

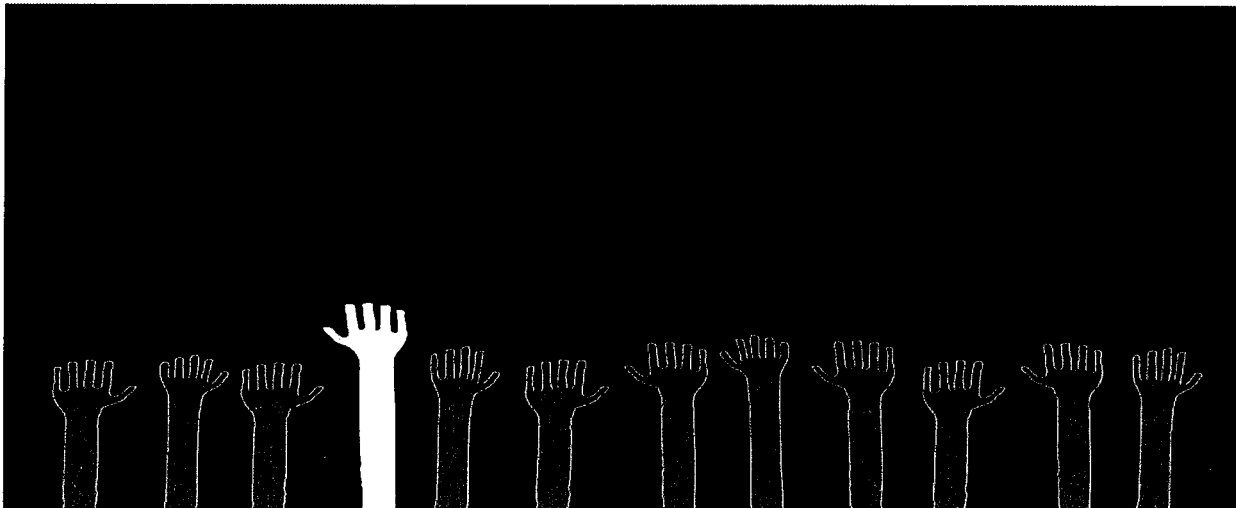
MAKE AN IMPACT.

The Club Ambassador Program

*A new and exciting volunteer experience for
High School 10th, 11th, and 12th graders
In Petaluma and Marin County!*

For more information about The Club Ambassador Program
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NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS.



For Office Use Only: Application Reviewed: _____ Interview Date: _____ Orientation Date: _____

Club Ambassador Program Application

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail Address: _____

Name of School: _____ Grade: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Please list your special interests, skills, and hobbies:

Please list your school and/or community involvement: (ex: sports teams, School Clubs, youth groups, etc)

Previous volunteer and/or work experience:

Why do you want to become a Club Ambassador? _____

What special skills, talents, experience and/or personal characteristics will you bring to The Club Ambassador Program? _____



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Will you have a means of transportation to/from your Club Ambassador volunteer hours?: Yes [] No []

Are you currently in good academic standing at your school? _____

In the last 12 months have you been suspended or expelled from school? _____

If yes, please describe the incident that led to your suspension/expulsion: _____

Below are some specific volunteer opportunities that exist for Club Ambassadors. Please check all that interest you.

Group sports: Indoor and Outdoor (basketball, dodgeball, soccer, baseball, hockey, tennis, etc.)

Play board games or card games with kids Play table games (pool, foosball, air hockey, ping-pong)

Play education games with kids (scrabble, hangman, puzzles) or run a learning activity

Help kids with homework (all subjects, all grades) Read to kids Play computer games with kids

Run fine arts projects (photography, painting, pastels, fuse beads, screen-printing, etc.)

Teach dance or aerobics classes Teach drama/theater class Field trip chaperone

Make special presentation to kids or facilitate group discussion (eg: career presentation, etc.)

Help with food program or run cooking project Facilitate community service or fundraising project

Help run programs that teach kids about themselves and teaches them life skills

Other: _____

Don't forget to attach a letter of recommendation from a current or former teacher, coach, or volunteer/job supervisor.

