

A Statement from the Board of Directors...

Over the last several weeks, The Boys & Girls Club of Meriden and its Board of Directors have tried to reflect and learn from recent tragic events. It is difficult to comprehend what happened to George Floyd and the pain his family is feeling. This pain has resonated with a lot of individuals and communities around the country, including in and around the Meriden area.

For this reason, we as a Board feel it is important to show support for the local community and the children that we serve. We do believe that ALL LIVES MATTER, however ALL LIVES will not matter unless BLACK LIVES MATTER. Now is the time to come together, show support for each other and advocate for equality.

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Summer Camp is on!!

This is one year that we know you need to send your kids to camp. We also know that you're concerned about keeping them safe. We share that concern deeply.

Our Camp staff are working tirelessly to prepare and clean Cuno Camp for the best summer these kids will have had so far. Our counselors are training on protocols for maintaining social distancing, keeping the groups very small and shifting around schedules to ensure minimal contact between campers.

These are just a few of the ways we're working hard to ensure your child's safety this summer because while this will be a big change for them we are all still intent on making sure they have the time of their lives!

For more information:

<https://www.bgcmeriden.org/programs/cuno-camp/>

30th ANNUAL Alumni Association Golf Tournament

September 3, 2020



Planning for our Annual Golf outing, scheduled for Thursday, September 3, 2020 has begun in earnest. We have committed to the date and we have also committed to observing safety guidance from the CDC and the state.

We will be providing masks, hand sanitizer and our volunteers and staff will help everyone maintain social distancing.

We're still working out all the details, but rest assured, we will still be the best area golf tournament and for the best cause.

For more info or to sign up for golf or a sponsorship call Milt @ the Club (203) 235-8185 or contact him through email at mcoon@bgcmeriden.org



Cuno Camp COVID-19 Safety Procedures

The following list is a sampling of safety procedures that we will be implementing at Cuno Camp this year.

- **Screening upon Entry:** Each child and staff member will be assessed for any visible signs of infection. If any child or staff member has a temperature over 100 degrees Fahrenheit they will not be permitted to attend camp that day.
- **Masks:** All staff members, including Junior Counselors will be required to wear a mask.
- **Groups:** Youth will be kept in groups of 14. They will practice social distancing amongst their group when possible.
- **Lunch:** Youth will be required to wash their hands before and after eating. Groups will eat lunch on a staggered schedule with tables sanitized in between groups.
- **Equipment:** All equipment will be sanitized after use.
- **Additional Cleaning:** Bathrooms and locker rooms will be sanitized after each group's use.
- **Sick Area:** If a child becomes sick during the day the child will be placed in an area away from other campers and parents will be called to come pick up the child.



Weekend Meals Program

In concert with our friends at Eli's Restaurant and the local non-profit Family Business, Inc., the Club has begun a Weekend Meals Program for our Member families who may be struggling with how to feed their kids over the summer weekends.

Club Staff will be maintaining safety protocols for this Friday program by wearing masks and getting meals to our folks with minimal contact.

The City of Meriden is providing twice daily meals to be picked up on weekdays and we're picking up Saturday and Sunday for our Member families. The meals are prepared by Eli's and are packaged for four, and include multiple and definitely delicious courses!

If you're interested in the program or want more details to pass along to a Member family, just click here for more info or to sign up. Thanks to our partners and to Club supporters for making this incredible program possible!

For more information:

<https://www.bgcmeriden.org/news/bgc-meriden-to-provide-free-weekend-meals/>

A New Library at the Club....



Elks Lodge #35 in Meriden recently gifted the children here with a new library!

We maintain a few books here at the Clubhouse, primarily through donations and discards. This transforming allocation was made to provide our kids with *brand new* hardcovers, paperbacks and graphic novels (you know, we used to call them comic books) to read onsite or borrow to take home. (We even gave a few away to keep!)

This project was made possible through the largesse of our local Elks lodge and through a generous discount (and the books themselves!) from RJ Julia Booksellers in Madison.

Titles were focused on characters of color and on drawing in 'reluctant readers'. We were profoundly grateful for nearly 300 brand new books to get our kids excited about reading, and the books selected reflect their own lives and interests and speak directly to their experiences.

We hope that this will help to create some life long readers, but we know it's just one step in a journey. Special thanks to Elks Jenn and Steve for making it all happen!

To get involved with those amazing Elks:

<https://meridentelks35.com/>

To support one of the best bookstores anywhere:

<https://www.rjulia.com/>

Upcoming Programs...

Register Now!



Cuno Camp

2 week sessions run thru 8/21

<https://camps.bgcmeriden.org/>

[CourseCatalog/CategoryView.asp?ID=130](https://camps.bgcmeriden.org/CourseCatalog/CategoryView.asp?ID=130)



Girls Basketball Clinic

Ages 8-14

8/3 thru 8/6

9am—12pm

\$40 (t-shirt included)

Registration is open!

To register, please call:

203-235-8185



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF MERIDEN



**BGC YOUTH
OF THE YEAR**



"I have learned that life has challenges for all of us. The guidance and experience I have received at the Boys and Girls Club has taught me that with good role models, a positive attitude and hard work, I can overcome any obstacle and succeed at any challenge."

~Tanner McAuliffe

