact another authorized person to arrange pickup.

If an unrecognized individual requests to pick up a member, staff will request identification. If identification cannot be provided, the member will not be released and an authorized person will be notified.

IF MEMBER(S) PLANS ON WALKING TO/FROM THE CLUB TO/FROM THEIR RESIDENCE, A PARENT/GUARDIAN/AUTHORIZED PERSON WILL NEED TO SIGN THE WAIVER AT THE END (IF MEMBER IS UNDER 18 YEARS OLD)

MEMBER DRIVING POLICY

If members have a valid driver's license and are planning on using their own vehicle to arrive and depart from the Club, they will be required to sign themselves in and out of the Club. **A parent/guardian/authorized person will need to sign the waiver at the end (if the member is under 18 years old) to allow member(s) to drive their own vehicle to and from the Club.** To permit them to do so, you will need to provide a description of the car(s), license plate number(s), proof of insurance, and a copy of their driver's license.

ABANDONED MINORS

If a late pickup exceeds 30 minutes and attempts to reach authorized persons have failed, the child(ren)/teen(s) will be considered abandoned. For abandoned children, staff are required to contact the local Police Department and notify the Department of Family Services.

CLOSED DOOR POLICY

Members are not permitted to leave the Club without a parent/guardian unless the parent/guardian has approved them to have the ability to leave the Club on the Membership application or waiver. Changes can be completed at any time to allow or discontinue this policy.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES

Administrative Staff reserves the right to make program-related decisions regarding reasonable accommodations for youth with disabilities. The goal of the Boys and Girls Club of Somerset is to be as inclusive as reasonably possible in providing recreational opportunities for all youth, if accommodations that may be required do not pose an undue hardship on the organization or jeopardize the safety of any youth with a disability or of any other members or employees. By enrolling in the Club, you acknowledge that the Member can participate, is able to use the restroom facilities without assistance, and can eat meals and snacks unassisted. If there are any questions regarding the ability to participate in our program, the Boys and Girls Club of Somerset may require an individual assessment. Please note that we are not able to provide one-on-one supervision of any one Member at this time.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Club employees have access to confidential information related to the Club and, particularly, its members. Except with the express permission of the Area Director and CEO, employees may not at any time during or after their employment, use, duplicate, or disclose, by any means, any such information to any unauthorized person or Club entity. Moreover, the very fact that an individual is served by the Club must be kept private and confidential; disclosure can be made only under specific conditions described below for reasons relating to law enforcement and fulfillment of the Club's mission. As such, employees shall not disclose any information about a person, including the fact that they are or are not served by the Club, to anyone outside of the Club unless authorized by the Area Director, Safety Director, and CEO, or other authorized personnel or in some cases with a signed parental permission form. The principle of confidentiality must be maintained in all programs, departments, functions, and activities. No information requested by someone outside the Club may be given over the telephone. Release of Member Information forms must be explained and completed in the presence of the parent/guardian of the child/teen about whom any information is requested before it is released. The Club will not release any reports. All Club documentation is the property of the Boys and Girls Club of Somerset.

PARENT/GUARDIAN EXPECTATIONS

The Boys and Girls Club of Somerset maintains a **zero-tolerance policy for any derogatory, disrespectful, or inexcusable behavior exhibited by parents/guardians during any organization related interaction.** This includes the following:

- Physically or verbally engaging in any negative manner towards club staff.
- Attempting to interact negatively with other members/parents, including attempts to address behavioral concerns involving another member.
- Refusing to adhere to organizational policy and procedure.
- Entering any organization facility under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Smoking or utilization of tobacco products on organization property.
- Habitually arriving late to pick up a child(ren)/teen(s).
- Failure to comply with organization fee collection policy.
- Any other actions that present a challenge in the organization's ability to operate in a safe and positive fashion.
- Members must scan in immediately after bus runs, then may be released to an authorized person, parent, or guardian.

Parents/Guardians/Authorized Persons are not allowed past the reception area of the Club unless escorted by Club staff.

CLUB MEMBER EXPECTATIONS AND GUIDELINES

Every Club member is responsible for their own actions. The Club has four basic codes of conduct that every member must follow. These four codes will help to ensure the safety of all members and will contribute to creating a fun, positive, and memorable experience at the Club.

