

MISSION: YOUTH OUTREACH Frequently Asked Questions

Mission: Youth Outreach (MYO) is a partnership between Boys & Girls Clubs of America, all branches of service and the U.S. Coast Guard, Reserve and National Guard. MYO is designed to provide eligible military youth (ages 5 to 18) with free or discounted annual memberships to Boys & Girls Clubs. Our goal is to offer a safe, nurturing environment that supports academic success, good character and citizenship and healthy lifestyles – especially for families facing frequent moves.

Q: What is Mission: Youth Outreach (MYO)?

A: MYO is an initiative that provides eligible military youth with free or discounted memberships at participating Boys & Girls Clubs, along with access to a wide range of enriching programs and activities. It's a community-based solution that helps eligible military-connected youth thrive, no matter where they are stationed.

Q: Who is eligible for MYO?

A: MYO is available to dependent youth, ages 5 to 18, whose parent/guardian is currently a member of an active-duty, National Guard or Reserve military component.

Q: What are the benefits of enrolling in MYO?

A: Benefits of the program for families include:

- No-Cost/Discounted Memberships: Military youth receive free or discounted annual membership at participating Clubs. Families may still be responsible for other costs such as summer camp, transportation or activity-based fees.
- Enrichment Programs: Access to a variety of programs that promote academic success, healthy lifestyles and good character and citizenship.
- Consistent Support: A stable, engaging environment that helps mitigate challenges military life may bring.
- Community Connection: A welcoming space where military youth can build lasting relationships and receive mentorship.

Q: How does the MYO enrollment process work for families?

A: Families can enroll at www.bgca.org/military. Once enrolled, a confirmation email will be sent, families then take the confirmation email to the local Club, where they will present verifying military ID and sign up with the local organization.

Q: Who should I contact for more information?

A: For further details or questions regarding MYO and the enrollment process, please contact BGCA's MYO support team at myo@bgca.org.