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# Drop-In Program

## Who can attend Drop-In?

Drop in is open to any child ages 8 to 18 that has an active Boys & Girls Club membership.

## How much does it cost to attend Drop-In?

There is no monthly fee associated with Drop-In. Drop-In care is included in your child's membership fee.

## What is there to do at Drop-In?

Drop-In Members have many choices each afternoon. Some of the many programs offered at the Club include:

- Power Hour (homework time)
- SMART Girls
- DIY (Crafts & More)
- Yoga
- Trivia Tournaments
- Games Room Activities (Pool, Ping Pong, Foosball, etc.)
- Gym Games (Soccer, Football, Kickball, Basketball, Hockey, Speedball, etc.)
- Plus, there are opportunities to engage in community service through our two Service Groups: Keystone & Torch Club
- Xbox tournaments
- Building with Bobby
- Robotics
- Photography & Graphic Design
- Prop Design

## How does my child get to Drop-In?

Club vans arrive at both middle schools in town at dismissal and shuttle children to the Club. Two vans go to each school, and they make as many trips as is necessary to pick up all children. If children do not get on the first set of vans, students typically wait back in the main lobby until the next van arrives.

Additionally, if your child is participating in afterschool activities at the middle schools (i.e. clubs or sports) there is a late bus (run by the school system) from each school which drops off directly at the Boys & Girls Club.

## Is this a licensed program?

No. Drop-In is separate from our Childcare programs, and does not fall under the same state guidelines as our EEC licensed programs.

## When is Drop-In?

During the School year, Drop-In runs from Middle School dismissal (1:40PM) to 8PM. On days that middle schools have an early release or half-day, Drop in will open early. It does **NOT** open early when only elementary school or high school students have an early release/half-day.

It generally starts the second week of school and will close for the year in mid-June.

Drop-In is **CLOSED** on No-School Days or Vacation Days, however, your children ages 5-12 can be registered for these days through the Childcare office for full-day care. (\$50 per day)

### **Can my child leave whenever they want? Can they play outside when it's nice out?**

*As a Drop-In Program, children can leave at any time. However, once they leave the program—including going to the basketball courts or skate park, they cannot return to Drop-In.*

*While we have a no-return policy for drop in, when weather permits, Drop-In staff do make an effort to run outside activities. IF a child participates in an outside activity, under the supervision of a Drop-In staff member, they can return with the group at the end of the activity.*

### **Does my child get checked-in when they arrive? Will I be notified if they do not show up?**

*Each Child scans their membership card in upon arrival to check in. Children must have their cards with them.*

*As a Drop-In program, we do not implement an attendance roster for each day, and therefore do not reach out to families when children do not attend.*

*However, we encourage parents to call the Club to check in if they would like to confirm their child's arrival. A staff member would be glad to check for you, and provide an update as needed.*

### **Who is in charge of Drop-In?**

*Drop-In is run by the Club Unit Director—Dickie Ackroyd. If you have questions, feel free to reach out to Dickie at any time at (978) 667-2193, Ext. 107 or via email at [Rackroyd@billericabgc.com](mailto:Rackroyd@billericabgc.com).*

### **Is there going to be any opportunity for my child to test out Drop-In?**

*YES! Drop-In staff will be organizing some visit days to the Club during the Spring of 2019 so that 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders can come down, explore, meet the staff, and check out the programs! For these visit days, transportation will be provided from the Fun Clubs to the Club, however, non-fun club children are also welcome to attend if you would like to help spread the word! Permission slips will be emailed out to Fun Club families in advance—they will need to be signed and returned before your child can be transported to the Club.*

### **Is snack provided for kids?**

*There is no snack provided to Drop-In members, however, there are vending machines located in the main lobby that members can use.*

### **Who are the Sunshine Gals?**

*The Sunshine Gals are a wonderful group of women in town who dedicate their time twice a week to serve a hot pasta dinner here at the Club to all of our Drop-In Members. They serve dinner on Mondays and Wednesdays at 5PM!*