

# ClubChronicle

A publication of the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows



## Open just in time for summer . . . .

I can't believe it is May already! Did you find yourself saying that a couple of weeks ago like me? As we get older the time certainly seems to fly by faster each year. This year more than ever! May is always exciting around the Club. It means the school year is nearing an end and graduations are right around the corner. Over the next few weeks, we will watch quite a few Club kids graduate. An exciting and nervous time for them, it is definitely a time when we can take great pride in seeing how our support and guidance has helped lead them on the path towards adulthood.

Summertime also means school is out, and when school is out, we are in! All during the school year we are here for kids to support them in their efforts to be successful in school. We embrace our role as support for our school district and do our part to help kids progress on time and towards graduation by offering homework help and many additional learning opportunities. But summer creates a unique opportunity for us. It is a time when we can do more than just support learning... we can lead children in learning. With the long break ahead, many educators worry that our youth are losing too much information learned in school, so our summer programming not only aims at helping kids retain what they have learned, but also at gaining new information. So forget about the summer drain, at the Boys & Girls Club it is a SUMMER GAIN!

This May has another level of excitement for us as well. In our 38 year history as the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows, we have only built one building. To date, our growth to 19 sites has come through leasing and sharing space with city and county entities, as well as the school district. On May 20, 2014, we will unveil our newest building, the William N. Pennington Facility at 1300 Foster Drive in Reno. While the Boys & Girls Club name will grace the project, it has been inspiring to see so many people come together to make this project a reality. The closing of the YMCA building on that same property created a void that, for the past ten years, has meant a lack of services for kids and families in that community. The grand opening of the Pennington Facility marks the beginning of a new era of opportunities to the thousands of school-aged kids that live nearby. We have been so excited to work with the City of Reno, the William N. Pennington Foundation, and many other individuals, corporations and local foundations to secure the funding necessary to complete this project.

I would like to personally invite you to join us at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 20, to celebrate the grand opening of the William N. Pennington Facility. You're also invited to a Community Open House from 5 - 9 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, where you can tour the building and register your kids for the Club's summer camp program. Please take a few moments to browse this issue of our newsletter, and I hope to see you at one of our grand opening events. These next few months will be an incredibly exciting time, not only for our organization, but for kids throughout northern Nevada.

For the kids,

Mike Wurm  
Chief Professional Officer

## New William N. Pennington Facility Grand Opening Ceremony May 20



The grand opening ceremony for the new William N. Pennington Boys & Girls Club Facility is set for Tuesday, May 20 at 11 a.m. The new 55,000 square foot facility located on Foster Drive in Reno includes separate areas for teens, tweens and youth with homework rooms, computer labs, recreation rooms and art rooms. It will also house a commercial-grade kitchen, a cafeteria/multi-purpose room and a four-court gymnasium, as well as a large backyard area.

Once open, the facility will serve upwards of 3,000 youth annually, an increase of more than 25 percent of the Club's current membership. The summer camp program at the new Pennington facility starts June 16 and registration is currently open for traditional day camp and specialty camps.

In addition to the grand opening ceremony, a Community Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, May 21 from 5 - 9 p.m. At the open house attendees can tour the new building and 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](http://www.BGCTM.org).

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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 new William N. Pennington Boys & Girls Club Facility Grand Opening Ceremony is May 20?

## Thank You, Thank You



To the more than 300 volunteers that partnered with Club members at Boys & Girls Nite Out. **Hot August Nights Foundation** for contribution to the new Pennington Facility and youth scholarships. **Macy's** and their Thanks for Sharing program for supporting the Club's education program. **Umpequa Bank** for providing Project Learn grant. **Fernley Lowe's** for national Heroes grant for Fernley Intermediate site. **Under Armour** for in-kind donation of men's, women's and children's clothing. **Northstar California Resort and Draper Strategies and Communications** for Club members participation in David Wise Welcome Home Celebration. **Galena High School, National Honor Society Club** for donation from Toy Drive. **United Federal Credit Union**

and **Great Call** for Easter Baskets at the Early Learning Program. **Home Depot Northtowne store** for volunteers and supplies for Sun Valley Teen Center Garden. **Sun Valley GiD** for Easter Egg Hunt. **Reno Aces** and **University of Nevada Baseball** for tickets to exhibition game at Aces Park. **Breakthrough Training** for leading staff members through customer service training session. **Cal Ripken Baseball** for donation of sports equipment.