Name of Reference Contact Number

My T-Shirt Size is (circle): *Small* *Medium* *Large* *XL* *XXL*

CLUB AMBASSADOR SCHEDULING

- I would like to be a Club Ambassador at (check) *Davidson Clubhouse (San Rafael)*
- Lucchesi Park Clubhouse (East Petaluma)* *Cavanagh Clubhouse (West Petaluma)*
- S.T.A.R. Clubhouse (Sausalito)*
- Other Petaluma Clubhouse Site: (For Current Club Members Only) _____*



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I am applying to be a Club Ambassador for the (check one)

- Fall Semester: Approximate Volunteer Service Dates: September 1st- December 18th
- Spring Semester: Approximate Volunteer Service Dates: January 8th – June 6th
- Summer Program: Approximately June 20-August 15th

Days and Hours of Availability:

Day of the week	Times available to volunteer
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	

As a condition of volunteering, I give permission for Boys & Girls Clubs of Marin and Southern Sonoma Counties to conduct a background check on me, which may include a review of sex offender registries, child abuse and criminal history records. I understand that, if appointed, my position is conditional upon the Club receiving no inappropriate information on my background. I hereby release and agree to hold harmless from liability Boys & Girls Clubs of Marin and Southern Sonoma Counties, the officers, employees and volunteers thereof, or any other person or organization that may provide such information. I also understand that regardless of previous appointments, Boys & Girls Clubs of Marin and Southern Sonoma Counties is not obligated to appoint me to a volunteer position. In addition, I understand that if given a volunteer position, I will be expected to observe the volunteer expectations and code of conduct during all my service hours.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Applicant Name (please print clearly) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

Note: The Boys & Girls Clubs of Marin and Southern Sonoma Counties will not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, creed, religion, color, national origin, marital status, gender, sexual orientation or disability.

Thank you for your interest in The Club Ambassador Program. Upon review of your application, we will notify you regarding the status of an invitation to the interview portion of the application process.

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What is a Club Ambassador?

Club Ambassadors are an elite group of high school students committed to volunteering at Boys & Girls Clubs of Marin and Southern Sonoma Counties' Davidson Clubhouse site in San Rafael, S.T.A.R. Clubhouse in Sausalito, Cavanagh Clubhouse in Petaluma, or Lucchesi Park Clubhouse in Petaluma. (Current Club Members are also welcome to apply to become Ambassadors at the Clubhouse which they currently attend).

Ambassadors serve as peer role models to our Club Members. Ambassadors tutor small groups during "Power Hour" (homework time), assist Club staff with facilitating sports, arts, technology, health, life skills, education, and career programs.

Why should I volunteer?

Perhaps the first and biggest benefit people get from volunteering is the satisfaction of incorporating service into their lives and making a difference in their community and country. As President Obama stated on April 21, 2009 in his call for Americans to serve, *"We need your service right now, at this moment in history. I'm not going to tell you what your role should be; that's for you to discover. But I am asking you to stand up and play your part. I am asking you to help change history's course."* Through your involvement as a volunteer with Boys & Girls Clubs of Marin and Southern Sonoma Counties *Club Ambassador Program (CAP)* you have an opportunity to make an impact in your community and in the lives of young people who will view you as a role model.

When does a Club Ambassador volunteer?

Volunteering as a Club Ambassador takes place during after school hours. Club Ambassadors must commit to volunteering a total of 60-70 hours during the term (summer program, fall semester, or spring semester). This averages out to about 7 hours per week during our summer programs and 4 hours per week during the fall and spring semesters.

Where does a Club Ambassador volunteer?

Club Ambassadors have three available locations in which to participate in the program.

In San Rafael:

- Club Ambassadors serve at our Davidson Clubhouse site, located in "The Annex" building directly behind the Davidson Middle School campus. Davidson Clubhouse serves 6th, 7th, and 8th grade DMS students. The physical address of Davidson Clubhouse is 150 Lovell Avenue, San Rafael.

