ENRICHMENT PROGRAMSSPRING 2025





MARCH 17 TO MAY 22, 2025

No Programs April 14-18, 22, May 2

New Lebanon School Site 25 Mead Ave, Greenwich, CT 06830

St. Roch Site 2 St Roch Ave, Greenwich, CT 06830

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ACADEMIC SUCCESS

ADVANCE PROGRAM

This program is closed

Grade 2 | Location: Hamilton Avenue School | Mon-Thurs, 3:30-5:30 pm

Through a partnership with the Heidenreich Foundation, BGCG launched its newest program initiative, Advance. Advance is a high quality, comprehensive after school and summer enrichment program that builds a strong educational foundation for students during Grades 1 through 3 and creates measurable outcomes that support their long-term academic success.

Using a research-based curriculum that complements the Greenwich Public Schools' learning objectives and grade level or above standards, Advance is rooted in exposing students to the essential ingredients necessary to becoming skilled readers, young STEM explorers, and curious and participating members of any classroom.

This program is currently offered to a pre-registered group of members in Grade 2, and will be expanded in future years.

GREENWICH UNITED WAY'S FINANCE CHAMPIONS

Grades 6-8 | Location: St. Roch | Limited to 12 participants | Instructor: Greenwich United Way Thursday, March 27 • Wednesday, April 2 • Thursday, April 10 • Thursday, April 24 • Wednesday, April 30 • Thursday, May 8 | 5:00-6:00 pm

Finance Champions provides financial literacy support for middle school students to help develop good money habits for life. Youth will learn how to earn, spend, and save wisely.

GREENWICH UNITED WAY'S READING CHAMPIONS

This program is closed with enrollment beginning in the Fall

Grades 1-5

Our reading specialists meet for 30 minutes once a week to improve fluency and reading comprehension. A portion of this program will utilize an online reading program.



ARTS & TECHNOLOGY

ESPORTS

Ages 8 to 12 | Location: St. Roch | Tuesday, 6:15-7:15 pm | March 4, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 22, 29, and May 6 and 13 Limited to 50 participants | Instructor: Otis Bellamy

This program is designed to support and encourage students to hone their skills while also preparing them for the future. Members will not only be able to face each other and potentially others online competitively in games but also explore career opportunities in the realm of esports.

PAINTING FOR ADVANCED ARTISTS

Grades 5-12 | Location: St. Roch | Monday, 5:45-6:45 pm | Limited to 12 participants | Instructor: Professional Artist Michael Manning

The painters will focus on individual and collaborative large-scale imagery, murals, portrait, and landscapes. The scale and collaborative approach allows students to understand different approaches to creativity by working directly with other students to produce a single work of art. Class will often involve painting portraits and objects upside down, allowing students to focus on color, shapes and lines, rather than the duplication of what they are observing.



CHARACTER & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

HEALING HEARTS

Grades 1-8 | Instructor: Kim Covington-Johnson, M.S.

Tuesday | Location: St. Roch | Individual sessions by appointment

Thursday | Location: New Lebanon | Individual sessions by appointment

This counseling opportunity will provide coping strategies and emotional support to members of divorced parents. Participants will discuss what transition means and how it affects them and how to navigate through it.

KEYSTONE CLUB

Grades 9-12 | Location: St. Roch | Tuesday, 6:15-7:15 pm

Keystone Club is a leadership and service club for boys and girls in grades 9-12 designed to develop good character and help members grow to become productive, responsible adults. Keystone Teens elect officers and implement their own service projects in three core areas: Character and Leadership, Service to the Club and Community, and Education & Career Exploration. Keystone Clubs are designed to help teen members become more productive citizens and leaders. Each year, the Greenwich Cardinal Keystone Club participates in a national project resulting in a service project with a national scope.

KINDNESS GROUP

Grades K-2 | Wednesday, 3:30-4:15 pm | Location: New Lebanon | Instructor: Kim Covington-Johnson | Limited to 12 participants

Members have an opportunity to identify, learn and embrace three key concepts to Kindness which include respect, equality, and consideration.

PASSPORT TO MANHOOD

Grades 3 and up | Instructor: Kim Covington-Johnson, M.S. & Don Palmer at St. Roch site | Limited to 12 participants

Grades 3 & 4 | Thursday, 4:15-5:00 pm | Location: New Lebanon

Grades 3 & 4 | Monday, 3:30-4:15 pm | Location: St. Roch

Grades 6 and up | Monday, 4:15-5:00 pm | Location: St. Roch

This group promotes and teaches responsibility in older elementary school and middle school-age boys. Passport to Manhood gives young men a chance to express themselves in discussions and activities that reinforce positive behavior in a small group environment.