## Boys & Girls Club offers fun, affordable summer camps at Reno, Sparks and Fernley sites



The Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows begins registration in May for exciting summer camp programs including traditional day camp, field trips, specialty camps and more at sites in Reno, Sparks and Fernley. Registration and Club membership orientations are available May through June for the summer program which runs June 16 – August 8, 2014 (Reno and Sparks sites). Early registration is recommended as space is limited for specialty camp programs. Summer camp enrollees get all-day activities, breakfast and lunch included, and supervision by adults who make it a priority to keep the activities fun during the summer break.

Summer camp registration and Club membership orientations are available at these youth camp (ages 6-12) sites: Donald W. Reynolds Facility, Neil Road Youth Site, Joe Mitchell Community Center in Lemmon Valley, Billingshurst Middle School, Fernley Intermediate School and the

new William N. Pennington Facility (beginning May 21). Youth site summer hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. (Fernley hours are Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.).

Teen Center (ages 13-18) summer sites include: Donald W. Reynolds Facility, the new William N. Pennington Facility, Sun Valley Teen Center, Larry D. Johnson Teen Center and Fernley Teen Center at Fernley Intermediate School (hours vary at Teen Center sites).

All summer Club members take part in organized activities ranging from sports, art-and-crafts, dance and computers. Frequent field trips allow kids to visit places such as the Nevada Discovery Museum, Wild Island Family Adventure Park, Roller Kingdom and more. Throughout the summer, the Club also features specialty summer camp programs focusing on diverse activities such as robotics, music, dance, equestrian, science, sports adventure and many more. Fees for traditional summer camp as low as \$40 per week with financial assistance available.

For more information about the summer camp program or Club membership please call (775) 331-KIDS (5437) or visit [www.BGCTM.org](http://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.

## Club combats summer learning loss

By Lauren Soulam, Grants Director



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 as they enter 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 summer specialty camps. These week-long intensives include Science Camp, Robotics Camp, Rocket Build and Sherlock Holmes Detective Camp, all of which develop critical thinking skills and use interactive activities to reinforce classroom lessons. The highlight of educational specialty camps is Club Kids' College, which takes groups of members to the University of Nevada campus to learn about college life and what it takes to pursue higher education.

In addition to camps, we also offer regular programming throughout the summer to keep kids' minds active. In June, we will launch our STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) Room where members will be able to conduct earth and physical science experiments, explore new uses for technology, and learn about engineering through guest speakers and hands-on activities. Plus, with high-yield learning activities integrated into all Club programming, members will have constant opportunities to exercise their brains, whether it's keeping score in a basketball game, reading the rules to a new board game or using measurements in an art project.

Together, all of 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.

Locations  
[www.bgctm.org](http://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)
- Lois Allen Elementary School Site**  
5155 McGuffey Road, Sun Valley  
(775) 673-4188 Fax (775) 331-3677
- Rollan Melton Elementary School Site**  
6575 Archimedes Lane, Reno • (775) 787-5626
- Verdi Elementary School**  
250 Bridge Street, Verdi • (775) 762-5972
- Libby Booth Elementary School**  
1450 Stewart Street, Reno • (775) 229-9538
- Nancy Gomes Elementary School**  
3870 Limkin, Reno • (775) 229-9539
- Neil Road Youth Site**  
3905 Neil Road, Reno • (775) 828-3940
- Donner Springs Elementary School Site**  
5125 Escuela Way, Reno • (775) 200-8899
- Hidden Valley Elementary School Site**  
2115 Alphabet Drive, Reno • (775) 815-2703
- Sun Valley Elementary School Site**  
5490 Leon Drive, Sun Valley • (775) 673-3307
- Cottonwood Elementary School**  
925 Farm District Road, Fernley • (775) 360-2475
- Fernley Teen Center, Silverland Middle School**  
1100 Jasmine Lane, Fernley • (775) 360-2490
- East Valley Elementary School**  
4180 Farm District Road, Fernley • (775) 360-2485
- Fernley Intermediate School**  
320 Highway 95 A South, Fernley • (775) 360-2480
- The Early Learning Program at the E. L. Wiegand Youth Center**  
1270 Foster Drive, Reno • (775) 322-9030
- The Club at the Donald W. Reynolds Facility**  
2680 E. Ninth St., Reno • (775) 331-KIDS (5437)
- The Club at the William N. Pennington Facility**  
1300 Foster Drive, Reno • (775) 360-2463
- 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

