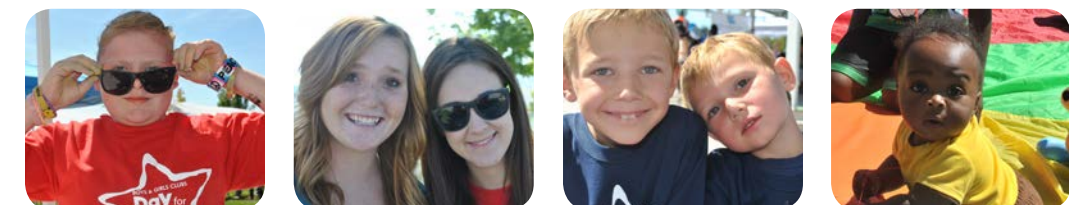


# ClubChronicle

A publication of the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows



## Making out-of-school programs a priority

Summer '14 has been GREAT! When we first proposed to build the new facility on Foster Drive, there were some who questioned the need for another large Boys & Girls Club facility. Those concerned thought the new facility would simply take members away from the current Donald W. Reynolds Facility on East 9th Street. Now that we are nearing the end of summer, I can tell you unequivocally that we did not draw kids away from the existing centers, but instead, have reached new highs at most of our traditional summer sites while far exceeding the expectations for the new building. In fact, as summer comes to an end, we are seeing nearly 1,200 kids a day just between the Donald W. Reynolds Facility and the William N. Pennington Facility, and that does not include our other summer youth sites at Billinghurst, Fernley, Neil Road and Lemmon Valley!

As we look ahead to finishing a great summer and heading into the new school year, our mission remains stronger than ever. The issues our youth face locally mirror many of the concerns kids face nationally. Nearly a quarter of Washoe County high school students are overweight or obese, 23 percent of children under age 18 in Reno/Sparks live in poverty, and while we have made great strides towards improvement, 27 percent of local high school students are not graduating.

How do we reverse the most negative trends facing young people today? One way is by recognizing the importance of out-of-school time. The out-of-school environment—after school and summer—plays an essential, yet often overlooked, role in transforming kids' lives and Nevada's future. What happens during the hours between school and home can have a dramatic impact on a child's future, especially in the areas of education, health and character development. By providing access to positive, productive programs and caring adult mentors after school and during summer, we can help change the future for our youth and our community.

Despite the transformational impact of out-of-school programs, every day there are still kids leaving school with no place to go, putting them at risk of being unsupervised, unguided and unsafe during these critical afterschool hours. Furthermore, during the summer, there are still children that lack access to expanded learning opportunities, which increases their risk of learning loss and falling behind before the next school year begins. If the next generation and our community are to succeed, it is imperative we redefine the opportunity equation for all kids by elevating the critical role that out-of-school time plays in a child's future success.

The success of the William N. Pennington Facility certainly helps create a multitude of new opportunities for children, but we continue to ask you to make out-of-school programs a priority and help us empower the next generation to achieve a great future. We will continue to advocate on behalf of kids and work with public, private and nonprofit partners around our goal of ensuring every child and teen has access to a safe, engaging and productive environment during the out-of-school time. Together, we can provide access to life-changing programs after school and during the summer that enable kids to be successful in school and in adulthood, to be healthy and active, and to develop the strong character skills needed to become Nevada's future leaders. Together, we can transform individual lives as well as the future of our community.

For the kids,

Mike Wurm  
Executive Director

## Microsoft Golf Tournament benefits Club



Microsoft's 6th Annual Charity Golf Tournament benefiting the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows tees off Friday, August 22, on the Lakes Course at Red Hawk Golf and Resort. This is truly one of the finest events of its kind in northern Nevada – featuring a high quality tournament with an exclusive field of 128 players. The event also features a "Welcome Party" the night before the tournament with great tee prizes for each player. Proceeds from this year's tournament directly benefit the Boys

& Girls Club's S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) education programs.

Silent Auction donation items are still being accepted and hole sponsorships are still available at \$200. For more information visit [www.BGCTM.org](http://www.BGCTM.org) or contact Allyson Bolton, (775) 360-2448 or [abolton@bgctm.org](mailto:abolton@bgctm.org).

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## Did You Know?

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- . . . 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?

## Thank You, Thank You



To the Cintas Corporation for bike donations to more than 30 Club members. Zulilly for donations of clothes, shoes, and home goods. PPG Architectural Coatings for donation. Spruce Janitorial for providing backpacks and school supplies to more than 30 Club members. Employers Insurance Company for school supplies donation. Wells Fargo for grant to support Project Learn. Michael's Craft Store (Sparks) for donation of arts and crafts supplies and books to Sun Valley Elementary School site. eCarrot for providing summer learning program to Club members. Hot August Nights for hosting the Great Futures Rally under the Reno Arch. Northern Nevada Toyota Dealers for the Toyota Tacoma Truck raffle. Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) and Macy's for Be Book Smart promotion. U.S. Bank for hosting Club members in a suite for a Reno Aces game. Henry Schein for donating backpacks and school supplies for Club members.

