



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF SANTA MONICA

The Positive Place for Kids

History: In 1944, thirty Santa Monica civic leaders decided to open a club for boys to provide positive alternatives and keep them off the streets. Thus in 1946, they opened the Boys Club of Santa Monica. By 1958, the Founding Board Members raised enough funds to build and open the Club's current facility on Lincoln Boulevard. Since then, approximately 150,000 youth have participated in Club programs. On October 16, 1990, the Club announced that it would extend its services to include girls and became the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica. In 1993, the Club expanded its services further by beginning school outreach programs, offering after school activities at school sites throughout Santa Monica.

Mission: Our Mission is to inspire and enable all young people to realize their full potential by developing the characteristics and qualities needed to become caring, responsible and confident citizens.

Objectives: Our objective is to serve children from all backgrounds, regardless of economic circumstances. The main focus of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica is to provide positive activities for youth ages 7-18 from the Santa Monica and surrounding communities during the hours they are not in school. Growing up is challenging and we are excited to be able to stimulate and encourage youth as they grow. Our goal is to provide a chance for every child to feel – a sense of competence, a sense of usefulness, a sense of belonging and a sense of influence.

Overall Activities: The main branch of the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica is located at 1238 Lincoln Boulevard. We also have eight satellites at local schools: Santa Monica High School, Malibu High School, John Adams Middle School, Lincoln Middle School, McKinley Elementary School, Roosevelt Elementary School, Grant Elementary School and Edison Elementary School. Members pay a \$10.00 annual renewal fee to participate in all of our programs. We currently have a membership of over 4,500 youth ages 7-18. Our members come from all over Los Angeles County, largely from Santa Monica, Venice, West Los Angeles and Inglewood. Our diverse membership is: Caucasian - 35%, African American - 29%, Latino - 23%, Other - 10%, and Asian - 3%.

The Club offers a variety of programs in the following areas – arts, athletics, education, leadership development and career preparation, social recreation, skateboarding and rollerblading, and technology. Each department is led by trained youth development professionals. Programs are offered in a variety of formats including drop-in activities, special group clubs, sports leagues, specialized classes and ongoing instruction. Our programs are designed to help members develop socially, succeed in school, stay physically active and prepare for positive futures.

Hours of Operation:

General:	Monday-Friday, 2:00-7:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Skate Park:	Monday-Friday, 3:00-7:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Summer/Holidays:	Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica is a Non-Profit 501(c)(3) Organization

Our Annual Operating Budget is \$2.9 Million Dollars

Our Federal Tax ID Number Is: 95-1890706

Please visit us on the Internet at: www.smbgc.org

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