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# Welcome to the Boys & Girls Club of Eden - Lake Shore!

We are happy that you have decided to join us for an exciting year of camaraderie, friendships, sports, games, special events, educational programs plus many more opportunities.

Parents and members should take some time to review ALL of this information.

The Club is ALWAYS will be a place to ... Be with your friends, participate in some great programs, and ABOVE ALL have FUN!

Here is your WELCOME PACKET that contains some general information to help you get the most of out your Club experience.

### The Boys & Girls Club of Eden - Lake Shore Contact Info and Hours:

#### **Eden Clubhouse:**

8284 North Main Street Eden, NY 14057

(716) 992-2702

Clubhouse Director, Kelly Sterner kelly@bgcedenlakeshore.org

#### **Lake Shore Clubhouse:**

42 Sunset Avenue Angola, NY 14006

(716) 926-2119

Clubhouse Director, Anna Ippolito anna@bgcedenlakeshore.org

#### **General Information**

Club Hours: Monday - Friday Afterschool - 6:00 pm

## **Membership Options**

September 2023 - June 2023 First day of school until the last day of school

Must be in 1st grade to become a member of the Club.

Grades 1 - 8
Registration is done ONLINE ONLY, link is available on our website, www.bgcedenlakeshore.org

Full Year Rate - \$250

There is no membership fee for Grades 9 - 12 Membership fees are non-refundable or transferrable

Scholarships
Scholarships are available to families in need
No child will be turned away due to an inability to pay



## **Our Mission**

To inspire and empower all young people, especially those who need us the most, to realize their potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

#### Letter from the Board

Another school year is upon us, our staff and board would like to welcome old and new members to our facilities. We are very excited for this upcoming year for your children. We have made some exciting new changes and hope and plan for more to come throughout the year. Our club houses are growing dramatically with new members and we are ecstatic for the growth and new adventures that await us.

Our mission at our club houses is to inspire, enable and provide resources to all young people of Eden and Lake Shore to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. The Boys and Girls Club of Eden-Lake Shore is a nonprofit organization, which means we rely on generous donations as well as fundraising opportunities to cover the costs of running our clubs smoothly. In order to expand and grow in areas of programming, outdoor/indoor activities, we need your help!

There are numerous ways to help. One of the most important ways is helping with our fabulous fundraisers. This year we are asking if any parents, family members or friends have the ability to give a little bit of your time to help with these fundraising events. Areas we are looking for you to help are selling tickets for events, coming to the events and volunteering your time, or any other qualities you have that would help us.

Some of our major events that we generally host throughout the year that we desperately need your help are:

- Meat Raffles (Fall and Spring) selling tickets, auction baskets, and volunteering during the event
- Outdoor Raffle (April) selling tickets, volunteering during the event
- Cornfest Parking (Aug) mowing our field, donation of parking materials (ex. cones, parking barriers), volunteering to help collect money and park cars
- Holiday Raffle (Nov/ Dec) selling tickets, donations towards packages

This list is just a scratch of what we do, we are always looking for people to join our board committees to share any expertise they may have to help our organization. We also welcome any help fixing things around the club.

If you are able, willing or have any ideas for us please let us know. I can be reached via email at <a href="https://kthompson@bgedenlakeshore.org">kthompson@bgedenlakeshore.org</a>. You may also contact our Executive Michelle Wilson at 716-992-2702 X101, or Cindy Latimore, Board President at <a href="mailto:clatimore@bgcedenlakeshore.org">clatimore@bgcedenlakeshore.org</a>.

We truly appreciate all the support we get from our members and their families, and we look forward to your help as we continue to grow and provide your children and our communities with as much as we can in the future.

Sincerely,

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Kayleigh Thompson

Vice President of Board of Directors

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# Now that you are a Member...

**CLUB MEMBER ORIENTATION** - sessions will be offered by our Club Staff beginning in September and continuing through the rest of the school year to review the Club rules and new guidelines with our members and get you comfortable with your surroundings and format of the Club this school year.

**SUPERVISION** - The Club employs part-time staff members to supervise and direct programs. Our program spaces include the Games Room, Craft Room, Teen Lounge, Snack Shack, and Computer Lab. At our Lake Shore Clubhouse we have a gym. At our Eden Clubhouse we have an outdoor rec court and field.

## PARENT DROPOFF/PICKUP -

Eden Clubhouse - Please help our children stay safe and pull in and out of the parking lot slowly. Please do not pull around the building as our members may be playing in the back field. Park into a parking space and come into the building to get your member.

Lake Shore Clubhouse - Please do not pull into the circle before 4pm, as that is where the busses pull into the circle- park in a parking spot and ring the bell. After 4pm, pull along the circle and come to the door to ring the bell. Please make sure to check out our information board located by the front door to stay up to date on whats happening at the Club.

**Discipline -** The Club employs 3-Strikes you're out rule in regards to member discipline.

In all infractions of the Club Code, the staff will attempt to provide members with...

STRIKE ONE - Verbal Warning

STRIKE TWO - Suspension from the program area and parental notification STRIKE THREE - Suspension from the Club, parental notification, and behavior follow up

**VALUABLES & ELECTRONICS** - The Club is NOT liable for any items lost or stolen at the Club. It is recommended that members do not bring valuables to the Club; you will NOT be able to lock up your valuable items you bring. They will be your responsibility. Any items left at the end of the day will be placed in the Lost and Found bin.

**SNACK SHACK -** Our Snack Shack is open once a day at 4pm. We have snacks, drinks, and hot food available. All of our snacks cost \$2.00 and under.

## New for the 2023-2024 School Year...

Teen Areas - At both Clubhouses we will have two designated areas for teens, open at certain times.

Text Updates - We are now offering to receive updates about the Club via texting!

## How to find out what's happening at the Club...

## **CLUB WEBSITE**

At www.bgcedenlakeshore.org to get the most current information and register for membership, permission slips, schedules, non-school days, etc.



Are distributed from the Clubhouses and emailed.

## FRONT TV, POSTERS, BULLETIN BOARDS, FLYERS

Posted all around the Club. Please make sure you read these signs and info around the Club to keep up on any program/hour changes, special events, fundraisers, etc.



The Club is actively collecting parental e-mail addresses from our members for the purpose of communicating infromation about the Club. It is our intent to keep these e-mails brief and informative and not to clutter your inbox. Please give them as glance when they arrive.



Visit our Facebook page - Boys & Girls Club of Eden - Lake Shore or our instagrambgcedenlakeshore, to keep up on the latest news, activities, and programs going on at our Club.



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