

Boys & Girls Clubs of Hernando County

Westside Unit to Remain Open

First Responders, Healthcare Professionals,

School District Employees and Essential Community Personnel

In this critical time, Boys & Girls Clubs of Hernando County remains committed to supporting youth and families, especially those who need us most in this difficult time, like families of medical personnel, first responders and school district employees. Boys & Girls Clubs of Hernando County's Westside Unit will continue to operate 6:30 am-6:00 pm starting Monday, March 23rd through mandated school closures.

Registration Priority

Children of First Responders, Healthcare Professionals, School District Employees, and Essential Community Personnel. Must be able to provide proof of priority status. To register you must call 352-666-0068 ext. 127 or 101.

Location:

Westside Unit

5400 Applegate Dr, Spring Hill, FL 34606

Rate:

Currently, our rate is \$75 per week/school age. The new member registration fee is being waived due to the Coronavirus situation.

Preschool Weekly Rates

Ones \$105.00

Twos \$100.00

Threes \$95.00

Fours \$85.00

Our primary goal is to provide full-day activities for youth ages 1-15 of first responders, healthcare professionals, essential community personnel, and those parents/guardians who must work to maintain employment.

"We are working to be as flexible and responsive as possible to our Club family and community during this unprecedented time," said Nicole Andrews, Interim Chief Executive Officer of Boys & Girls Clubs of Hernando County. "We thank all of our staff, Club families, sponsors, vendors, volunteers, community partners, and community at large for their incredible support as we address this emerging situation.

We continue to closely monitor guidelines from Governor DeSantis's office, Hernando County School Board, Hernando County Department of Children & Families and the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. We utilize the Florida Department of Health and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to

make operational decisions and continually monitor updates regarding recommendations for operations.

Club operations can change at any time depending on public health and safety factors intended to ensure the health and safety of the staff and youth.

Please visit [www. bgchernando.org](http://www.bgchernando.org) and follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/bgchernando to stay informed on the latest updates.

FAQ

What steps are you taking to help protect Club members and staff?

We previously instituted additional sanitation and cleaning procedures to address the emerging concern. We are also conducting health screenings for everyone entering our Clubs that include:

- Families and staff are asked at drop off if they have had contact with anyone who has had a confirmed case of the Coronavirus or is currently awaiting test results in the last 14 days.
- If the answer is yes, the youth is unable to attend and the staff is unable to return to work until after the quarantine period has elapsed.
- We will continue to require Youth & Staff to wash their hands upon arrival at the club and will wash thoroughly before eating meals or snacks and throughout the day.
- If a club experiences a confirmed case of Coronavirus of either a staff member or one of our youth, the Club will close down for at least two days to allow for the disinfection of all surfaces within the club.
- Starting Monday, temperatures will be taken before entry; if it is over 100.0 degrees, staff or youth will be sent home and encouraged to contact their primary care provider.

Do you have enough space for social distancing?

Yes. Westside Unit can accommodate youth, and still allow social distancing.

How many kids do you usually serve in your Clubs when they are open?

We typically see over 600 youth daily throughout our 9 Club locations with 5 licensed pre-schools.

How much will this extended program support cost?

Currently, our rate is \$75 per week. Our new member registration fee is being waived due to the Coronavirus situation.

Wouldn't it just be safer for families to keep kids at home?

We understand that families may choose to keep kids at home, but for those who cannot work from home, such as first responders, healthcare workers, grocery workers, etc., or those without alternatives for childcare during school closures, we're here to support them with extended programs.

How can I support the Clubs?

If you're looking for more ways to support Boys & Girls Clubs of Hernando County, here's what the Clubs could use a few more of right now. You can drop them off at any open Club. We'll be happy to give you a safe-distance air high-five for your support!

- Financial donations appreciated
- Cleaning supplies (wipes, cleaning sprays, paper towels, gloves, etc.)
- Packaged, single-serving snacks (without nuts)

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