In Sausalito Marin City:

- Club Ambassadors serve at our S.T.A.R. Clubhouse, located within the Sausalito Marin City School District as part of their ASES (After School Education and Safety) program. This Clubhouse serves students in grades K-8 from Willow

Creek Academy and Bayside Elementary School. The physical address is 630 Nevada Street, Sausalito.

In Petaluma:

- Cavanagh Clubhouse, our oldest Club site in downtown Petaluma. Cavanagh Clubhouse is within walking distance from Petaluma High School. The majority of our Club Members at Cavanagh are in elementary school, but the site is open to youth ages 6-18. The physical address of Cavanagh Clubhouse is 426 8th Street, (Corner of 8th and G Streets) Petaluma.
- Lucchesi Park Clubhouse is our largest facility and home to our administrative offices. Lucchesi Park Clubhouse is across the street from Bernard Eldredge school. The site also has "Club 203" for teens 7th grade and up. The physical address of Lucchesi Park Clubhouse is 203 Maria Drive, Petaluma.

How do I become a Club Ambassador?

The application process for becoming a Club Ambassador is competitive. Not all applicants are guaranteed a place in the program. Applicants must complete the Club Ambassador Application, including responding to the short answer questions and submitting one letter of recommendation from a teacher, coach, or job/volunteer program supervisor. Once applications are screened, selected applicants will be invited to interview. Following the interview process, applicants will be notified of their acceptance into the Club Ambassador program. (See attached timeline of important Club Ambassador dates)

What does Boys & Girls Clubs of Marin and Southern Sonoma Counties look for in a Club Ambassador?

We are looking for a wide variety of high school students with different backgrounds and interests. Most importantly, Club Ambassadors must be positive role models, and able to be actively engaged in the Club program during their volunteer hours. Ideally, Club Ambassadors will be excited to share the things they are passionate about with The Club, whether it is science, art, football, dance, fencing, music, or more.

Are the hours flexible?

Yes and No. Club Ambassadors must complete 60-70 hours of volunteer service during the term they serve. (Extenuating circumstances will be reviewed by Club Area Director on a case by case basis). The days and times that Club Ambassadors complete their hours are flexible. Volunteer service must be completed during the Club program hours. We would prefer if Club Ambassadors were able to stick to a consistent weekly schedule.

What are the perks to being a Club Ambassador?

The opportunity to include on your college applications, your experience as an Ambassador of Boys & Girls Club of America, a highly respected nationwide organization that has helped many influential people such as Bill Cosby, Michael Jordan, Brad Pitt, President Bill Clinton, Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Martin Sheen, Neil Diamond and Denzel Washington. Additionally, as a Club Ambassador you will gain new skills and experiences. You will also find the tremendous satisfaction that comes from helping your community.

Club Ambassadors will also receive a t-shirt and a letter of completion at the end of their volunteer service.



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Club Ambassador Program Important Dates and Deadlines:

	All Clubhouse sites in Petaluma and Marin County
Fall Semester (Approximate) CAP Dates:	Sept. 1 st – Dec. 18 th
Application Deadline**	Last Friday in August
Interviews for CAP Program	By second Friday in September
<u>Mandatory</u> CAP Orientation	Must make an appointment with Clubhouse Program Director prior to beginning your CAP service
Spring Semester (Approximate) CAP Dates:	January 11 th – June 10 th
Application Deadline**	Second Friday in December
Interviews for CAP Program	By Second Friday in January
<u>Mandatory</u> CAP Orientation	Must make an appointment with Clubhouse Program Director prior to beginning your CAP service
Summer (Approximate) CAP Dates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Dates: Mid June-Mid August • Applications Due by First Friday in June • Interviews by Second Friday in June • Orientations TBD by Site Program Director

All Interviews and Orientations will take place at the Clubhouse site indicated by the applicant on his or her application.

*** If you have missed the application deadline, please contact Shannon Griffin to find out if an extension is possible ***

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