

ClubChronicle

A publication of the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows



Thankful for your continued support . . .

Fall is upon us and the leaves are beginning to turn. This always invokes thoughts and feelings about friends and family and all we have to be thankful for at the Boys & Girls Club. This past year we have been able to accomplish some amazing things. We had hoped to see 300 kids a day at the new Pennington Facility, and there were days this past summer we saw between 500-600 kids. With the addition of the new property, we are well on our way to serving over 13,000 youth, which is up considerably over last year's total of more than 12,000.

While the opening of the William N. Pennington Facility created a great deal of excitement at the beginning of the year, we still have so much to accomplish before 2014 closes. My favorite event of the year, the Annual Awards Banquet, is just around the corner. This year's Male and Female Youth of the Year are as incredible as any we have had in the past. The kids are poised to tell their stories about the obstacles they have overcome in their lives and how the Club and our community have helped put them on a path to success. We will also be honoring this year's Distinguished Service Award winner, which annually goes to the organization's top volunteer. This year's recipient is Nick Rossi. Nick is part of a multigenerational Nevada family, runs the successful LP Insurance Services business, and supports many great causes in Northern Nevada, including the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows. He joins a very prestigious list of those who have won this award in the past.

While people support the Boys & Girls Club year-round, the beginning of December also marks the beginning of our Holiday Help program. If you want your support to go directly to kids and families, then Holiday Help is the program for you. We are currently looking for individuals that want to be matched with families in need over the holidays. Last year, we were able to help hundreds of kids and families, and this year we hope to help even more. If you want to adopt a family at Christmas, call Kathleen Vanderziel at (775) 360-2450. Your support again is greatly appreciated.

If you want to make an impact in person, once again we are partnering with Bully's Sports Bar & Grill to offer our annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Donald W. Reynolds Facility on Wednesday, November 26. If you want to volunteer your time to help serve more than 1,500 meals to those in the community that are in need of a Thanksgiving meal, then call Anne Studebaker, Volunteer Coordinator, at (775) 360-2449. Call soon, as there are limited volunteer spots available.

And finally, we are also running our annual It Just Takes One campaign. Currently, Board members are in the community asking individuals to give generously to this year's campaign. Our goals are lofty, but there are still many more kids that we can serve. So as you reflect and give thanks for the things in your life, perhaps you can make a little room to help a child in need at the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows. You will be glad that you did!

For the kids,

Mike Wurm
Executive Director

Annual Awards Banquet set for Nov. 13

Join us for the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows Annual Awards Banquet presented by Hot August Nights Foundation, Nov. 13, 2014 at Silver Legacy Resort Casino, Exposition Hall. The Grease-themed event honors 2014 Distinguished Service Award Winner, Nick Rossi and the Male and Female Youth of the Year, Eric Cruz and Nikita Cleveland. Hosted cocktails begin at 5 p.m. with dinner and awards to follow at 6 p.m.

For sponsorship information or tickets please visit www.BGCTM.org or contact Allyson Bolton at (775) 360-2448 or abolton@bgctm.org.



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for serving meals to Club members at the Larry D. Johnson Teen Center and the Neil Road Site. **The CarMax Foundation** for a grant to support the Club's education program. **Employers Insurance** for 60 backpacks stuffed with supplies for members at the Club at Project Solution. **Lovig Farms** for donating 40 entries to their Pumpkin Patch for Club members at the Nancy Gomes and Lemmon Valley sites. **Zulily** for continual donations of clothing and supplies for Club families. **Nike Factory Store** for continual donations of clothing and shoes. **Northern Nevada Human Resource Association** for donation of \$1,200 for Club programming.



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Did You Know?

- . . . The Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows served more than 12,000 youth members in the community in 2013?
- . . . The Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows served more than 200,000 meals in 2013?
- . . . It costs \$20 a year to become a Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows member?
- . . . The Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows provided more than 40,000 bus/shuttle rides transporting kids to the Club in 2013?

Bully's and Boys & Girls Club host 11th Annual Community Thanksgiving



Bully's Sports Bar & Grill and the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows invites the community to its annual pre-Thanksgiving celebration, November 26 from 4 – 7 p.m. at the Donald W. Reynolds Facility on East Ninth Street in Reno.

The annual Community Thanksgiving dinner provides turkey and all the fixings for a free community meal. The dinner is now in its 11th year and all members of the community are invited to attend, celebrate and gobble up a traditional meal on the night before the national holiday.

The 11th annual event also includes free standard flu shots from the Christian Medical and Dental Association of the University of Nevada School of Medicine beginning at 4 p.m.

