

# Gary Comer Youth Center

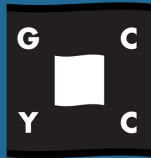


## Programs 2021-2022



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**Executive Director  
Rhonda Hopps**

The Comer Education Campus, which is comprised of the Gary Comer Youth Center, Gary Comer College Prep, and Gary Comer Middle School, integrates excellent schools, dynamic enrichment and extended learning opportunities to prepare young people for college, careers and futures as well-rounded, global citizens. While the campus is located in Greater Grand Crossing, serving as an anchor for the community, we serve young people and community throughout Chicago and Chicagoland Area.

Our work is focused in three areas: academic success, youth development (including youth enrichment, health & wellness, and family & community engagement), and career exploration. Through this integrated approach, we help young people graduate from high school with a post-secondary plan and the skills and confidence to achieve that plan.

## **Mission Statement**

**We prepare young people for college, careers, and futures as well-rounded, global citizens**

## **Vision Statement**

**Our vision is a world where every young person in every community has the resources and opportunities to reach their unlimited potential**

### **Core Values:**

**Youth Power  
Innovation  
Joy  
Wellbeing  
Equity & Inclusion  
Community Commitment**





# MEMBERSHIPS

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**2021-2022 MEMBERSHIPS: \$40**

*\*Memberships are valid June 1, 2021 until June 1, 2022*

Memberships for GCYC can be purchased by visiting  
[comereducationcampus.org](http://comereducationcampus.org).

GCYC's online enrollment and registration system, Amilia, allows members and families access to a full online list of all GCYC program offerings, instructor information, and direct link to important messaging to community and members

For additional information or any questions, please contact the  
GCYC Membership Team, [membership@gcychome.org](mailto:membership@gcychome.org) (773)358-4100.



## CONTACT INFORMATION

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# PROGRAMS

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## **MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

### DROP-IN SPACES

#### **STUDY BUDDIES**

*Monday-Thursday, 3:30pm-6pm*  
Need help with homework? Having trouble studying? Contact Study Buddies for drop-in help or to schedule an appointment with a tutor for yourself or a small group. Contact Therese Ferguson for more details,  
[tferguson@gcychome.org](mailto:tferguson@gcychome.org)

#### **CLUB 678**

*Monday-Thursday: 3:30-6pm,  
Fridays: 2:30-6pm*  
Join this fun and adventurous space as you are waiting for your program to begin or waiting for pick-up to head home!  
This space is drop-in. Space is limited

### REGISTERED PROGRAMS

#### **MIXED SPORTS**

Each session, participants of this program will have the opportunity to learn a variety of sports such as basketball, volleyball, soccer, track, obstacle courses, and more!

#### **BIKE CLUB**

GCYC's Bike Club will provide youth the opportunity to become safe and confident riders, building foundations for a future as a skilled cyclist. Young people will also learn how to maintain and repair their own bicycles.

#### **FITNESS**

Looking to lose weight and body fat? Want to look better and tone up? Or even just boost your self esteem and feel better? Well this is the class for you. Male, or female GCYC Fitness Class is designed for anyone who needs help achieving their fitness goals, or just simply want to learn basic fitness workouts while having fun!

#### **BASKETBALL**

Improve your game and get active while learning basic basketball skills with your friends and instructors. Learn how to dribble, shoot, and have fun while playing the game of basketball

#### **MEDIA INFLUENCERS**

Youth will create and use video, print, art, design, social media and various mediums to lend their voice in learning how they can influence others.

#### **SOCCER**

Players are introduced to the fundamentals of soccer skills such as passing the ball and taking the ball away from the opposing team. Players learn to score and prevent goals.

**For current Program dates & times, and to register, please visit  
[comereducationcampus.org](http://comereducationcampus.org)**

# **MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

## REGISTERED PROGRAMS Continued

### **FLAG FOOTBALL**

This class is designed to teach and enhance essential football skills, proper techniques of passing, receiving, and teamwork skills while learning the rules of flag football.

### **VISUAL ARTS**

Learn how to draw paint and make glass and ceramic mosaics. Explore murals all over Chicago and learn about others made around the world. Students will have a chance to draw, paint, make sculptures and their own mosaics.

### **MUSIC PRODUCTIONS**

Here is a space for youth to use their musical, lyrical and writing talents to create the next big hit, while learn to record, create music, beats, and more!

### **PIANO**

This is a perfect introduction to piano and music for those who have little to no experience or need a review of the very basics. You will learn how to read music, find notes on the piano and other essentials so you can begin playing pieces.

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### **DANCE**

GCYC dancers have the opportunity to learn techniques in the following genres: tap, ballet, jazz, hip hop, contemporary, tumbling, and african. Youth will be engaged and learn the mental and physical benefits of dancing. Participants will have the opportunity to learn choreography and stage performance techniques

### **COMER COOKING CLUB**

#### **I & II**

Comer Cooking Club is designed to teach young people cooking as a life skill. Youth will master kitchen safety, basic culinary skills, and be introduced to healthy cooking principles and practices.

