The term “summer learning loss” has become commonplace in the world of education. Put simply, it refers to the amount of knowledge youth “lose” during an extended time away from school, like summer break. This loss means more review time at the beginning of the school year, and it has even been shown to accumulate year after year and put youth at a disadvantage earlier in middle and high school.

At the same time, summer learning loss is highly preventable, and at the Boys & Girls Club, we have lots of fun and engaging educational programs that fight summer learning loss at its core. First are our educational specialty camps. The programs are designed to offer hands-on experiences and interactive activities. Plus, with high-yield learning the members will be able to conduct earth and physical science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM) activities in the new William N. Pennington Facility and the Frank & Dee Foster Foundation Science Room where learning is fun and results in high yields on learning.

Throughout the summer, all of these activities and programs will work together to help ensure that Club kids head back to school this fall with all they need to succeed. Together, all of these activities and programs will serve more than 2,000 youth in the area.

In addition to camps, we also offer regular gym classes, basketball, skateboarding, and hands-on activities. Plus, with high-yield learning experiences integrated into all Club programs, members will have constant opportunities to exercise their brains, whether it’s making a basket in a basketball game, reading the rules to a new board game or using measurements in an art project. Together, these activities and programs will help ensure that Club kids head back to school this fall on track to learn, grow and succeed in school.

If you’re interested in more information about the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows, or would like to host a fundraiser for the Club, please call (775) 331-KIDS (5437) or visit www.BGCTM.org.

Thank You, Thank You

To the more than 300 individuals that partnered with Club members at Boys & Girls Nite Out, The Hidden Rabbit Family Foundation for continuing the support of the new Pennington Facility and youth scholarships, Valley Focus and the Nevada Humanities for Sharing Program for supporting the Club’s education program. A special thanks to Stifel, Inc. for providing Project Learn grant. The Club would like to thank members for national Heroes grant for Fernley Intermediate site. And a special thank you to the Fernley Rotary Club and Daytime Rotary for their contribution for Summer Camp and for kind donation of men’s, women’s and children’s clothing.

Welcome Home Celebration, scientists that return for donation from Toy Drive, and the Nevada Sunshine Garden and Flowers for Easter Baskets at the Early Learning Programs.

For registration questions, please call (775) 331-KIDS (5437) or visit www.BGCTM.org.

Open just in time for summer

The grand opening ceremony for the new William N. Pennington Boys & Girls Club Facility is set for Tuesday, May 21 from 5 - 9 p.m. In addition to outside games and activities, the new facility will feature 5,000 square feet of space for a gymnasium, art rooms and recreation rooms and art rooms. It will also house a commercial grade kitchen, a computer lab, a multi-purpose room/and an environment to serve other organizations, as well as a larger backyard area.

The Pennington facility starts June 16 and registration is currently open. The new Pennington facility’s first summer camp program will begin in June, and we’re excited to meet the programming staff. Summer camp program registration and membership orientations will also be available.

For more information about the new William N. Pennington Facility please call (775) 331-KIDS (5437) or visit www.BGCTM.org.
Hot August Nights donates $100K to new Pennington Facility

In keeping with its mission, the Hot August Nights Foundation announced its contribution to the new Pennington Foundation and its work to provide for the “under served youth” of the Reno community. At a reception held on Tuesday, April 15, Hot August Nights Foundation announced the contribution to the new Pennington facility and also honored the 2013 Youth of the Year winner, Katie Harrison and 2013 HAN scholarship recipient, Kevin David. At the event, Hot August Nights Foundation Board President Mike Luce said, “We feel it will not only enhance the lives of the youth in our community, but it will help expand the brand of the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows, thus giving to those who have this opportunity to make this contribution and we’re looking forward to supporting the new facility.”

Additionally, Hot August Nights Foundation is the presenting sponsor for the Club’s Annual Awards Banquet, April 15, 2014, at downtown Reno and sponsors the Club’s Winter Youth Basketball League.

There’s still time to purchase your brick

Although, the grand opening of the new William H. Pennington Foundation is set for May 20, there is still time to purchase a brick for the Club-Brick Campaign for approximately $50 per brick. Each brick includes a company name, each brick is unique to its owner. All bricks that were purchased by April 4, 2014 will be included in the first installation of the bricks. All proceeds will be used to support the Club.

The Club is accepting orders for the “Brick-By-Brick Campaign” in the following options: Gold Level at $500 per brick. With a cateder view of the outside of the facility, the club members talked with David Wise during lunch and each had the opportunity to view his gold medal at the 2012 Olympic Games. After lunch members were invited to network and exchange ideas.

A special thanks to Northstar and Draper Strategies and Community First for providing this memorable opportunity for Club members.

LIT’s visit San Francisco

During the past couple of months, the Leaders in Training (LIT’s) have been busy getting involved in their community and enjoying new experiences. The recent City of Reno-Ward 3 Clean-Up Project got the LIT’s out in their neighborhood to lend a hand. Prior to the event, the City of Reno Councilman Delgado (former Club member and Youth of the Year) made a special appearance to explain to the LIT’s the importance of community. The LIT’s turned out in record numbers and participated in the City of Reno’s Day of Service event. In this event the LIT’s learned about saving, “wants vs. needs”, and a little bit about what it’s like to be in a teen center. The selected FICS to be a part of the “My Path” program this summer.

Sun Valley starts Hula Dance Team

Club members at the Sun Valley Elementary School participating in lots of fun activities this spring. Club members at the site organized its first ever Hula Dance Team led by Mrs. Lui. After hours of practice and preparation the Hula Dance Team performed at the Atlantis Casino during a recent dance competition. The group danced to various Hawaiian themed songs and had a fantastic time performing in front of an audience. Way to go, girls!

Additionally, Club members at the Sun Valley site participated in National Hula Week. The Sun Valley site has a hula dance team made up of different students. They performed a variety of different dances and participated in different dance themes.

Club members visit Bishop Manogue

By Jackie Cavita Allen, Bishop Manogue Catholic High School Campus Director

A small but very engaged group of students came to Bishop Manogue Catholic High School on April 4 and learned just what it’s like to be a Niner!

During their Preview Day the group attended a variety of academic classes, including French with teacher Leslie Rughett, art class with Mr. Peterson and a Financial Literacy class taught by the Athletic Director, and had some “fun and games” time with our leadership students.

Students interested in visiting Bishop Manogue can contact Admissions Director Nicole Brown at (775) 346-6000. Admissions information can also be found on the Manogue website www.bishopmanogue.org/Admissions.

Jacksons support Club with H2Good

Jacksons Food Stores in Reno and Sparks are supporting the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows through H2Good, an initiative that gives back 25 cents to the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows for every bottle of water sold in Reno and Sparks.

H2Good is available at any Jacksons stores in Sparks and Reno. The program kicked off in April and continues through the summer.

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