Also, bring down the whole family for free family photos along with free youth fingerprinting and I.D. kits and a special letter-writing station for those who may be unable to spend time with family this holiday season. For more information on Community Thanksgiving please call (775) 331-KIDS (5437) or visit www.bgctm.org.

Wish List: Musical Instruments of any kind, any kind of paper, paint, markers, crayons, pens, pencils, rulers, new school supplies, board games, child friendly DVD's, small toiletries, and small item prizes. Please call (775) 360-2450 for information.

Be part of the 2014 Holiday Help Program



The Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows, with tremendous support from the Reno, Sparks and Fernley communities, provides Christmas gifts and holiday meals to local club families in need. In 2013, the Club matched more than 200 families with the help of generous adopters, as well as those who provided extra toys. We were able to help more than 1,500 children.

Many of the families that receive help through our program are Club families that are either living on a very limited income or are homeless. The children in our Holiday Help program range in age from 5 to 18. All are currently enrolled at the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows and have attended the Club at least 52 times in the last year. Each family goes through a pre-screening process before their application is approved for the Holiday Help program, so we know these are families in need of assistance.

To adopt a Reno-Sparks family for the 2014 Holiday Help program please contact Kathleen Vanderziel at (775) 360-2450 or kvanderziel@bgctm.org. To adopt a family in Fernley please contact Robin Gane at (775) 303-5901 or rgane@bgctm.org.

Planned Giving Tree honors gifts to the Club



The great use of life is to spend it for something that outlasts it."
- William James
The Planned Giving Tree honors those individuals and foundations that, either through planned gifts or in-memoriam gifts, graciously chose the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows to receive their enduring support. The beautifully hand-painted Planned Giving Tree is located in the Youth Center at the Donald W. Reynolds Facility. For more information on planned giving please contact Iris A. Key, Director of Resource Development, at (775) 360-2455 or ikay@bgctm.org.

Locations
www.bgctm.org

- Donald W. Reynolds Facility**
2680 E. Ninth Street, Reno • (775) 331-KIDS (5437)
- William N. Pennington Facility**
1300 Foster Drive, Reno • (775) 331-KIDS (5437)
- Bernice Mathews Elementary School Site**
2750 Elementary Dr., Reno • (775) 331-KIDS (5437)
- Lois Allen Elementary School Site**
5155 McGuffey Road, Sun Valley
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- Rollan Melton Elementary School Site**
6575 Archimedes Lane, Reno • (775) 787-5626
- Verdi Elementary School Site**
250 Bridge Street, Verdi • (775) 762-5972
- Boys & Girls Club at Project Solution Community Complex**
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- Nancy Gomes Elementary School Site**
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- Neil Road Youth Site**
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- Donner Springs Elementary School Site**
5125 Escuela Way, Reno • (775) 200-8899
- Hidden Valley Elementary School Site**
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- Sun Valley Elementary School Site**
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- Cottonwood Elementary School Site**
925 Farm District Road, Fernley • (775) 360-2475
- Fernley Teen Center, Silverland Middle School Site**
1100 Jasmine Lane, Fernley • (775) 360-2490
- East Valley Elementary School Site**
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- Fernley Intermediate School Site**
320 Highway 95 A South, Fernley • (775) 360-2480
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- Sun Valley Teen Center**
115 W. Sixth Ave., Sun Valley • (775) 673-8484
- The Club at the Larry D. Johnson Community Center**
12th and Oddie Blvd., Sparks • (775) 353-7783
- The Club at Hug High**
South East Entrance, on campus • (775) 324-0234
- Joe Mitchell Center, Lemmon Valley**
325 Patrician Drive, Reno • (775) 622-0040

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Club Honors Youth of the Year



Every fall, the Annual Awards Banquet features some of the Club's shining stars, from performances from very talented Club kids to recognition of standout members throughout our area. But the highlight of every Awards Banquet is our Youth of the Year—two teen Club members (male and female) who epitomize what the Club does for the kids in our community. This year, we're proud to recognize Nikita Cleveland and Eric Cruz with this honor.



Nikita has been a Club member since she was just six years old. She quickly found the Club to be a fun and exciting place to spend her time and make new friends. Eleven years later, Nikita is still at the Club almost every day, now attending The Club at Hug High. She is the Keystone Club Secretary and utilizes many of the academic resources at the Club to stay on track in school. Nikita will graduate from Hug High School

this spring and plans to attend college to become a dental hygienist.

Eric first joined the Boys & Girls Club in 2011 when he was 13 years old. After a chance meeting with a Club staff at the grocery store, Eric's mom quickly signed up him and his two sisters to join the Sun Valley Teen Center. Since then, Eric has been highly active at the Club, especially in the Leaders in Training program. Eric is a senior at Coral Academy of Science and plans to attend college next year where he will study to become an emergency services nurse.