THE 4 RULES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- Respect yourself
- Respect other members
- Respect all staff and volunteers
- Respect all Club property and equipment

THE FOLLOWING ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED:

- Swearing
- Verbal abuse
- Inappropriate and/or sexual physical contact
- Fighting or any other form of physical abuse
- Use or possession of controlled substances, or any tobacco product
- Weapons on premises
- Bullying or cyberbullying

All Club members are expected to abide by the rules and regulation in relation to manners, sportsmanship, respect, and cooperation. Failure to adhere to such rules will result in disciplinary action. The Club has established rules and regulations for the convenience and protection of all of its Club members and staff. A violation of any of the rules/regulations is considered misconduct and appropriate disciplinary action will be initiated. Negative behavior among Club members prevents the Club from providing activities that are engaging, fun, and foster positive moral values.

Parents/Guardians will be notified of these instances when a violation of the rules has occurred. Club staff will endeavor to rectify such problems, but cooperation on the part of the Club member and the parent/guardian is a necessity. Our basic goal is youth development and our goal can be reached through the willingness of all parties. The disciplinary step system and suspension protocol is enforced by Club Leadership under the direction of the Area Director and Safety Director.

DISCIPLINARY STEP SYSTEM

1. Redirection

- Redirection is intervening before an unwanted behavior occurs. Some forms of redirection are offering alternative choices to behavior and positive reinforcement for wanted behavior. When behavior is unacceptable, staff will explain clearly to the child/teen what is expected. Children/Teens will be reminded that we are working toward a RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, CARING and HONEST atmosphere. The child/teen's self-esteem is the primary concern when a child/teen needs to be redirected.

2. Verbal Warning

- Youth showing inappropriate behavior, language, or gestures will be given a verbal warning by the staff after each incident. Verbal warnings serve as reminders of Club expectations and spoken notification of misbehaviors. Failure to adhere to the first verbal warning will lead to additional consequences. Staff will only issue the verbal warning once before moving forward with additional disciplinary actions.

3. Cool Off Period/Reflection Time

- Club members who have been given a verbal warning but fail to adhere to the instruction given by staff will then be given a COOL OFF period or a time to reflect on their actions.
- If a member continues to violate rules within a programming area, they will be sent out of the area and placed in the mentoring area. This time out may not last longer than the duration of one rotation period.

4. Sent Home for the Day

- The parent/guardian will be called and that member will be sent home for the day. Additional days of suspension can be implemented at the discretion of the Area Director if warranted by the member's behavior.

5. Suspension (Indefinite)

- The parent/guardian will be notified if their child(ren)/teen(s) is suspended or expelled from the Club. In this case, there will be NO refunds for any fees, including field trips, for a Club member that is suspended.

NON-NEGOTIABLE/OR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION: The Club may take immediate steps to suspend a Member or terminate a membership if we deem that behavior was serious enough, the the Member was aware of the consequences of such behavior, and/or that the Member's behavior puts themselves of others at risk.

Consequences, including disciplinary action, are administered at the discretion of Club staff based on frequency, severity, and overall impact of the behavior.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

The Boys and Girls Club of Somerset will not be held responsible for loss, theft, or damage of any items that are brought to the Club and/or field trips. The Club will not provide reimbursement for any lost, stolen, or damaged items. All items must be stored in designated areas.

Members are not permitted to carry personal items throughout the Club unless advance permission is granted by Club staff. Personal items will be stored inside the Members' backpack, with backpacks and other belongings stored in designated spaces in the Club.

Clubs operate on a Zero Tolerance Weapons Policy. Weapons of any kind are not permitted in the Club premises, on Club vans, Club field trips, or any Club activity. Members found in possession of any kind of weapons will be immediately suspended and reported to the local Police Department. Prohibited weapons include, but are not limited to guns, bombs, explosives, and all firearms, including parts from which firearms may be assembled. Prohibited weapons also include axes, clubs, bludgeons, knives, artificial knuckles, slingshots, firecrackers or similar devices, mace, pepper spray, stun guns, air guns, pellet guns, replica of a weapon, and any other type of device designed to inflict bodily harm or to cause serious physical discomfort. Bullets and other types of ammunition for weapons are also prohibited.

