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**Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade Accepting New Members for
2020 Summer Camp Program, “Virtual Club” Summer Camp, and Sports Conditioning Camp**

In-Person Camps are Smaller and Limited Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic
and Social Distancing Efforts/CDC Guidelines

Miami, Fla. — July 20, 2020 — Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade (BGCMD) is thrilled to accept new members for its 2020 in-person Summer Camp, “Virtual Club” Summer Camp, and in-person Sports Conditioning Camp. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing efforts/CDC guidelines, BGCMD is offering a smaller, limited in-person Summer Camp and Sports Conditioning Camp.

“We are excited to offer our summer programs while taking every precaution to ensure the safety and protection of all youth in our programs — the No. 1 priority of Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade,” said Alex Rodriguez-Roig, president of BGCMD. “These positive programs are very important to keeping our youth members engaged during the summer months.”

In-Person Summer Camp Program

Just like the after-school program during the school year, the Summer Camp program enables children to learn values such as friendship, honesty and teamwork by providing a safe and secure environment where they can develop into productive and independent young adults.

It is offered at the Hank Kline, Northwest, Kendall and South Beach Clubs, and staffed by qualified full-time and summer staff. Children participate in fun indoor activities such as arts and crafts, computer room, game room, table games, movie room, basketball and much more. Outdoor activities include organized group games. Members are placed in groups of nine members per one adult staff.

The in-person Summer Camp program is open to all boys and girls ages 5–17 (must be entering kindergarten in the fall; cannot turn 17 before Sept. 1, 2018), and runs Monday–Friday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; however, counselors are available to supervise children from 8:15 a.m.–6 p.m.

A free nutritious lunch and afternoon snack is provided daily at no additional cost, or children may bring their own lunch. At each Club, awards will be given to recognize the boys and girls who have made a positive contribution to the Summer Camp program.

To register, parents must come in person to the specific Club where their child(ren) will be attending the Summer Camp program. Mailed or faxed registration cards will not be accepted. Children will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis until the program is filled.

The price for the in-person Summer Camp program starts at \$200 for the entire summer and is available at the following Clubs:

- Hank Kline Club, 2805 SW 32 Avenue Miami, FL 33133
- Kendall Club, 9475 North Kendall Dr. Miami, FL 33176
- South Beach Club, 1200 Michigan Avenue Miami, FL 33139
- Northwest Club, 10915 NW 14 Avenue Miami, FL 33167

“Virtual Club” Summer Camp

BGCMD youth members can participate in fun activities virtually including story time, STEM, arts and crafts, physical fitness, yoga, homework assistance, mentoring, social-emotional learning, “virtual get-togethers” and much more. All activities are conducted via Zoom and schedules vary by Club and age group. Virtual activities are offered daily from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. in 40-minute sessions.

To date, the “Virtual Club” Summer Camp has served 320 youth through more than 5,350 unique virtual visits. BGCMD has provided 1,304 hours in virtual learning sessions.

To register for the “Virtual Club” as a new youth club member, visit bgcmia.org/education-after-school/boys-girls-clubs-of-miami-dade-virtual-club/. The full schedule and registration information is available by contacting Diana Perez at dperez@bgcmia.org.

In-Person Sports Conditioning Summer Camp

Sport programs are available during the afternoon to the early hours of the night. This is the time of day when children, especially teens, are more likely to engage in harmful activities. They are offered Monday through Friday. Coaches are volunteers who help the children learn proper techniques for the sport.

The Sports Conditioning Summer Camp starts on June 22, and is available at the Kendall Club only. The cost is \$60. It includes four weeks of conditioning with coaches with experience in sports conditioning.

Workout groups will include no more than nine children. Each day, all participants will have their temperature taken prior to participating. Hand washing stations will be provided. Participants must bring their own water bottle and face covering. Additional water stations will be provided.

Sessions for children aged 5–10 will be Mondays and Wednesdays from 6–8 p.m. Sessions for children aged 11–14 will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6–8 p.m. Fridays are reserved for rainout make-ups.

To register, fill out the registration form, sign the waiver and make a payment at bgcmia.org/sports-programs-leagues/.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade

Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade has been serving youth in the community since 1940. What once was a single building and site for boys has grown to five Clubs serving thousands of boys and girls year-round, providing programs in the areas of character and leadership development, educational enhancement, career preparation, health and life skills, cultural arts and sports, fitness and recreation. Club staffing, initiatives, and programs are designed to inspire and enable young people and provide them with the resources to succeed and share in the American Dream. For more information, please visit www.bgcmia.org.

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