# Hot August Nights donates \$100K to new Pennington Facility



In keeping with its mission Hot August Nights Foundation contributed \$100,000 to the new 55,000 square foot William N. Pennington Boys & Girls Club Facility located on Foster Drive in Reno. The grand opening ceremony for the new facility is May 20 and

will serve an additional 3,000 kids in the 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 2014 Nevada Youth of the Year winner, Katie Harrison and 2013 HAN scholarship recipients, Jevin Daugherty and Eva Hernandez. "We feel it will not only enhance the lives of the youth in our community, it will help expand the brand of the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows," said Tony Marini, executive director of Hot August Nights. "Our foundation is proud to have this opportunity to make this contribution and we're looking forward to expanding our presence in the new facility." Additionally, Hot August Nights Foundation is the presenting sponsor for the Club's Annual Awards Banquet (November 13, 2014 at the Silver Legacy) 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 N. Pennington Facility is set for May 20 there is still time to purchase a brick for the Brick-by-Brick Campaign. For as little as \$100, individuals and companies

can buy a brick at the new facility that includes a custom engraved message. Honor a family member or recognize 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 brick pavers prior to the grand opening ceremony. Bricks sold after the grand opening will be installed on various dates throughout the year.

These bricks line the entrance to the new facility and serve as a lasting reminder to everyone of who supports the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows. Proceeds from the Brick-by-Brick Campaign directly support the new facility. Brick options include: Gold Level at \$500 per brick (bricks make up the signature Boys & Girls Club "hands" logo); Silver Level at \$250 per brick (bricks make up the area around the "hands" logo); and Bronze Level at \$100 per brick (bricks make up the remainder of the walkway).

To select, design and purchase a custom brick visit [www.BGCTM.org/BRICKS](http://www.BGCTM.org/BRICKS) or call (775) 331-KIDS (5437).

# Jacksons support Club with H2Good



Jacksons Food Stores in Reno and Sparks are supporting the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows through H2Good, an electrolyte enhanced water. Jacksons will give 25 cents to the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows for every bottle sold in Reno and Sparks.

H2Good is available at any Jacksons Food Store location. Look for "benefiting the Boys & Girls Clubs" on the label.

A statement on Jacksons Food Store's website reads "Aside from the goodness of electrolytes, our H2Good water is infused with the unique power to bring good to your community. Please help us spread the good!"

# Club members meet David Wise

By Samantha Elliott, Membership Coordinator



In March more than 60 Club members and staff from the Donald W. Reynolds Facility took a chartered bus ride to Northstar California Resort for the "Welcome Home Celebration" for Olympic gold medalist David Wise. The day started

with a catered lunch by Northstar with David Wise that included autographs and pictures with the Olympian. Club members talked with David Wise during lunch and each had the opportunity to view his gold medal from the 2014 Sochi Olympic Winter Games. After lunch members were invited to roller skate at Northstar's rink with David Wise.

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

# Keystone Club assists Ward 3 Cleanup

By Maureen Jacinto, Keystone Historian, Club Member



The Keystone Club has been very generous with their time and support of the community this year. In March, the Club participated in the City of Reno Ward 3 Cleanup Project.

