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# MADISON MATTERS



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## STEM EXPLORATION

This spring and summer have seen a buzz around STEM programming at the Clubhouses, bringing to light members' curiosity through exciting new projects and mind-boggling activities. Our members have been learning about bugs, plants, birds and the intricacies of the natural

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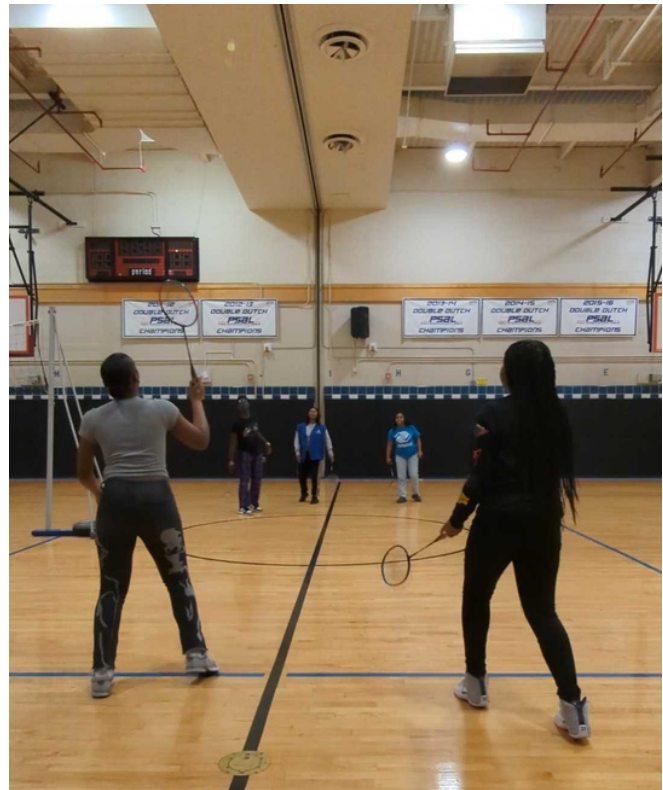


# SUMMER IN BROOKLYN

## *Celebrating the first summer of programming at Elbaum Family Clubhouse*

Our Clubhouses are bustling with summer activities, learning and fun, ensuring our members are fighting the summer learning loss and keeping the summer slide at bay. In Brooklyn, our Elbaum Family Clubhouse is open for its first summer of programming, and “it’s been an amazing experience!” said Jahreek Beatty, Elbaum Family Clubhouse Site Director. The summer has been jam-packed with projects focused on Arts & Culture, and Jahreek is excited to bring all that they learned to programming this fall. Teens have been creating vision boards focusing on their 5-year plans, poetry collages with poems made from the letters in their names, clay sculptures and more. Members in the photography program have been focused on capturing moments and spaces around the Club that matter to them and sharing their photos and stories with fellow members. The Elbaum Clubhouse also launched its first podcast, focused on Civic Engagement and Leadership. Episodes include members talking about empowerment, respect and reflection, including a session called “The Man in the Mirror,” encouraging them to be vulnerable and talk with their peers about who they are and how the world may perceive them.

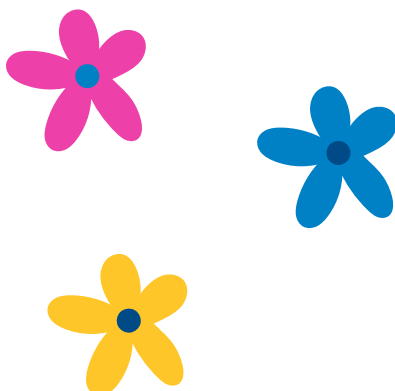
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SUMMER!





Teen members have also been in the Clubhouse kitchen, learning to cook healthy meals including grilled chicken salad, spaghetti, healthy salad dressings and smoothies. In addition, teens have been able to let loose in the gym, play board games and badminton, learn about strength and conditioning and participate in basketball clinics to help them up their game.

Mr. Beatty shared what this summer has meant to the Clubhouse community: "I've seen our staff engage at another level," he said. "I've had the opportunity to see our young adults blossom – it's awesome. Some of our young adults were shy, and by the end of the first week they were smiling and engaging and they didn't need us anymore. For us to be able to engage and develop new programming, I think we're setting the stage for the fall. We had the opportunity to have some new focuses, and we've really found our niche and are ready flow with it."

