As a result of COVID-19, Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Virginia is providing an eight-week virtual summer with Club facilities reopening no sooner than August 3rd. Virtual summer programs are available at no cost to members, and youth can enroll through a parental consent form or by completing a request for summer engagement. The Club’s virtual summer is designed to: 1) **Increase opportunities for academic engagement** through in-place learning with reading, STEM, and arts programs; 2) **Promote mental health** through fun activities, mindfulness, exercise, and social-emotional wellness; and 3) **Provide for basic needs of kids and families** by stocking a community food pantry and working with partners to distribute meals and program supplies.

**SUMMER READING**
- 8 weeks
- Home deliveries of books and related activities every other week
- Tiered system to promote participation regardless of internet access
- Grades 1–12
- Weekly live read-aloud sessions featuring local celebrities and friends of the Club

**STEM & Arts**
- At least 1 live STEM & 1 live art program each week
- Story City: Work with Mr. Chase to design and build your own city out of LEGOS!
- Art Studio: Join Mr. Rowan on YouTube to practice painting and drawing techniques

**Wellness Activities**
- Engage in live wellness sessions with the Club’s wellness coordinator
- Learn mental health practices
- Watch healthy cooking videos prepared by Club staff to learn tasty recipes
- Join Club staff in fun, virtual group exercises

**SUMMER REGISTRATION**
Registered youth can access virtual programs through BGCCVA’s Facebook, YouTube, and Zoom. To enroll in summer programming, please complete the [BGCCVA Summer Enrollment Form](en Español).

BGCCVA has assembled a Safe Reopening Committee, comprised of Club board, staff, local health professionals, and a UVA risk analyst. Working closely with local schools and guided by the Virginia Department of Education’s “Safe Return to School” workgroup, the committee is meeting weekly to establish updated health and safety protocols before reopening.