



MADISON MATTERS



SUMMER OF CLUB FUN!

Club Fun - Madison's summer program truly lived up to its name this summer, ushering in days filled with learning, exciting experiences and invaluable lessons for our members. From special visits to Yankee Stadium and the Harry Potter Exhibition, to engaging in the creation of music and

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SUMMER JOBS FOR TEENS



Teen members spent the summer employed across the city

This summer, we were excited to place 549 teens in jobs and project-based learning experiences across the city through our Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP). From the New York Public Library to Curtis + Ginsberg Architects, our teens were excited to explore their interests while earning a paycheck. Our SYEP is a fabulous opportunity for teen members to learn how to work in a professional setting and to try out different fields and positions.

Our younger teens, ages 14 to 15, spent the summer working on projects that interested them, including leadership, AI ethics and career prep. The leadership program explored how mental health and self-care play a large role in being a good leader and taught participants the importance of being involved and informed locally in public policy and social justice. The AI program, titled Whose Metaverse?, investigated the ethics around AI technology, what the future of tech looks like and allowed members to build their own virtual reality interactive designs and storylines to then share with the group. And finally, the career prep program focused on career and job exploration, resume building, how to ace job interviews, networking 101 and how to negotiate within the workplace.

These experiences provide our teens with tangible skills that they can use throughout the school year and bring with them into their college life and future career.







"It is exciting working with SYEP," member Anitra S. said of her summer. "I had the opportunity to work in the fashion industry, meet stylists that work with SNL [Saturday Night Live], and attend modeling events."

Overall, our SYEP teens were placed at 60 job sites across the city, exploring everything from to working at a theatre to working at a Clubhouse.

One of our summer Clubhouse interns shared what being employed at the Pinkerton Clubhouse meant to them. "Working with SYEP keeps me busy and away from trouble. I hope I can participate in the winter program as well."

We send our sincere thanks to our partners and community relationships for welcoming our teens, teaching them valuable lessons and employing them throughout the summer.











FORE THE KIDS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Madison welcomed friends new and old to the 29th Annual Golf Tournament

We were thrilled to once again welcome our network of supporters and golfers to hit the links at Madison's 29th Annual Fore the Kids Golf Tournament. Over 100 golfers joined us for a beautiful day at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, New Jersey, on July 24, followed by dinner and a live auction. And while no one was lucky enough to land the hole-in-one BMW, there is always next year!

We would like to say a special thanks to our Title Sponsor **American Express**, Presenting Sponsor **Aflac** and Supporting Sponsors **Hearst** and **Varagon**!

We feel so grateful to have such an amazing community of supporters (and golfers) dedicated to providing opportunities and safe havens for kids and teens. It is because of people like you that we can continue to be there for our members, with mentorship, learning and fun. *Thank you for being part of our journey, and we hope to see you next year at the 30th Annual Fore the Kids Golf Tournament!*







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delving into STEM experiments at the Clubhouse, our members have had a busy summer.

Knowing how important safe and fun spaces are during the summer, we welcomed members into the Clubhouses to encourage summer learning, new friendships and to play games from badminton to board games. Our summer programs encourage our members to follow their curiosities while fighting summer learning loss.

We were grateful to welcome volunteers from partners including Rothschild & Co., Varagon and Apollo. These days were filled with fun as our members got to know the volunteers by participating in teambuilding activities, sports, STEM challenges and more. Our members were especially keen on learning more about the volunteers and teaching them new dance moves that they'd been practicing this summer.

"Volunteers showed up bright and early to roll up their sleeves to partake in a friendly competition of Musical Hula-Hoops with the kids and a STEM activity where the volunteers and kids constructed a solar-powered car," said Danelys Hernandez, Director of the John E. Grimm III Clubhouse in the Bronx. "At the conclusion of their visit, the kids enjoyed pizza from a local pizzeria in Little Italy [in the Bronx]."

Club Fun wrapped up with celebratory events at the Clubhouses, where members were acknowledged and awarded for their hard work and kindness throughout the summer. After an awards ceremony, our members spent the afternoon playing on bouncy houses and obstacle courses, trying their luck and skill at carnival games and enjoying cotton candy, popcorn, snow cones and a rooftop cookout with their friends.





Members cared for their garden from start to finish, keeping a watchful eye from seed to harvest.







We send our deepest thanks to our partners who made this summer extra special for our youth, including Rothschild & Co., Varagon, Imagine Science, Grubhub, Apollo, Whose Metaverse?, STEM Educational Institute, Camp Anchor and the Ruthie Project.



DON'T WAIT ANOTHER DAY



Click <u>here</u> to learn more! Did you know that August was Make-A-Will Month?

Everyone needs a will, whether you're 18 or 80. And there's no better moment than now to find some peace of mind in planning for the future.

While you're writing your will, you'll also have the opportunity to join the amazing people who have helped Madison by including legacy gifts in their wills.

Interested in learning more about how to make a lasting impact in the lives of NYC youth? Contact Anna Phewa, senior director of individual donor partnerships of Madison Square Boys & Girls Club Foundation, at <u>aphewa@madisonsquarefoundation.org</u>.







