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### **Boys & Girls Clubs of La Porte County Seeks to Double Summertime Impact in 2023**

Great summers start at the Club! For the first time ever, Boys & Girls Clubs of La Porte County (BGCLPC) will be offering its popular summer camp at two locations – the Charles R. Westcott Club at 321 Detroit Street in Michigan City, and the Kesling Campus at 306 East 18<sup>th</sup> Street in La Porte.

BGCLPC is a non-profit organization providing youth development programming that supports Academic Success, Character & Citizenship and Healthy Lifestyles. Its jam-packed summer schedule includes field trips, gym time, outdoor activities, STEM enrichment, arts & crafts and much more. Camp operates weekdays from 7:45 AM to 4:30 PM and is open to children in kindergarten through 8th grades during the 2022/2023 school year. This program is offered free of charge to ensure an amazing summer camp experience is within reach of every child.

The addition of a second camp site in La Porte follows BGCLPC's successful launch of new Clubs at Lincoln Elementary School, Brighton Street Green Space and the Kesling Campus earlier this year. The organization will also increase its summertime capacity at its Michigan City location, which served 149 children during the summer of 2022.

“Providing local kids with a safe, fun place to be when area schools are not in session is a critical part of our mission,” says Michelle Shirk, BGCLPC Chief Executive Officer. “Thanks to the generosity of our supporters and our ongoing partnerships with Michigan City Area Schools and La Porte Community School Corporation, we expect to serve more than 300 children through our 2023 summer camp program. We are looking forward to our best summer yet!”

Interested families can pre-register at [www.bgclpc.org/registration/](http://www.bgclpc.org/registration/) following the timeline below. Early pre-registration is recommended, as BGCLPC's summer programming typically fills quickly.

Monday, May 1 – Pre-registration opens at 8:00 AM for all 2022/2023 school year Club members and 2022 summer Club members

Wednesday, May 3 – Pre-registration opens at 8:00 AM for all other families

Thursday, June 8 – La Porte Summer Camp begins

Monday, June 12 – Michigan City Summer Camp begins

Wednesday, July 19 – La Porte Summer Camp ends

Friday, July 21 – Michigan City Summer Camp ends

Financial support for BGCLPC's 2023 summer camp program is provided by Michigan City Community Enrichment Corporation and other generous supporters. The organization's Phase II

Expansion – including the addition of three new Clubs in La Porte - is made possible thanks in part to support from the Healthcare Foundation of La Porte.

Boys & Girls Clubs of La Porte County is a member of Boys & Girls Clubs of America, a nationwide affiliation of more than 5,000 autonomous Club organizations. Families with questions regarding BGCLPC or its summer programming are invited to contact Michelle Shirk, Chief Executive Officer at [mshirk@bgclubmc.org](mailto:mshirk@bgclubmc.org). The organization's administrative offices can be reached by phone at (219) 873-2298.