

Boys & Girls Club Perham
Walking Policy
January 31, 2023

Before School Program

All members will walk to HOTL or PWMS with a minimum of 2 staff @ 7:50. One staff will lead the group and the other staff will be at the end of the line. Members will walk in pairs. Members are expected to have appropriate winter gear. The Club will provide hat and/or gloves to members who need them.

During winter months, parents will be called to pick up their child to bring them to school, if they do not have a winter coat or long pants.

St Paul's and St Henry's members are transported to school by Z Transportation.

Before School Program staff will call Z Transportation by 7:20 if the "feels like temperature -15 degrees." The bus will transport members to the school bus drop off site.

In the case of rain, members will be shuttled using the Club vans to HOTL and PWMS.

After School Program

In the case of rain, members will be shuttled from using the Club vans from HOTL Elementary School to the Boys & Girls Club.

Any other time, members will walk to the Club from the elementary school. It takes our groups 10 minutes to walk from the front entrance of the school to the Club. Staff will check in members at the elementary school gym (our designated meeting place.) Once all members have arrived, we will walk in pairs with adults in front, between and at the end of the line.

Members are expected to have appropriate winter outer wear for the outside conditions (hats, gloves, winter coats, **long pants**.) Club staff will provide hats and gloves for members if needed. If families need assistance with purchasing outer winter clothing, please reach out to Cori or Etta and we will work with you. Staff will check to make sure members are bundled up before walking.

If members (specifically middle school aged members) are not dressed for the weather (no winter coat, exposed legs, no hat and gloves) **Their parent will be called when we get to the Club to pick up the member and that member will not be allowed to attend the Club for the next 2 days they are scheduled to attend.**

Note: We average 90 members in our After School Program and are located 4 blocks from the school. In the past, when we transported members, it took 40 minutes to transport all members in 2 vans and we averaged 75 members at that time. We need 2 staff to drive, 2 staff at the Club and 3 staff at the school. By ensuring members are prepared with the appropriate clothing, walking is a much more viable option than shuttling members.