

# Boys & Girls Club of the Long Beach Peninsula

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Boys & Girls Club of the Long Beach Peninsula opened in November 2008 to provide a safe, reliable, positive, and fun place for kids to go after school. Club programs promote and enhance the development of youth by instilling a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging and influence. This year we have expanded to include teens.

When elementary and middle school aged kids attend club, they are able to better develop social skills by interacting with others in a fun atmosphere. Through high learning activities, youth do not always know they are learning. We offer daily tutoring to help kids with academics as well as offer special clubs to let youth try and learn new skills. Some of the programs we have run this year include Stamp Collecting, Pen Pals (with kids from other countries), Basketball Basics, Arts & Crafts, Art in Nature, Sewing, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math), and Chess to name a few. By having a variety of opportunities, kids are able to explore new interests.

This year we have partnered with the high school and are offering an afterschool hangout for students who attend Ilwaco High School. Homework help is offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays with the help of Gear Up. This fall we held a ping pong tournament where approximately 20-25 students and staff joined in friendly competition.

Each day all members are offered a meal when they get here at 3:15 and a snack provided at 5. The members are able to ride the activity bus which leaves the club at 6:00 with drop offs in Chinook, Long Beach and Ocean Park. This option allows parents the convenience to pick up their children closer to home.



### FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

In September, we partnered with Ocean Beach Education Foundation for their annual auction, and we are planning to continue to do so in the coming years.

### CORPORATE GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

Through December, we are running our 2017 Annual Business Campaign. Depending on the level that each business chooses, they can receive a BGC window cling, a thank you in our newsletter, and their logo displayed prominently at our fundraisers and inside of our Club.

### DONATIONS:

Boys & Girls Club of the Long Beach Peninsula is 100% self-funded by donations, grants, and fundraising events. The cost to the family for a child to become a member is \$25 for 12 months, and the cost to us is roughly \$600 per member per year. Since January we have had over 350 Club

members, including over 75 teens, and serve an average of 65 members each day.

One-third of our budget comes from personal donations. You can give online at [www.longbeachbgc.com/donate](http://www.longbeachbgc.com/donate) or mail a check to PO Box 1172, Long Beach WA, 98631. If you would like to receive a Holiday Letter and updates throughout the year, send your name and mailing address to Allie at [alliebgc@gmail.com](mailto:alliebgc@gmail.com)

### VOLUNTEER:

We currently need volunteers to come in and read with kids who are behind grade level. We are also always looking for volunteers to run programs for six-or-so weeks, once or twice a week. These programs can be anything that the volunteers is interested and/or has some expertise in. For example, last year the Master Gardeners ran a spring program, and currently the Peninsula Stamp Club is coming in on a weekly basis!



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### Mission Statement:

To inspire and enable all youth ages six through high school graduation to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens through the development of a positive self-image and self-reliance.

### Vision/Goals:

For all peninsula kids to reach their full potential and lead happy, healthy lives.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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