

Boys & Girls Clubs of Springfield



Doing **Internship, Practicum, Work Study** or **Service Learning (CASL)** hours at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Springfield

Thank you for considering doing some service hours at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Springfield Missouri! Here is some information about what your experience with us might be like:

INTERNSHIP/PRACTICUM: We have a long history of having students do their internships and practicum hours with us. We can pretty much accommodate any major for these hours. We frequently get students from the following departments: Social Work, Sociology, Psychology, Criminal Justice, Child & Family Development, Recreation, and Marketing. We can also accommodate interns that want to focus on Organizational Leadership, Business, Music/Orchestra, Education, Special Education and Computers among others. We do **NOT** typically pay for internships, but it can occasionally be worked out. Our internship opportunities are quite casual and built around each student's personality and desired outcomes. The general hours while working with the children would be 3-8:30pm M-F, but our business office is open 8am-5pm M-F. We work with everyone individually to accommodate their schedule. We offer micro and macro experiences, as there are many meetings and trainings that can be offered behind the scenes to learn about how the organization runs as a whole. Programs we run for the members include mental health counseling, drug and alcohol resistance classes, anti-bully clubs, self esteem clubs, money management classes, character building/leadership and community service clubs etc. We also offer sports programs as well as many programs with the arts and music. Education is a major focus of ours and we always welcome tutors and help with any of our

educational programs such as science club, culture club and book clubs. We always welcome new ideas.

WORK STUDY: We generally have work study students each semester. You will be placed in your area of interest. We work with kids ages 6-18 and have the following areas in our Clubs: indoor swimming pool, gyms, games room, learning center/library, art room, music room, technology lab, teen center, tween center (ages 10-12) and dance/fitness room. You will be working directly with the members just as an area staff would be, as well as receiving the same trainings. We are able to accommodate your schedule as needed. We are open M-F 3-8:30pm during the school year except for school “out days” in which we switch to 7:30am-5:30pm. This would be for snow days, parent teacher conferences, teacher work days, etc.

SERVICE LEARNING (CASL): We often get a variety of 15- and 40-hour service learning students from a variety of classes. We can accommodate just about any major and allow you to create your schedule and work with you to find the types of activities and programs that you would like to experience. This may also include mental health training, drug and alcohol resistance classes for the members, anti-bully clubs, self esteem clubs, money management classes, character building/leadership and community service clubs etc. We also offer sports programs as well as many programs with the arts. Education is a major focus of our and we always welcome tutors and help with any of our educational programs. We have 3 Clubs and our administrative office. The Clubs are open 3:30-8 M-F and our Administrative Office is open 8-5 M-F. You do not have to have a schedule with us. You can make your own schedule or just drop in as you like. If you decide to help with an activity or group club, you can find out when that is and set that up with one of the Directors.