## Tickets on sale for Barrels & Bites, Sept. 26

Barrels & Bites, presented by Southern Wine and Spirits, is northern Nevada's premier event for food, wine, beer and spirit connoisseurs. The event takes place Friday, Sept. 26 at the Peppermill Resort Hotel. In addition to more than 500 wines from world-renowned vineyards, attendees sample fine beers, spirits, specialty cocktails and fantastic cuisine within themed areas in the venue. A silent and live auction rounds out the event with all proceeds from the evening benefiting the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows.

Tickets are only \$50 in advance, \$65 at the door. In addition to event entry, each ticket grants free admission to the after party at Edge Nightclub to keep the festivities going. For additional information and to purchase tickets, visit [www.barrelsandbites.com](http://www.barrelsandbites.com) or contact Allyson Bolton, (775) 360-2448 or [abolton@bgctm.org](mailto:abolton@bgctm.org).

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**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.

## Great Futures Campaign launches

By David Taylor, Marketing Director



The Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows recently set-up its 21st area location underneath the iconic Reno Arch during Hot August Nights, the region's largest special event. This local Great Futures Rally (pop-up Club)

was part of the national launch of the Great Futures Campaign for Boys & Girls Club of America.

The Great Futures Campaign is an initiative to mobilize the country in support of kids and empower our nation's youth to achieve success. The Campaign looks to elevate the critical role out-of-school time plays in a child's chance for a great future. Every day, 15 million kids leave school with no place to go, putting them at risk of being unsupervised, unguided and unsafe.

As a leading advocate for youth, Boys & Girls Clubs nationwide want to ensure every child has access to a safe place after school and during the summer where they can build the knowledge, skills and behaviors to put them on the right path. Through the Great Futures Campaign, the Boys & Girls Club wants to transform the future of our kids, community and country.

For more information about the Great Futures Campaign please visit [www.BGCTM.org](http://www.BGCTM.org).

## Volunteer as a Big Brother or Big Sister

By Rebecca Allured, Marketing & Communications Manager, BBBS of Northern Nevada



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern Nevada is in the business of changing the lives of at-risk kids in our community. But they can't do it without the help of volunteer mentors!

It only takes one hour a week to have a lasting positive impact on a child and help them realize their potential – not to mention it's so fun! Sign up today at [www.bbbsnn.org](http://www.bbbsnn.org) and you could change not just one, but two lives for the better, forever!

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## Donor Profile: Marco and Page Pinto



Marco and Page Pinto first got involved with the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows through Reno Ballers Basketball, Northern Nevada's premier basketball program, when they signed up their son, Hunter, to

participate. They were impressed not only by the basketball skills the coaches were teaching, but the fact the coaches also taught the kids life skills and demanded the highest levels of character and dedication from each player. The expectations set by the Ballers' coaches were high and were in alignment with what was important to the Pintos such as family values, education, leadership, sportsmanship, and commitment.

One Saturday during a Ballers required "Saturday Morning Ball Handling" session, Mike Wurm, Executive Director, offered to give Marco and Page a tour of the Donald W. Reynolds Facility. Mike took them around the 80,000 sq. ft. building and explained all the different programs the Boys & Girls Club provides to kids. During the tour, it became apparent to both Marco and Page that the Club was much more than just an afterschool program for troubled kids.

Marco's mom taught him and his brother to always give back what you take out, and now Marco and Page model that philosophy for their son. Their path to becoming a donor highlights several different areas that the Club impacts. As a high school baseball coach, Marco's team was allowed use of the Club's facilities during inclement weather to practice. The Ballers coaches gave so much time, support and encouragement to their son and each player while reinforcing the same values as the Pintos'. They were in awe of the number of meals that the Club serves per year to youth in their community. Then the Pintos attended the Annual Awards Banquet which was a real eye-opener. Listening to the stories of the Youth of the Year and truly understanding what the Boys & Girls Club had given these teens, Marco and Page knew they wanted to be a part of an organization that makes such a difference in young people's lives. Since then they've supported the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows through a monthly financial commitment.

Marco and Page encourage people who are thinking about donating to a cause or an organization, to come down to the Boys & Girls Club and take a tour and learn what the Club provides to the kids and families in our community. They'll learn, as they did, that it is a safe, structured, supervised after-school, summer and school breaks program that offers relationships with caring, trained adults; meaningful challenges; life-enhancing programs; character development; homework support; and a fun positive place to be for all kids.

