



AVENUE A

TEEN + COMMUNITY CENTER

Avenue A Club 2018/2019 *For Grades 5-8*

PARENTS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT AVENUE A CLUB!

Who We Are

The Avenue A Club at The Avenue A Teen + Community Center is part of *The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center*.

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What We Offer

The Club gives middle school students the opportunity to spend time at the Avenue A Teen & Community Center, playing ping-pong, pool, foosball, board games, music, and more in a fun and supervised environment. Snacks are provided. This is a unique opportunity for students to have fun and develop social skills, healthy self-esteem, and self-confidence!

When & Where We Meet

The Avenue A Club meets in the Avenue A Teen and Community Center, 42 Main Street, Antrim, NH.

The Club meets every Wednesday from 2:15pm to 4:15pm when school is in session. It is closed during school vacations, when school is dismissed early or school is cancelled, and whenever the school announces that all after school programs are cancelled.

Attendance / Safety

If your child will not be attending for any reason, you must let us know. THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILD IS OUR PRIORITY., so if your child does not show up and we don't hear from you we will text or email you.

Cost / Scholarships

The program fee is \$5.00 per week. Full and partial scholarships are available and no one is turned away because of inability to pay! If you are interested in a scholarship, please carefully read the payment part of the registration, or call us if you have questions.

Transportation / Pickup

Students who join Avenue A Club may walk or ride bus # 8 to the Trends of Fashion parking lot where they will be met by Avenue A Club staff and be walked to the Club. After the Club, students will be walked back to the Trends of Fashion parking lot at 4:10 and from there take the late bus, walk home or be picked up.

Electronics

- Chrome Books may be used for homework.
- Cell phones and tablets may be used to call home if needed but otherwise must be kept in backpacks.
- Our computers may be used for homework and students are allowed to play some games on them. However, computer use is limited to 15 minutes (timed with a timer) to encourage students to socialize and play.
- Our large TV is used only to play Just Dance during Avenue A Club. Super fun!

Behavior Expectations

Avenue A Club behavior expectations are posted at Avenue A as follows:

BE RESPECTFUL

Think before you speak, be kind, use respectful language, listen, be assertive

BE SAFE

Respect personal space (hands to self), use items as they are intended

BE RESPONSIBLE

Take responsibility for your actions and words, follow directions, clean up after yourself

It is important to us that Avenue A Club is a safe place for everyone! If your child is bullying or swearing, we will call you!

Challenges

Please let us know if your child has any emotional / behavioral challenges, and let us know how we can best support your child while they are here.



Typical day at Avenue A Club:

- **We meet students at the bus stop** (Trends of Fashion) and walk down together.
- **We have a circle meeting** to share information on upcoming programs or community service opportunities for youth.
- **Snack time!** We provide 100% juice mixed with seltzer, water, tortilla chips, salsa, and often have bagels. Price Chopper in Keene donates bagels to us– we are so fortunate! We have butter, cream cheese, and peanut butter to put on them.
- **Students play games**, socialize, and do homework; their choice. Students sign up for turns at popular activities like pool, ping pong, or JustDance. The ability to share, be patient, and be flexible is necessary to enjoy the offerings at Avenue A Club!
- **Clean up time.** Everyone cleans up games, activities, and dishes.
- **Final circle time.** A little more time is spent in this circle as everyone gets a chance to speak and comment on their experience that day at Avenue A Club. If problems arise, this is when we address them in a sensitive, non-judgemental way (no names, talk of behaviors only). This gives students a chance to process the day and have their voice heard.
- **Walk to the bus stop** with the students.

Please contact us at arlenes@grapevinenh.org if you have questions!