



- GOAL:** To provide programming, training and resources to make Boys & Girls Club members and professionals effective users of technology.
- WHY:** Technology aptitude is vital for school and workplace success. To develop such skills in members – many who otherwise wouldn't have this chance – Clubs must provide access to technology programming led by tech-savvy Club professionals.
- WHO:** Boys & Girls Club members ages 6 to 18
- WHAT:** Funded by founding partner Microsoft, Club Tech programs teach members technical skills and integrate technology into core program areas. Each program emphasizes the safe, ethical use of technology and explores high-tech career options. Club Tech's **Software Donation Program** offers fully-chartered Clubs free Microsoft software to use in tech centers and for their administrative and marketing purposes. Each Club Tech program, described below, is found on **myclubmylife.com**, BGCA's Web site for teens:
- **Skill Tech & Skill Tech II.** Basic software, hardware and network skills are provided to users as an introduction to technology and its byproducts.
 - **Digital Arts Suite.** Animated tutorials in Web design, graphic design, digital photography, music making and movie making allow users to acquire valuable software interface skills.
 - **Digital Arts Festivals.** Using skills learned via Digital Arts Suite, members can participate in local, regional and national competitions. National winners receive a free summer trip to a major U.S. city.
 - **NetSmartz.** BGCA and National Center for Missing & Exploited Children alliance on topics such as Web safety, shopping online and Web ethics.
 - **Clay Tech.** Clay animation provides members an educational, fun experience, exposing them to the art and science of creating animation.
 - **Robo Tech.** Robotics program introduces members to robotics and its ancillary components of electronics, mechanics and software.
 - **Game Tech.** Club members learn the principles of game design and use those principles to create their own video games. *(Available Fall, 2009)*

Club Tech also provides professional development including workshops for Club professionals at all levels, specialized training for technology center directors and online training sessions.

WEB SITE: <http://www.bgca.net/Programs/ClubTech/Default.aspx>

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