

Army Reserve Child, Youth & School Services

A POSITIVE PLACE FOR MILITARY YOUTH: BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA

For more than 140 years, Boys & Girls Clubs have changed young lives in cities and towns across America. Currently, serving some 3.5 million young people with trained, caring and nationally recognized programs, B&GCA is widely recognized as “The Positive Place for Kids”.



BGCA's MISSION: To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring responsible citizens.

WHAT IS MISSION: YOUTH OUTREACH? Times of national crisis can dramatically disrupt a military family's life. The MISSION: Youth Outreach partnership supports military youth, age 6-18, coping with a deployed parent, or parents, by creating a positive, supportive network. Through this partnership, children of National Guard, Reserve and Active Duty families, who do not live near or have access to a military Youth Center, can receive a free membership to their local Boys & Girls Club.

WHAT DOES A BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OFFER? Boys & Girls Clubs offer a wide variety of educational, recreational, cultural and social activities for youth. Clubs are designed to maximize opportunities for young people to acquire a sense of belonging, usefulness, influence and competence. A typical Club has an arts and crafts area, gymnasium, library, game-room and multipurpose room. Some Clubs have swimming pools, computer learning centers, camps and outdoor play areas. All Boys & Girls Clubs are staffed by trained professionals who truly care and are vested in realizing the full potential of each young person.

WHERE'S THE NEAREST CLUB? Military families who do not live near or have access to a military Youth Center can locate a Club by using the “Find A Club” feature on www.bgca.org/military. This tool displays Clubs closest to your family. You can also call 1-800-854-CLUB; an automated system will match your phone number to the nearest Club.

A BOYS & GIRLS CLUB PROVIDES:

- ◆ A safe place to learn and grow
- ◆ Ongoing relationships with caring, adult professional
- ◆ Life-enhancing programs and character development experience
- ◆ Hope and opportunity

HOW DO I ENROLL MY CHILDREN? Participating Boys & Girls Clubs open their doors to youth from military families. Just present your completed enrollment form to front desk personnel at your local Club.



For more information about Mission: Youth Outreach, Please e-mail msi@bgca.org or call 404-487-5906.



This information has been provided by the Army Reserve Child, Youth & School Services. For more information on resources and programs, please visit WWW.ARFP.ORG/CYSS



CYSS Mission: Support readiness and well-being of geographically dispersed Families by reducing the conflict between parental responsibilities and mission requirements.