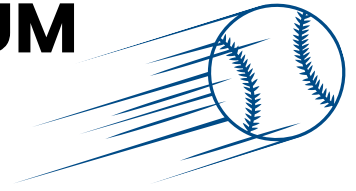


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# NIGHTS OUT AT YANKEE STADIUM



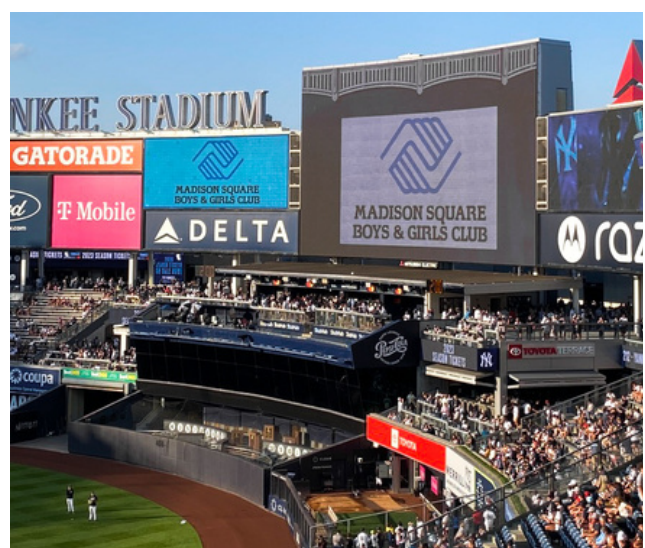
## *Meeting new friends in the Bronx*

We were thrilled to welcome our community of partners and the 2023 Bronx Youth of the Year to Yankee Stadium on Friday night, July 21, for a Night Out at Yankee Stadium! We cheered on the Yankees as they took on the Kansas City Royals, and our teen members were welcomed to the field for the opening ceremony. Awed by the site from the field, our Joel E. Smilow Clubhouse Youth of the Year Madiagne N. was proud to stand on home plate and represent their Clubhouses and the Bronx.

A fabulous game ending in the Yankees' 51st win of the season, the evening was certainly one to remember. Thank you to our amazing community who came out to watch the game, cheer on the home team and show your support.

The New York Yankees also welcomed 75 Club members and their families to the Celebrity Softball Game hosted by Yankees star and Madison friend, CC Sabathia. Our members had a blast watching Team Sabathia take on Team Morgan — managed by comedian Tracy Morgan — for the win. Seated at field level, members and their families enjoyed the exciting and fun game, including free popcorn and beverages.

We'd like to say an extra thank you to the New York Yankees for their amazing dedication to uplifting and empowering the youth of the Bronx and New York City.





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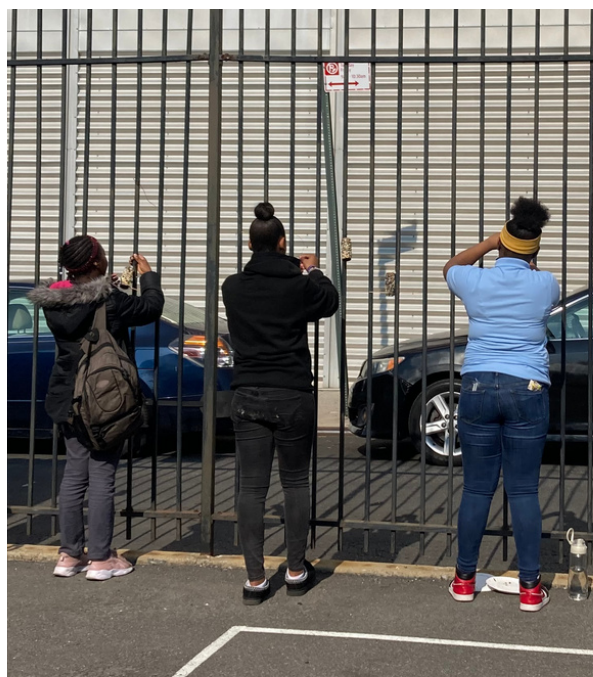
## **STEM Exploration**



world. They made bird feeders and dissected flowers, while learning the myriad ways living things exist. In a new Explorers of the Deep program, members were tasked with designing and creating a boat to test in the pool. The boats were propelled by battery motors, and members also worked with solar and wind-powered options, considering renewable energy.

On the technology side, our teen members have been learning about VR, AR and the complexities of the Metaverse. They have had the opportunity to design their own curriculums and choose what they want to take away from the project. Our Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) younger teens have been spending their summer in project-based learning programs, including an object-based storytelling game development project. Our youth are tasked with using their imagination and ChatGPT to create in-depth virtual spaces in the realm of video game design. They are working with some of the latest programming software and delving into the future of tech, asking questions such as: what applications will VR have in everyday life in 10 years? How can we use VR to help humanity? What are the downsides of this technology?

Other SYEP teens have been exploring STEM by learning Python programming, creating personal LinkedIn pages and learning about careers in a multi-day workshop hosted by STEM Educational Institute. These project-based learning environments are helping our younger teens ready themselves for the workforce or college, while allowing them to explore their interests and learn new skills



**Members attach their handmade bird feeders to the fence at the Thomas S. Murphy Clubhouse in Brooklyn, hoping to attract birds to the field!**



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