

Project Cost

BREAKDOWN

Square Footage	5,000 to 12,000sf
Average Daily Attendance*	100 to 200 members
Total membership	300 to 700
Project Costs**	\$400,000 to \$1,000,000
Annual Operating Expenses	\$60,000 to \$150,000
Minimum Land Needed	0.25 to 0.5 acre
Land Needed for Ball Fields	2 acres

* Average daily attendance reflects the average number of youth served at any one time. Often members do not attend on a daily basis, but may visit the Club for their favorite activities (i.e., teens often visit the Club during "teen only" hours).

** Project costs include site development and professional fees. Land acquisition is not included. Often land is either leased or donated. Project costs are averages. Your area may be lower or higher.

A Typical Youth Center Design



Four key characteristics define the essence of a Boys & Girls Club and are critical in exerting a positive impact on youth. Clubs are dedicated spaces, designed solely for youth programs and activities; are open every day after school and often on weekends; have full-time, trained youth development professionals; and reach out to all kids, including those who cannot afford other community programs.

Building size and costs are dependent on the number of youth served, community support and available land. An outline of typical requirements for establishing a new Boys & Girls Club in your local community is shown at left.

With thousands of Club facilities nationwide ranging in size from 2,000 to 60,000 sq. ft., few Clubs are exactly alike, but many have distinct similarities. A tour of a typical Clubhouse will help communities find out how Clubs help kids BE GREAT.