

August 12, 2020

Dear Families,

As you and your family prepare for the return to the school year, we wanted to let you know the services that will be available for all-day care and academic support at the Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis. Our temporary childcare program will be in effect until school returns to a 5 day/week schedule.

**Registration will open on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> for youth in 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade.** We are only able to take registration over the phone. 541.757.1909

Below are the details of our program to answer your questions and help you in this difficult decision making process of providing a safe and supervised place and managing your child's education while you are at work. Our goal will be to provide dedicated time to support your child's distance learning through-out the duration of the school closures, and partial closures.

### **Childcare Program & Registration**

1. Our program is registered with the Oregon Early Learning Division. We follow all policies required to operate during the pandemic as a childcare center. We have been running emergency childcare since April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. To date, we are thankful to report no COVID infections with staff or children.
2. Hours of service - 7:30am – 6:00pm Mon-Fri
3. Cost - \$100/week No daily rates available
4. Student to staff ratios - 1:15
5. Space is extremely limited due to COVID recommendations. We will prioritize families that need 5 days/week of care. **A family that may not need all 5 days is welcome to sign up, but the Club will not discount the weekly rate.**
6. Fees - may be paid weekly, or for the month. A space will not be held for a student who does not continue week to week. If not registered by Noon on Thursday for the next week, a waiting list family will be contacted for the space.
7. The weekly fee is dramatically discounted, and does not cover the full cost to provide this service.

It costs the Club \$45/day/child to deliver 10.5 hours of childcare. We are dedicated to supporting our families and understand the unexpected impact to household budgets. The Club is subsidizing the rate to \$100/week/child. Our ability to keep the rate low is dependent on our ability to secure donations and grants. To date, there has been very limited government funding to support local childcare providers. We are hopeful that businesses and individuals continue to generously donate so that we can keep the fee affordable. And we are hopeful that COVID relief funding for childcare will be approved and its way to Benton County to help local childcare providers and families.

8. The Club will offer limited scholarships up to a maximum of 30%. If you require more financial support, we ask that you contact DHS. The Club can assist you to understand the process. **Local DHS office** - (541) 757-4201 [SSP.StatewideWorkshare@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:SSP.StatewideWorkshare@dhsosha.state.or.us)
9. Lunch will be available for as long as the school district provides a “grab and go” service. Dinner will be provided daily. There is no additional cost for meal service.
10. Maximum capacity is 174 students from 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Waiting lists will be made as needed.
11. Upon arrival, all youth will be required to wash hands, have daily temperature checks, and wear masks. Parents must wear masks when signing in/out children. Parents are not allowed inside the building. A child will not be admitted if they arrive with a fever of 100 or higher, or exhibit other symptoms of COVID.

### **Academic Support – Distance Learning**

1. Based on regulations from the state and the space limitations of our facility, our daily schedule is very structured. We do not have the flexibility to provide for individual academic programs or to adjust the time scheduled for distance learning delivery. The daily schedule includes 3-4 hours of distance learning along with physical activity/recreation, and enrichment programs in areas such as arts and science.
2. Youth will benefit from daily social interactions with their peer group, and the emotional support from our Youth Development Professionals.
3. ***Based on what we know, the Corvallis Online option appears to be the most practical option for families that need childcare services.*** Because we will have children from multiple schools in one class, our ability to support the different schedules and curriculum plans from each school for a particular grade is not possible in our childcare program. We do not have the staffing levels to support individual instruction and individual schedules.
4. ***If you are choosing the hybrid model, your child can attend our program, but we may not be able to ensure your student is available to sign-in and participate at the time that their individual teacher is scheduling their class.*** (Please refer to our schedule example below to understand the flow of our day for the childcare program)
5. Club staff are not licensed teachers, and we cannot replace their skills and experience. The Club will provide a consistent learning environment with supervision and support. Ultimately, parents are responsible for the progression of their child’s learning, and reaching out to the school district as needed.

***Based on the current situation, this is our plan. The plan may change based on new information or changes that CSD may implement that work within our childcare program constraints.***