CHARACTER & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

SMART GIRLS

This program is closed with enrollment beginning in the Fall

Grades 3 and up | Instructor: Kim Covington-Johnson, M.S. Registration is closed and will re-open for the Spring session Grade 3 | Thursday, 2:45-3:15 pm | Location: New Lebanon Grades 3 & 4 | Tuesday, 3:30-4:15 pm | Location: St. Roch Grades 4 & 5 | Monday, 2:45-3:30 pm | Location: St. Roch Grades 6 and up | Tuesday, 4:15-5:00 pm | Location: St. Roch

SMART Girls is a small group program designed to meet the developmental needs of girls. Each girl will be equipped with critical knowledge and skills in physical health, wellness, mental health, self-esteem, and healthy relationships. Girls will explore their individual and societal attitudes and values as they build healthy attitudes and lifestyles.

SMART KIDS

Grades 4 & 5 | Location: New Lebanon | Wednesday, 4:15-5:00 pm | Limited to 12 participants | Instructor: Kim Covington-Johnson, M.S.

SMART Kids is a small group program designed to meet the developmental needs of youth. Each member will be equipped with critical knowledge and skills in physical health, wellness, mental health, self-esteem, and healthy relationships. Youth will explore their individual and societal attitudes and values as they build healthy attitudes and lifestyles.

TORCH CLUB

Grades 5-8 | Location: St. Roch | Monday, 6:30-7:15 pm

The Torch Club is a chartered leadership group for middle school-age boys and girls. This national awarding winning group elects officers and works together to plan and implement activities based on service to the Club/community, health and fitness, education and social recreation.



HEALTH & FITNESS

BASKETBALL @ Western Middle School

Grades 2&3 | Location: WMS, Gym 1 | Thursday, 6:00–7:30pm | Limited to 30 participants | Instructor: Mike Gerald

The BGCG Basketball program serves as an introduction to basketball skills through 1.5-hour sessions consisting of drills, clinics and games. We will teach the skills such as dribbling, passing, shooting, rebounding, defense, and offense.

Grades 4&5 | Location: WMS, Gym 2 | Thursday, 6:00–7:30pm | Limited to 30 participants | Instructor: Mike Gerald

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Grades 6-12 | Location: WMS | Friday, 6:00-7:30pm | Limited to 30 participants | Instructor: Mike Gerald

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GOLF

Ages 8–12 | Location: Stanwich Country Club | Tuesday, 4:30–5:30 pm | April 29, May 6, May 13 and May 20 (4 sessions) | Limited to 10 participants | Instructors: Stanwich Club pros and volunteers

Members will have the opportunity to learn the game of golf from the club pro and select volunteers. Through hands-on instruction, they will develop essential skills such as proper grip, stance, and swing mechanics, while also gaining an understanding of golf etiquette and rules. Participants will have the chance to practice their techniques at the picturesque Stanwich Golf Club Course, where they can refine their driving, chipping, and putting skills in a real-world setting.



HEALTH & FITNESS

SOCCER @ Western Middle School

Grades 1&2 | Location: WMS, Gym 1 | Tuesday, 6:00–7:30 pm | Limited to 30 participants | Instructor: Mike Gerald

Youth will be introduced to fundamental soccer principles such as using their feet, dribbling, and the basic rules of the game.

Grades 3–5 | Location: WMS, Gym 2 | Tuesday, 6:00–7:30 pm | Limited to 30 participants | Instructor: Mike Gerald

Youth will sharpen their soccer skills while focusing on teamwork and sportsmanship, taught along with an appreciation for the game.

Grades 6-8 | Location: WMS | Monday, 6:00-7:30 pm | Limited to 30 participants | Instructor: Mike Gerald

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STEM TO STERN

Grades 6-8 | Location: Greenwich Water Club | Tuesday & Thursday 4:00 -7:00 pm | Dates: March 25 - June 5 | Limited to 12 participants |

Note: Parents must pick youth up at Greenwich Water Club, 49 River Road, Cos Cob
The STEM to Stern program introduces youth to the sport of rowing, and is designed to
teach young athletes the basic technical aspects of the sport. Through a partnership with
Greenwich Crew, youth have the opportunity to participate in this rowing program that
combines water-based instruction with STEM-based science fair projects. Practices consist
of learning the technical skills needed on the water and the boat handling skills necessary
to get a boat from the rack to the dock safely. This program is meant to provide each
athlete with a serious understanding of the sport while also encouraging teamwork and fun.

VOLLEYBALL @ Western Middle School

Grades 6-8 | Location: WMS | Wednesday, 6:00-7:30 pm | Limited to 30 participants | Instructor: Mike Gerald

The BGCG Volleyball program will serve as an introduction to youth volleyball skills through 1.5 hour sessions consisting of clinics and games. In addition, this course provides students with opportunities to improve physical fitness, acquire knowledge of fitness concepts and practice positive personal and social skills. Students will gain an understanding of how a wellness lifestyle affects one's health, fitness and physical performance.