LOST AND FOUND

The Boys and Girls Club of Somerset is not responsible for Members' personal items, including those lost and left behind. Unclaimed personal items will be kept for one week. Items will be donated or disposed of if not claimed after one week.

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Cell phones or personal devices such as iPods, iPads, tablets, and gaming devices are not to be used during programming, UNLESS the Programming Director permits such devices to be used as effective learning tools during activities, events, and/or programs. This includes but is not limited to texting, gaming, video capturing, picture taking, Internet usage, and the use of social media (i.e. X/Twitter, Instagram, TikTok, etc.). Boys and Girls Club employees will not be held liable for wireless communication or other electronic devices that are lost, stolen, or damaged. Members are expected to act

responsibly and thoughtfully when using devices. Any inappropriate use of a personally owned device, can lead to disciplinary actions. The following expectations apply:

- Cell phone use is only permitted in times and locations as designated by Club staff.
- Club staff reserves the right to monitor cell phone usage.
- All cell phones should be set to silent mode inside the Club.
- Absolutely no photo, audio, and/or video recording will be permitted without advance permission from Club staff.
- Accessing the internet, digital communications, or social media sites of any kind is not permitted at any time during Club attendance, including Club-sponsored field trips, unless permitted by a staff member.
- Members will not engage in any type of cyber-harassment or cyber-bullying.
- If parents/guardians need to contact their child(ren)/teen(s), they must do one of the following to minimize disruptions to programming and activities:
 - Call the Club and ask to speak with their chil(ren)/teen(s)
 - Member may ask Club staff to be dismissed from the area to make a call at the front desk
- Members will not share their devices with others.
- Members will not use devices during programming unless otherwise instructed.

This list is not comprehensive, and additional usage expectations are at the discretion of Club staff.

MEDIA

MOVIES AND TELEVISION

For Club members ages 13 and under, movie and television ratings will not exceed PG and TV-PG. For Club members ages 13 and up, movie and television ratings will not exceed PG-13 and TV-14. If there is any program materials that should exceed these ratings, a permission slip/waiver will be sent to parents/guardians to approve or disapprove their child(ren)/teen(s)'s ability to watch the movie or television program. Members are not permitted to access personal streaming accounts at the Club. Only shows, movies, and content that are approved in advance by Club staff may be viewed.

SNACKS/MEALS

The Club offers a free, healthy food program to all members.

ILLNESS/INJURY

Club members unable to stay with their groups due to injury or illness will be taken to the front desk. The parent/guardian will be notified immediately and the Club member will remain in the administrative offices. The parent/guardian will immediately need to pick up their Member. If necessary, minor first aid will be administered by staff, and parents/guardians will be notified at sign-out. For serious illness or injury, the Area Director or their designee will call 911/Ambulance, and then contact parents/guardians immediately. Immediate pick-up will be necessary. Club staff will document the illness/injury, including the time the parent/guardian was contacted.

MEDICINE

Club staff will not administer any type of medication (prescription and/or non-prescription). Club members must keep medications such as epipens and inhalers in the front office at all times.

NO SMOKING/VAPING

The Club is a smoke-free environment for Members, staff, and any one of the premises. Persons may not smoke within 25 feet of the building, in Club facilities, in Club vans, or while on Club business and/or with Club members. This policy extends to the use of ECigarettes and vaporizers.

FIELD TRIPS

Members must adhere to Club guidelines and expectations on field trips and any activities outside the Club. To participate in Field Trips, members must have their Club Cards and have signed permission slips.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK

I understand that the child/teen on this form and I have read this handbook, and are expected to follow the policies/rules/regulations. I also understand that any violations of these or any other Club policy, practice, or procedure will subject my child/teen to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the Club.

If I have any questions regarding the content or interpretation of these policies/rules/regulations, I will bring them to the immediate attention of the Area Director.

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature)

Member Name (Printed)

Date

Member Signature

WAIVERS & RELEASES

RESPONSIBLE COMPUTER USE GUIDELINES

The Boys & Girls Club of Somerset's computer network and Internet access are available to members to enhance their educational experience and become literate in an increasingly technological world. The purpose of these Responsible Use Guidelines is to foster the appropriate use of that network and the Internet. The following Guidelines apply to all users whenever they access the Boys & Girls Club's network connection.