Working with other members of the community, Club members were able to help clean the neighborhood and build some relationships in the community. The Ward 3 Clean Up project was a very organized and coordinated event. Many Keystone Club members commented on the opportunity to help serve the community through similar upcoming projects. This experience allowed Club members to be more open with each other, and to simply learn how to have a good time with one another. The Keystone Club is excited to continue to improve our community and become better people in the process.

The Keystone Club is a teen leadership program that provides opportunities for young people to participate in activities in three focus areas: community service, academic success and career exploration. Keystone Clubs aim to have a positive impact on members, the Club and community.

# FIS receives Lowe's National Hero Grant

By Shaenci Cossio, Area Director



In April, the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows received a \$5,000 gift from LOWE'S as the recipient of their Annual LOWE'S Hero Grant. The Fernley Intermediate School (FIS) site received

three of the local stores' Hero Grants back in November when more than 100 LOWE'S Hero volunteers completed a Club 'Extreme Make-Over'. The original grant money and volunteer hours, which exceeded 1,000 man hours, created a more child friendly atmosphere complete with new carpet and paint throughout as well as new cabinets, counters, storage, and basic equipment to make the space a true Boys & Girls Club.

Once the project was complete, the H.R. Manager for LOWE'S, Monica Enget, approached the company's corporate managers to nominate the project for the National LOWE'S Heroes project of the year. Thanks to all the work by the local LOWE'S Heroes, the project won the National Grant for an additional \$5,000 for the FIS site. This grant will make it possible to put new technology into the Club and provide members with more opportunities and experiences at the FIS site. The FIS site serves more than 70 members a day during the school year and more than 200 members during the summer.

As the Area Director for the Fernley sites, I would like to thank Robin Gane, site coordinator at FIS and Monica Enget, Human Resources Manager for the Fernley LOWE'S. They have turned their dream into a reality and have truly made the Fernley site an exceptional place for kids to learn and grow.

# LIT's visit San Francisco

By Stacey Walquist, Leaders In Training Coordinator



During the past couple of months, the Leaders in Training (LIT's) have been busy getting involved in the community and enjoying new experiences. The recent City of Reno Ward 3 Cleanup Project got the LIT's out in their

neighborhood to lend a hand. Prior to the event, City of Reno Councilman Oscar Delgado (former Club member and Youth of the Year) made a special guest appearance at the DWR Facility to explain to the LIT's the importance of community. The LIT's turned out for the event and helped pick up garbage around the Boys & Girls Club and surrounding neighborhood. Overall, the event was very rewarding for the LIT's and it is the hope that community service events like this will encourage more civic engagement.

When the LIT's were not busy cleaning up their neighborhood, they were exploring new ones! In April, graduates of the Money Matters Program from each Teen site were invited to a trip to San Francisco to gain some financial literacy knowledge. Among many other activities, the LIT's were invited to attend a presentation about the "MY Path" Program, which they will be participating in this summer. Students at John O'Connell High School in the Mission District of San Francisco presented the program. The LIT's learned about saving, "wants vs. needs", and a little about what it's like to be a teen in San Francisco. LIT's are looking forward to participating in the "My Path" Program this summer.

Thanks to Charles Schwab for sponsoring the Money Matters Program and the LIT's trip to San Francisco.

# Sites and Sounds

# Lemmon Valley hosts Easter Egg Hunt

By Quinn Walther, Lemmon Valley Site Coordinator

In March, the Lemmon Valley site hosted their 2nd annual Easter Egg Hunt for Club members and their families. Prior to the event, the Lemmon site partnered with the Reno Kiwanis Club and the Spanish Springs Key Club to produce the event. Between the organizing groups more than 3,000 Easter Eggs, including 200 hard boiled and dyed eggs, and eight different activities were organized for Club families. The activities included face painting, coloring contest, egg toss, ladder ball and bean bag toss.

The Lemmon Valley site received great feedback for the event from Club members and their families, even though the weather took a turn for the worst on the day of the event. A huge thanks to the Reno Kiwanis Club and the Spanish Springs Key Club for their support and volunteers for this event!



