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Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast Announces Summer Youth Development Program Registration

Fort Walton Beach (February 24, 2017) – Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast is pleased to announce enrollment for our summer youth development programming.

Programs offer Club members something fun, educational and exciting to do during the school break at an affordable price. Members are provided quality instruction, engaging activities and field trip experiences. Boys & Girls Club Members have a higher academic retention rate once returning to school compared to those who do not participate in a summer youth development program.

Because of the high demand of Boys & Girls Clubs intentional impact programming, early registration is highly recommended. Registration opens to all current Club Members on March 6th, and will be open to last year's 2016 summer members on March 20th. General public registration will open on March 27th and will be on a first come, first served basis until each Club has reached capacity.

The objective of the Boys & Girls Club Program is to involve Members in safe and fun summer activities as well as national Boys & Girls Club programs. We provide countless activities and programs based on the following core areas: character/leadership, education/career, health/life skills, the arts, sports/fitness/recreation and other specialized programs. This curriculum allows the Boys & Girls Club to provide a well-rounded experience for their Members.

Summer program fees are affordable, and significantly lower than most summer program rates. Please call 850-862-1616 or go to www.emeraldcoastbgc.org to locate the Boys & Girls Club nearest to you. A one-time \$25 summer registration fee will be added to all summer memberships.

Boys & Girls Club Summer Youth Development Program operates Monday – Friday, following the last day of school until the 2017/18 school year begins. Our summer programming will be offered at the following Clubs: Pensacola-Englewood Club, Destin Elementary, Fort Walton Beach Youth, Fort Walton Beach Teen, Kenwood Elementary, South Walton, and DeFuniak Springs Club.

2017 Boys & Girls Club Summer Program Dates:

Walton County Clubs: Friday May 26, 2017 – Tuesday August 8, 2017*

Okaloosa Clubs: Wednesday May 31, 2017 – Tuesday August 8, 2017

Escambia County Clubs: Wednesday May 31, 2017 – Tuesday August 8, 2017

*** Walton County end of BGC Summer Program date is tentative, as Walton County School District has not released the official 2017/18 School Year Calendar.**

Payment plans are available as follows:

- Registration Fee and one-third of Summer Program paid on day of registration
- April 28th: Second payment due
- May 26th: Final payment due.

***Reduced program fee rates are available based on free or reduced lunch eligibility. Contact your local Club or visit www.EmeraldCoastBGC.org for more information.*

For further details on Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast Summer Youth Development Summer Programming or Club locations, visit www.EmeraldCoastBGC.org.

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About Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast

Mission: To enable all young people, especially those that need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens.

Vision: Improving lives of all Emerald Coast youth as the premier youth development organization.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast serves youth ages 5 to 18 by providing guidance-oriented character development programs conducted by trained, youth development professionals. Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast encompasses 8 Clubs and serves over 2,000 youth across Escambia, Okaloosa, and Walton counties. For more information call 850-862-1616 and visit online at www.EmeraldCoastBGC.org