Educational Purpose

The network has been established for educational purposes limited to classroom activities, career development, and independent scholastic research on appropriate subjects. The network has not been established as a public access service or a public forum. The Club has the right to place reasonable restrictions on the material you access or post through the system. You are also expected to follow the Club's behavior standards when accessing the network. You may not use the network for commercial purposes. This means you may not offer, provide, or purchase products or services through this network. You may not use it for political lobbying, but you may use the system to communicate with elected representatives and to express your opinion on political issues.

Personal Safety

You will not post personal contact information about yourself or other people. Personal contact information includes (but is not limited to) home, school, or work addresses and telephone numbers. You will not agree to meet with someone you have met online. You will promptly disclose to the Area Director or any other Club staff member any message that you receive that is inappropriate or makes you feel uncomfortable.

Illegal Activities

You will not attempt to gain unauthorized access to the network or to any other computer system through the network. This includes attempting to log on through another person's account or access another person's files. These actions are illegal, even if only for the purposes of "browsing." You will not make deliberate attempts to disrupt the computer system or destroy data by spreading computer viruses. You will not use the network to engage in any illegal act, including but not limited to arranging for the purchase or sale of drugs or alcohol, engaging in criminal activity, or threatening the safety of another person.

System Security

You are responsible for your individual user account, when applicable, and should take all reasonable precautions to prevent others from being able to use your account. Under no conditions should you provide your password to another person. You will immediately notify a Club staff member or adult volunteer if you have identified or witnessed a possible security problem. Do not go looking for security problems, because this may be construed as an illegal attempt to gain access.

Inappropriate Language

Restrictions against inappropriate language apply to public messages, private messages, and material posted on Web pages. You will not use obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, inflammatory, threatening, or disrespectful forms of communication. This applies to verbal and written language, diagrams, photographs, representations, videos or any other form of communication. You will not post information that could cause damage or a danger of disruption. You will not engage in personal attacks, including prejudicial or discriminatory attacks. You will not harass another person. Harassment is persistently acting in a manner that distresses or annoys another person. If you are told by a person to stop sending him or her messages, you must stop. You will not knowingly or recklessly post false or defamatory information about a person or organization.

Respect for Privacy

You will not re-post a message that was sent to you privately without permission of the person who sent you the message. You will not post private information about another person.

Plagiarism and Copyright Infringement

You will not plagiarize works that you find on the Internet. Plagiarism is taking ideas or writings of others and presenting them as if they were yours. You will respect the rights of copyright owners. Copyright infringement occurs when you reproduce a work that is protected by a copyright without authorization. If a work contains language that specifies appropriate use of that work, you should follow the expressed requirements.

Inappropriate Access to Material

You will not use the network to access material that is profane or obscene, that advocates illegal acts, or that advocates violence or discrimination toward other people (hate literature). If you mistakenly access inappropriate information, you should immediately tell the Club Staff member or volunteer. This will protect you against a claim that you have intentionally violated this policy. Your parent or guardian should instruct you if there is additional material that he or she thinks would be inappropriate for you to

access. The Boys & Girls Club fully expects you to follow your parent's or guardian's instructions in this matter.

Your Rights

The network is considered a limited forum, similar to a school newspaper and therefore the Club reserves the right to regulate that forum for valid educational reasons. The Club will not restrict your speech on the basis of a disagreement with opinions you are expressing. You should expect only limited privacy of the contents of your personal files on the system. This situation is similar to the rights you have in the privacy of your locker. An individual search will be conducted, if there is a reasonable suspicion that you have violated these Guidelines.

Disciplinary Actions

Members who violate the Responsible Use Guidelines may be denied future Internet and/or network privileges for a defined period of time or be subject to other disciplinary measures as set forth by the Boys & Girls Club staff.

By typing my name below I agree to the Responsible Use Guidelines above.

As a parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Boys & Girls Club Responsible Use Guidelines. It is understood that my child will follow these guidelines as well as the guidelines of the facility in which the program is located. I understand that access to the Boys & Girls Club Network and the Internet is designed for educational purposes and the Boys & Girls Club has taken available precautions to educate members on appropriate educational materials. However, it is understood that no matter how much supervision and monitoring that the Club can offer, there will always be the possibility of my child coming into contact with inappropriate material, and I will not hold the Boys and Girls Club of Somerset responsible for materials acquired on the network.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Member Signature

Date