Comer Cooking Club 2 is our advanced culinary class for young people who have completed Comer Cooking Club 1 or 2 previously. Youth in this program will master more complex culinary skills to take their home cooking to the next level! Their skills will be put to the test with cooking competitions and special events.

### **CHANGEMAKERS**

Youth explore ways to positively change their community, as well as creating items (art, music, design, etc) that speaks to them using their voice and talents in how they can impact their world.

### **GREEN EXPLORERS**

Green Explorers will participate in hands-on, experiential, project-based activities that provide youth an opportunity to learn about urban agriculture, local nature/ecology, environmental current events and green careers.

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### **DIGITAL DESIGN**

Digital Design teaches youth about digital media production and concepts from design and art using tools like Adobe Photoshop and others.

### **LEGO LEAGUE**

Design, build, and code a robot to compete in the FIRST LEGO League challenge. Use your team's talents to help tackle real world problems!

### **ROBOTICS I & II**

Robotics you will learn to code using Sphero robots. From making them move through mazes to creating games using the robot's sensors, this program is a great start for future engineers, coders, and makers.

Robotics 2! The next level of Robotics! Now you can collaborate with your teammates to prepare a wireless robot for a variety of activity-based challenges. Students will explore the use of motors, gear, and pulleys, while building Lego Robot inventions.

## HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

### **TEEN CENTER**

*Daily 3PM-7:30PM*

Video Games, Pool Tables, Movies, and more! Drop-In anytime and hang out!

### **EXCEL HOMEWORK HELP**

*Daily 3PM-7:30PM*

Excel provides young people with a safe learning environment where they can get help from tutors and complete nightly homework. Youth can meet with GCYC Academic Support Staff or schedule an individual or group study session with a tutor from the University of Chicago.

### **MOVIE CLUB & TEEN FRIDAYS**

*Every Friday starting at 12:30pm*

Hang out and destress from the week with fun activities and movies!

### **OPEN BASKETBALL**

*Every Friday 12:30-2:30pm*

Shoot hoops and hang out!

### **EATING CLUB**

Calling all Food Lovers! Eating Club explores the world of restaurants by operating your own pop-up shops & food excursions!

### **ROCKSTARS**

Join this sisterhood of strong, high school women and mentors working in our community

### **LEGACY**

Lend your voice and enact change in your community. with your fellow peers



# YOUTH EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

## URBAN AGRICULTURE

**GREEN TEENS APPRENTICE (13-15 YRS.)**

**GREEN TEENS INTERNS (16-18 YRS.)**

*Days Vary, 3:30-7:30PM*

Looking to earn a stipend after school while learning how to garden, cook and more? Green Teens is an employment readiness program for high school teens who will participate in hands-on, indoor and outdoor activities focusing on green careers, urban agriculture, environmental justice and community action.

**An application and interview are required for consideration for the Green Teen program.**

**To get started or information on the application process, please email**

**Amanda Anderson,**  
[aanderson@gcyhome.org](mailto:aanderson@gcyhome.org)

## ACADEMIC SUCCESS

### **UPWARD BOUND**

Upward Bound at Gary Comer Youth Center is an academic enrichment program designed for 10th - 12th graders that provides the supports necessary for all members to graduate from high school prepared for college and career. Our goal is to see every youth in our program graduate and leave with a comprehensive secondary plan. Upward Bound provides fun and interactive classes, academic coaching, field trips, college visits, mentors, opportunities for Dual Enrollment / College courses and a stipend for participation!

**To get started or information on the application process, please email**  
**Kendalyn Diroll, [kdiroll@gcyhome.org](mailto:kdiroll@gcyhome.org)**

## **GCYC'S PARTNERSHIP WITH AFTERSCHOOL MATTERS**

For additional information or questions regarding programs offered at GCYC from Afterschool Matters, or to start the application process, please contact:

**GCYC's Director of Youth Opportunities, Fredrick Holloway, [fholloway@gcyhome.org](mailto:fholloway@gcyhome.org)**  
**(773)358-4029**



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# Community & Engagement Services



Mon-Fri, 9AM-5PM  
Call 773-324-6942 for  
appointments and  
information

## Important Dates

Fall Middle School Programs Begin	9/20/2021	Winter Break Middle School Camp	12/27-30/2021
Fall Teen Programs Begin	9/27/2021	MLK Day	01/17/2022
Fall Youth Employment Begins	10/12/2021	Winter/Spring Programs Begin	01/18/2022
Halloween Fest	10/30/2021	Black Youth Story	02/24/2022
Giving Thanks Night	11/23/2021	Spring Break Camp	04/11-14/22
Jingle Fest	12/10/2021	Winter/Spring Programs End	05/27/2022
Last Day of Fall Programs	12/17/2021	Midnight Basketball	Last Friday of Each Month