Nikita and Eric will share their stories of difficulty, resiliency and success to a crowd of more than 700 people at the Annual Awards Banquet on November 13 at the Silver Legacy Resort Casino.

Nick Rossi receives Distinguished Service Award



Nick Rossi, President of LP Insurance Services, will be presented with the Club's 2014 Distinguished Service Award at the Annual Awards Banquet, Nov. 13 at the Silver Legacy Resort Casino.

Born in Reno and a graduate of the University of Nevada, Nick Rossi is a lifetime resident of northern Nevada. Nick has seen a highly successful 34-year career in the local insurance industry. Today, as President of LP Insurance Services, Nick manages a team of over 100 employees at five locations throughout Nevada and northern California.

Nick joined the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows Board of Directors in 1991 where he tirelessly works on behalf of our local youth. He has sat on numerous committees, including the Executive Committee, as well as served as Board President in 2008. Nick also sits on the Board at Catholic Community Services, which he joined in 1991, and spent six years on the Bishop Manogue High School Board.

With his extensive record of service to the northern Nevada community and the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows, the Club is pleased to honor Nick Rossi with the 2014 Distinguished Service Award.

Pennington hosts first 'Family Night'

By Sarah Langley, Membership Coordinator



The William N. Pennington Facility hosted its first Family Night in October. For the first Family Night at the new facility, the Club had a great turnout, with more than 75

attendees. A Club Family Night, is basically a night for families to come in and enjoy a nice dinner and discuss a certain topic. This month's topic was 'Bullying' as October was Bullying Prevention month.

The event started with parent and family introductions and with parents explaining what makes them most proud of their children. One mom had lost her voice, and her kids took the microphone and said why they are proud of their mom (this brought the mom to tears). After all the families enjoyed dinner we presented an interactive slide show about bullying prevention. During the presentation, attendees shared tips and comments about bullying and how to prevent it with their children. The Pennington staff received great feedback from parents about the first Family Night and many were excited to learn about future dates for this activity.

Club members create mural at Hug High

By Eddie Guth, Art Coordinator



In recent weeks we implemented a new art project for our Club Members at the Teen Center at Hug High School. We planned to create murals with our teen members to get them interested in art. The following Club members participated in creating a new mural at Hug High School which they felt represented their school and city: Seini Mau, Carlos Rodriguez, Malina Finau and

Melaia Pouli. After the initial sketch was completed, the group was eager and excited to start painting. We are very proud of these Club members for dedicating their time and completing this project. They are all very proud of the final product and thrilled to leave their mark at the Teen Center and Hug High School for others to enjoy!

North Valleys Team connects with Lemmon Valley site

By Quinn Walther, Lemmon Valley Site Coordinator



During the month of October, the Lemmon Valley Club site received some special visits by members of the North Valleys High School varsity football team. The team volunteered to do some fun activities and play games like dodgeball and of

course, football. Our Club members at the Lemmon Valley site really enjoyed these visits from the team. Members of the North Valley team serve as great role models for our youth. A special thanks to North Valleys Coach, Alec Drudi and members of the team for taking the time to visit the Lemmon Valley Club site.

Register for Winter Youth Basketball League

By Kelli Beaulieu, Athletics Director



Registration is now open for the 2014-2015 Winter Youth Basketball League. Registration is open for all youth Kindergarten through 6th grade. The league runs from November 17 - March 5, 2015, with practices beginning Dec. 1 and games starting the

week of Jan. 17. The league fees are \$70 for non-Club members (fee includes \$20 membership fee, uniform and shoe bag) and \$50 for Club members (fee includes uniform and shoe bag). Financial assistance is available. Registration deadline is November 14. All parents and players must attend their mandatory draft nights (view schedule online at www.BGCTM.org).

To register visit www.BGCTM.org, download and complete the registration and membership forms (for new members). Please return forms and payment to either the Donald W. Reynolds Facility or the new William N. Pennington Facility on Foster Drive. For more information or questions please contact Kelli at (775) 360-2414 or kellib@bgctm.org.

Sites and Sounds

All about Science at Sun Valley site

By Kelcie Fausett, Sun Valley Site Coordinator



This fall Club members at the Sun Valley Elementary School site have received some special instruction and lessons in science from University of Nevada, Art major, Lisa Smith.

One week, Club members were tasked with creating a functional building with supplies such as marshmallows, spaghetti, and their imaginations. Included in this project were lessons of gravity and the science behind building structures. Additionally, Club members really

enjoyed the lesson on creating catapults using popsicle sticks and rubber bands. Of course, their favorite part of this project was the launching competition to see whose catapult would launch the furthest.

A special thanks to Ms. Lisa for bringing some creative and fun science projects to the Sun Valley site. Our Club members are excited to find out about the next project!

