

# Girls Place

A Place to Go...

...A Place to GROW



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[www.GirlsPlace.net](http://www.GirlsPlace.net)

# History

**March – April 1981** The Gainesville Junior Woman's Club began investigating the need and interest for a girls club in the community with surveys and public meetings.

**November 1982** The Operations Board of Directors was created and Girls Club of Alachua County was issued non-profit status.

**January 1985** Renae Clements (the first executive director) was hired.

**June 1985** The first Girls Club summer day camp was held.

**November 1985** The City of Gainesville granted Girls Club 5.3 acres of land.

**August 1987** The first after school program at the Girls Club of Alachua County Clubhouse was inaugurated

**January 1988** United Way announced Girls Club as one of their affiliated agents

**April 1991** A Board of Directors of the Girls Club of Alachua County Foundation was created and officers were elected

**September 2008** The Girls Club underwent a name change and officially became known as Girls Place, Inc.

**October 2013** Renae Clements retires as Executive Director after 28 years of service. Janna Magette, PhD. is hired as her successor.

# About Us

## *Values*

At Girls Place, we believe that all girls should be inspired, challenged and nurtured to become their very best.

## *Vision*

Girls Place girls become independent women who embrace diversity, express their ideas, rise above obstacles, enhance their communities, and lead those around them.

## *Mission*

At Girls Place, we empower girls to grow courageous, strong and self sufficient. We inspire our girls to celebrate themselves—their minds, their hearts, and their physical well being.



# Girls Place Staff

- @ Janna Magette, PhD, Executive Director
- @ Christi Arrington, Program Director
- @ Tara Mercurio, Athletic Director and Bookkeeper
- @ Laura Javidi, Development Director

- @ Pat Simmons, Program Assistant
- @ Courtenay Etheredge, Athletics Assistant
- @ Kristina Fletcher, Facilitator
- @ Nevada McGill-Smith, Facilitator
- @ Kaihla Szunko, Facilitator
- @ Kaitlyn Henderson, Front Desk Counselor

- @ Alex Clark, Counselor
- @ Tonika Jones, Counselor
- @ Tori Keppler, Counselor
- @ Jenny McDanel, Counselor
- @ Carissa Thigpin, Counselor
- @ Tyeshea Thomas, Counselor
- @ Devin Woody, Counselor

- @ Yuri Costa, Intern
- @ Hannah Theis, Intern



The money lady! ☺ See Tara regarding statements and fees.

# 2015 Operations Board of Directors

## Officers

- @ Amy Howard, President
- @ Kathy Viehe, President- elect
- @ Virginia Griffis, Secretary
- @ Kristen Bash Farrell, Co-VP of Public Relations and Events
- @ Sheila Jones, Co-VP of Public Relations and Events
- @ Cassie Macias, VP of Athletics
- @ Alan West, Treasurer
- @ Kacey Anderson, VP of Program Development

## Directors

Gia Arvin  
Mike Barton  
Carmen Braun  
Erica Brown  
Marynelle Hardee  
Edwina Hurst

Natalie King  
Francisco Oquendo  
Matt Pendleton  
Celia Slater  
Abby Wagner



# Programs

## After School

- ACHIEVE (Academic Counseling and Help to Increase Educational Victories Everyday)

## Athletics

- Volleyball, Track, Basketball and summer sports camps
- Basketball Camp – June 15-19, 2015
- First Place Sports Camp – July 20-24, 2015
- Volleyball Camp – August 3-7, 2015

## Summer Day Camp

- ACHIEVE



# Hours of operation

- Monday–Friday from 7:30 am–6:00 pm
- Early drop off from 7:00 am – 7:29 am
  - Requires an additional \$1/day
  - Due in cash each morning
- Check out by 6:00 pm

# Fees

Registration fee - \$25 per family

Membership fee - \$20 for one child; \$40 for two +

Weekly fees - \$75 for the first child; \$65 for each sibling

- Weekly payments are due by Friday for the following week.
  - Girls cannot not attend without the payment being made.
- Removal form (located on the website) – must be completed by Monday prior to the week that your child is no longer attending

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
July 6	July 7	July 8	July 9	July 10
July 13	July 14	July 15	July 16	July 17
<del>July 20</del>	<del>July 21</del>	<del>July 22</del>	<del>July 23</del>	<del>July 24</del>



# Check in and Check out



For the safety of the girls,  
please park in a parking  
space or out in the field.

Check in and out notebook



# Check in and Check out

- Please park in a parking spot or on the soccer field
- Please help your child learn her member number
- Girls report to their classrooms immediately; please drop them off in the lobby
- Parents **MUST** sign in and sign out
- All parents and guardians must be 16 or older and have identification for check out

# Curriculum

## June – Confidence

- Aloha Welcome
- We are family
- Moovin' and Groovin'
- Party in the USA

## July – Empower

- Around the world
- World of music
- Earth and space
- Environment

## August – Engage

- Service
- Girl Power – Celebrating 30 years!
- Summer Olympics

# Constants each week

Early drop off	7:00-7:29 am
Check in	7:30 – 9:00 am
Breakfast	8:40-9:10 am
Lunch	11:30-12:15 pm
Check out	Prior to 6:00 pm

## Activities:

House Rules

Word of the Month

Morning Mile 8:00-8:30 am

NE Pool Mondays from 10:30 am-12:30 pm

# Important reminders

- Communicate, communicate, communicate
- Label everything
- Lost and found is donated weekly – even if your child's name is on it
- The staff will have all of the precautions, allergies and swimming ability of all the girls. Please be sure to communicate with us if you did not share necessary information on the registration form.

Thank you!