# Lois Allen participates in Nevada Moves Day

By Brenda Torres, Lois Allen Site Coordinator



In March, Club members at the Lois Allen site participated in Nevada Moves Day. Nevada Moves Day is a statewide event that celebrates the benefits of walking, bicycling and other physical activities. Club members spent the entire day outside playing sports and

games. A spirited game of whiffle ball seemed to be the favorite activity of the day. Additionally, the site's Torch Club opened their snack shack for the event and offered a variety of healthy snacks and drinks for Club members.

# Sun Valley starts Hula Dance Team

By Kelcie Fausett, Sun Valley Site Coordinator



Club members at the Sun Valley Elementary School site are 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 Nevada Moves Day in March. Staff prepped different stations including football, basketball, soccer, hula hooping and various other activities to keep kids active and moving. A station was set up to teach kids about healthy eating and the importance of daily exercises. A special thanks to members of the University of Nevada Football team who visited the Club to volunteer for this event!

# Club Members visit Bishop Manogue

By Jackie Cavilia Allen, Bishop Manogue Catholic High School



A small but very engaged group of young people from the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows visited Bishop Manogue Catholic High School on April 4 and learned just what it's like to be a Miner!

During their Preview Day the group attended a variety of academic classes, including French with teacher Leslie Righetti, aka "Madame R." The group ate lunch with current students in the cafeteria, toured the sports facilities with 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 Browne at (775) 336-6045. Admissions information can also be found on the Manogue website, [www.bishopmanogue.org/Admissions](http://www.bishopmanogue.org/Admissions).

# Film Camps produce short films

By Dan Pike, Technology Coordinator

We are having "reel" fun in the Film Camps as Club members create their own short films. Since January, many Club sites hosted a week long film camp. In each camp, Club members get to experience building a story and watch it come to life as they write their own scripts, create their own props, and act out each scene. Club members have been working hard on some incredible film concepts this year, which will be screened at the Club's annual Film Festival, May 28. Prior to that, each Club site film will be entered into the Holland Project Film Festival, May 21, to earn local recognition.



We invite Film Camp members, their families, and special guests to attend the annual Film Festival for an evening of popcorn, snacks and complete red carpet movie experience. Each site will be awarded Oscars and recognized for different "best of" categories. Individual awards such as best actor/actress in each age category are recognized.

Here are snapshots of three of the upcoming films including: "The Revenge of Average Joes," a member imagined sequel to the ever popular film "Dodgeball" in which a group of average students take on their nemesis, the Hall Monitors in an epic professional Dodgeball match to win money for their school. "Smurfs III" is a film that takes three Smurfs out of their world into a new world of wonder, but when they get trapped because of a wizard's spell they have to figure out how to get home. "The Comebacks" is a parody of a parody sports movie in which an outcast learns to play football and becomes accepted by his peers.

Club members in Film Camps are very excited to release their work at the annual Film Festival!

# Mark Your Calendars



Upcoming Events at the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows

June 7, 2014  
Ballers Extravaganza

August 22, 2014  
Microsoft Charity Golf Tournament

September 20, 2014  
Day for Kids

November 13, 2014  
Annual Awards Banquet

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

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

# Volunteers celebrated at Appreciation Dinner

By Anne Studebaker, Volunteer Coordinator

In April, the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows celebrated its volunteers by hosting the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

Approximately 40 volunteers enjoyed dinner and an awards presentation. Volunteers from the Foster Grandparent program were honored for their hard work and dedication to the Club. Alan and Irene Chappell who run the chess program were honored. The Chappell's give more than 20 hours per week to the Club. The staff and members are very appreciative of these amazing individuals who share their time. A special thanks to all of the Club's volunteers!

If you are interested in volunteering at the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows please contact Anne Studebaker, Volunteer Coordinator at (775) 360-2449 or [astudebaker@bgctm.org](mailto:astudebaker@bgctm.org).



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