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Baskethall Games AREAGO!

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The **2022-2023 Basketball season** is officially under way, with **over 300** youth signed up! This season incorporates 35 different teams among 6 leagues at the Club. None of this would be possible without the **over 50** volunteer coaches, scorekeepers, and referees.

Games began in early January and will continue through March. Each team will have the opportunity to play 7 regular season games before playoffs get here. Most games are played at the Club, with a few games between the Mt. Pleasant girl's league and our 7-9 and 10-12 girls teams!

Registration for the **2023 Summer Program** will open online on **February 23.** The program will run from June 12th – July 28th for current K – 12th graders. (Children must be 5 years old by August 31, 2022 AND have completed Kindergarten). Visit www.bgclubcab.org/registration for more info.

Volleyball Registration is also coming up and will be available online starting **February 13.** The season runs April – early June with one practice per week and matches on Saturdays. Volleyball includes co-ed divisions (boys & girls) ages 5-14.





EXCITING NEWS AND IMPORTANT UPDATES FROM INSIDE THE CLUB!

Program Updates

Find out more about our upcoming programming.



Staff Spotlight

Learn about Alec Forney's journey from Club kid to Program Director!



Looking forward to Pancakes!

See how events impact our Club families.





To learn more about our volunteer needs or to shop our Amazon Wish Lists, contact akeck@bgclubcab.org.



Special Events RECAPS AND UPCOMING

We had a tree-mendous time this past December at the 18th Annual Festival of Trees, presented by the Hotel Concord!

But more than that, the event raised much needed funds to maintain our Afterschool, Summer and Athletics Programs that are so vital to families in our community.

Nearly 60 sponsors helped to make the event both possible and impactful for our Club. With their help and the help of some local creatives, the event housed close to 50 beautiful trees.

Fundraisers like this help to keep our fees down, our program growing and ensure students are on a safe, well-rounded track to their Great Future.

Mark your calendars for Concord's favorite holiday: A skip your first period class in high school, take an extended lunch break, schedule your vacation around the third Thursday in March kind of event. The one you really don't want to miss.

The 66th Annual Pancake Day, proudly presented by SHOE SHOW, INC., will be held – you guessed it – Thursday, March 16, 2023.

There are a variety of opportunities for participation, from volunteering to sponsoring to simply attending the event.

Visit **bgclubcab.org/news- events/events/pancake-day.html** and be on the lookout for tickets coming this month.







For more information on our events - Golf, Festival of Trees, and Pancake Day, contact mwilder@bgclubcab.org or visit bgclubcab.org.



Staff Spotlight!



Alec Forney, Middle School Program Director, has been a member of the Club since Kindergarten. Not only that, but he is the second generation of his family to grow up here, following in his mom's footsteps.

Alec attended the Club all through elementary school and began interning in 2012 at 14 years old. His first summer was spent helping at Camp Spencer and assisting our 21st Century grant students in the afternoons. This one internship led to him securing a part-time position in our Afterschool Program in 2014, to pursuing a career in Recreation and Parks Management from East Carolina University (from which he graduated early in 2018), to coming back to his roots and obtaining a full-time position in 2019 as the Middle School Assistant and Project Coordinator for 21st Century Cohort 13 right out of school.

Today Alec is a Director overseeing career development, STEM activities, Torch Club, and implementing BGCA programs such as Career Launch and Money Matters, all for the Middle School Program. He has created a comfortable and safe environment that young teens are excited to be part of.

In addition to his Director role, Alec helps with Middle School and High School Game Nights and Keystone events, drives a bus for our Afterschool transportation fleet, and even coaches volleyball for our Athletic Program.

Last year, Alec personally provided a scholarship for a current High School student who was looking to further their education. He plans to provide the scholarship annually to a teen who grew up at the Club.



GENERATE MONTHLY IMPACT - JOIN THE CLUB!

You can take comfort in knowing that your **monthly investment** is constantly at work – day in and day out – providing life changing programs to Cabarrus County kids who need this Club most.



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