FIRST Lego League Teams ramp up

By Dan Pike, Technology Coordinator



The FIRST Lego League season is off to a great start as both Club teams have picked out their team names, reviewed their building and programming skills, and started research on their initial project. The 9th Street Team Galaxy is beginning the process of teambuilding and promotion along with getting organized for the robotics challenge. They

recently gave a demonstration of their robot building skills to the Club's board of directors. Our second team is a rookie team at our Club site at Cottonwood Elementary School in Fernley. Team Energizer Bunnies are currently practicing their robot building and programming skills along with preparing for their very first season of FIRST Lego League competition. We are all very excited for this year's challenge FLL World Class competition as we will be tackling issues on how technology effects education.

Sun Valley sites host Day of Service Project

By Heather Sam, Sun Valley Teen Center Coordinator & Brenda Torres, Lois Allen Site Coordinator



The Boys & Girls Club sites in Sun Valley hosted a park clean for 9/11 National Day of Service. The Club site at Lois Allen Elementary and the Sun Valley Teen Center worked together to clean up the Sun Valley Community Park. More than 25

volunteers came out to work including high school students from the Spanish Springs Jobs for American Graduates program. In total, the group collected more than ten bags of garbage and debris. Thanks to all who volunteered for this 9/11 Day of Service Project!

Club members giving back at Pennington

By Dylan Gaddis, Pennington Youth Site Coordinator



Club members at the Pennington Facility are learning how to give back to the community. In September, we celebrated and honored Military Appreciation week with several art projects for our Club members. In the classrooms, staff provided some history lessons and information about the five branches of military, and Club members wrote letters of appreciation to soldiers from Nevada currently serving our country overseas.

Additionally, the Torch Club at the new Pennington Facility is being developed. So far, the Club has planned its goals for the school year, including raising money for the M.S. Society. The group would also like to complete some community service projects for the Nevada Humane Society.

Teens 'Walk in Memory'

By Akeya Champion, Larry D. Johnson Teen Site Coordinator



In September, Club members at the Larry D. Johnson (LDJ) Teen Center participated in the Nevada Coalition for Suicide 8th annual Walk in Memory. The walk is a statewide initiative for suicide prevention that takes place during National Suicide Prevention Week. This is the third year Club members from the LDJ Teen Center have participated

in the walk. Club members created ribbons to sell to use as a donation during the walk and raised nearly \$100 to give back to the Nevada Coalition for Suicide.

Money Matters graduates visit S.F.

By Ta-Tiana Anderson-Hall, L.I.T Coordinator



During Fall break, 16 Club members who recently completed the Money Matters financial literacy course received the opportunity to travel to San Francisco. During the trip we toured the Federal Reserve building, where Club members learned about the financial currency system in this country

and they also received bags of shredded dollar bills as a memento (they all thought that was pretty cool).

After touring the Federal Reserve we visited Pier 39 and took a tour of the entire city on a double decker tour bus. We stayed overnight at the Ernest Ingolds Clubhouse of the Boys & Girls Club of San Francisco and visited the San Francisco Zoo and the University of San Francisco on our last day of the trip.

The Club members really enjoyed the visit to San Francisco made possible by Charles Schwab Bank. We look forward to a return trip in the spring with a new group of teens that have completed the Money Matters Program.

Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Events at the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows



November 13, 2014
Annual Awards Banquet

November 26, 2014
Bully's Community Thanksgiving

December 8 - 19, 2014
Holiday Help Program

February 28, 2015
35th Annual Jack T. Reviglio Cioppino Feed and Auction

April 1, 2015
Boys & Girls Nite Out

May 9, 2015
Kickoff to Summer & BBQ

Contact Anne Studebaker, Volunteer Coordinator at (775) 360-2449 or astudebaker@bgctm.org about volunteer opportunities for one of these great events!

Tis' the season for Volunteers

By Anne Studebaker, Volunteer Coordinator



In October, 55 employees from the new CarMax store in Reno completed volunteer projects at six of our Club sites. While at the Club they

assisted in facility maintenance and connected with many of our Club members while helping them with homework. The enthusiastic CarMax team is very excited to continue to volunteer at the Club and we appreciate their support!

Many volunteer opportunities are coming up during the holiday season. We have Club site holiday parties, the Community Thanksgiving event, and numerous other community events. Holiday Help is also fast approaching, and we are hoping to utilize volunteers this year to help with gift wrapping and helping families and donors load and unload gifts from vehicles. We need volunteers for the Holiday Help program December 15 - 19. If you are interested in volunteering for any of these opportunities, please contact Anne Studebaker at (775) 360-2449 or astudebaker@bgctm.org.



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