



## BE GREAT

### Attention Parents

**Do you need a safe place for your kids to go after school?  
Would you like your child to receive homework help?  
Would your son or daughter like to participate in recreation, education or leadership programs after school?**

**If you answered YES to any of these questions.....**

**Olivet Boys & Girls Club welcomes all youth between the ages of 6 and 18 to the Richard J. Ricketts Center Pottstown Unit.**

### **Who Are We?**

Olivet Boys & Girls Club is a non-profit organization that enables all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as healthy, productive, caring, responsible citizens. OBGC provides comprehensive youth development through five core program areas during after-school hours for youth between the ages of six and eighteen. Programs are provided in a safe, secure, and friendly environment with positive adult role models. We have been serving youth for 111 years.

Our five core program areas:

**Character and Leadership Development:** programs which empower youth to support and influence their club and community, sustain meaningful relationships with others, develop a positive self-image, participate in the democratic process and respect their own and other's cultural identities.

**Education and Career Development:** enable youth to become proficient in basic educational disciplines, set goals, explore careers, prepare for employment and embrace technology to achieve success in their careers.

**Health and Life Skills:** programs develop a young person's capacity to engage in positive behaviors that nurture their own well being, set personal goals and live successfully as self-sufficient adults.

**The Arts:** youth can develop their creativity and cultural awareness through knowledge and appreciation of visual arts, crafts, performing arts and creative writing.

**Sports, Fitness and Recreation:** programs in this area develop fitness, positive use of leisure time, skills for stress management, appreciation for the environment and social skills.

For more information on specific programs in each area, check us out at [www.olivetbgc.org](http://www.olivetbgc.org).

### **What Can We Do at the Club?**

**Youth** – Homework Center, Games Room, Triple Play, Healthy Habits, Basketball, Fitness Challenges, Net Smartz (internet safety), 21<sup>st</sup> Century afterschool learning Center is also available, and more to come.

**Teens** - Homework Center, Game Room, Healthy Habits, career development to come, fitness facility, team sports, SMART moves, recreation programs and more.

\*Cold nutritious dinner meals are available to youth at the Club during the week.

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*Weekly and monthly calendar of events available at the Club.*

**Adults** – Fitness facilities available for use during specific hours.

\*\* Programs can change on a monthly basis based on need and interest.

### **Will my young child be in the same programs as the teenagers?**

Programs provided to youth are age specific and relevant. Youth are typically placed in age groups of 6-9, 10-12 and teens. Groups are not comingled for programming and safety. Activities are planned on a rotating schedule so all ages can enjoy a variety of programs each day.

### **What are the hours of the Club?**

Monday – Friday – 3:30 – 7:30 p.m. – youth and teens

Monday – Friday – 11:00 am – 2:30pm - adults

### **How do I become a member?**

Youth Memberships are available at the Club. An application form must be completed and signed by parent/guardian in order to become a member. Club membership cards are distributed to all members and must be used when entering the building.

Membership Fee: \$10 per child per year. There are no fees for the remaining of this school year (08-09).

Adult Fitness Facility Memberships are available for \$100 per year or \$10 per month. Membership applications are available at the Club. Adult memberships run from January- December. Adults have use of the weight room and the gym.

### **How can parents be involved?**

Parents are important role models for their children. Parents are welcome to visit the Boys & Girls Club and receive a tour, learn about our programs, meet our staff and check on their children. Activities for and with adults are at prescribed times.

Parents may attend performances, sports games, scheduled family nights, etc... or volunteer at the club. We kindly ask for all parents/guardians and guests to sign in before entering the building. Please inform staff if you are planning to observe your child in a specific program. The safety of our club members will always be our highest priority and we will consistently enforce the proper code of conduct and protocol for all adults and youth who enter the facility.

Want to become a Club volunteer? Contact a staff member for a volunteer registration packet. We would enjoy having you participate in all Club activities or a specific program based on your schedule. All volunteers will receive a background check prior to approval.

### **What happens if school is closed?**

If school is closed, the Club will open early. Youth programming will be held from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Adult programs will be held from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. When school is closed or has an early dismissal, 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning Center is not in session.

**For more information or to become a member contact the Club at 484-945-1020.**

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