## Planned Giving: A Key to Sustainability



"It takes a noble man to plant a seed for a tree that will someday give shade to people he may never meet." - D. Elton Trueblood (1900-1994)  
One of the best ways you can provide hope and opportunity to youth in the Truckee Meadows is to ensure your Boys & Girls Club will always be available for the young

people of today as well as for generations to come. Making a donation through a bequest or planned gift is a great way to create a legacy of support for our kids while providing for our own future.

Planned giving is a highly personal way to invest in the future. By developing a thorough estate plan with your financial advisor or attorney, you can reduce the overall tax burden of your estate while providing a lasting legacy for our area's children.

Although we can never be certain in what the future holds, we do know the children at the Boys & Girls Club and throughout our region are the key to our future. We would be very grateful for the opportunity to speak with you and assist you in exploring your personal estate planning. For more information please contact Iris A. Key, Director of Resource Development, (775) 360-2455 or ikey@bgctm.org.

## New Pennington Facility a hit

By Dylan Gaddis, Pennington Youth Site Coordinator



The brand new William N. Pennington Facility opened its doors to Club members on June 16 and after a few short weeks the facility was serving more than 400 Club members during the Summer Camp program. The facility has been a busy place for youth, tween and teens this summer.

The Climbing wall inside the new facility is a huge favorite for Club members, along with the water wall feature in the art room. The summer field trips are very popular, with members visiting different places such as Wild Island, Pump it Up, Roller Kingdom, Discovery Museum and many more. Club members also enjoy the proximity to Idlewild Park and Wingfield Park in downtown Reno.

The Pennington Facility offers before and after school programs this fall complete with full-day break programs during the school year. Additionally, the facility will house a portion of the very popular Youth Winter Basketball League beginning in January. For more information on these programs please visit [www.bgctm.org](http://www.bgctm.org) for more information.

## Club members participate in Artown

By Eddie Guth, Art Coordinator



In June about 70 Club members from the Donald W. Reynolds Facility, Neil Road, Lemmon Valley, Larry D. Johnson Community Center, William N. Pennington Facility and Billinghurst Middle School site, participated in a unique art project for Artown. The Club received eight life size human

statues from Artown for members to paint. Each site was given a different generalized theme to interpret and execute on the statue. The staff and Club members at each site excelled beyond expectation with the execution of their statues and they have been a huge hit with the patrons at Wingfield Park during Artown events.

The statues were displayed in Wingfield Park on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday during the entire month of July. Artown recognized the Club members who participated in the project on stage at Wingfield Park on July 28. A special thanks to Artown for this opportunity!

## TriNet donates to Lemmon Valley

By Quinn Walther, Lemmon Valley Site Coordinator



In May, Club members and staff at Lemmon Valley enjoyed a special event and visit from TriNet. The employees from TriNet donated art supplies, and art projects to last the entire summer camp program. In addition, they presented the site with new Xbox Kinect games, board games and new dodge balls.

Thanks to TriNet we used all of these donated items to coordinate a fun-filled day for the kids. Club members and TriNet employees played dodge ball, decorated wooden butterflies, played the Xbox Kinect, and the new board games. The kids had so much fun and are very grateful for all the nice things from TriNet. Club members and the staff at Lemmon Valley would like to send out a huge thank you to the kind people at TriNet.

## Club hosts BeGreat: Graduate Ceremony

By Tina Colliver, Education Director



The Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows held a Club Graduation on Friday, June 6, 2014 at the Donald W. Reynolds Facility. All mentors, mentees and families were invited. The goal of the celebration was threefold: first, to recognize each mentee moving from one grade

to the next; second, to celebrate the relationship between each mentor/mentee pair; and third, to remind mentees about the importance of academic success and high school graduation.

The event was semi-formal to emphasize that this is something special for members and mentors. The area where the event took place was decorated in graduation-themed décor. As people arrived, we ran a picture slideshow with mentor/mentee photos from throughout the year. The Club kicked off the event with a short overview of the program's success and a reminder to members and parents about the importance of graduation.

Each mentor and mentee had a few minutes to get in front of the group to talk about their great experiences with their mentor/mentee. The Club's mentees already feel part of a special group, and the goal with this portion of the program is to recognize and affirm them publicly and to encourage them toward continued

academic success. Lastly, the Club provided a spaghetti feed for mentors, mentees and their families to visit together.

# Sites and Sounds

## Silver Spur supports Fernley members

By Robin Gane, Fernley Intermediate School Site Coordinator



Earlier this year, the Silver Spur Saloon held a fundraiser in honor of Alysia Simper. She was a young girl who was struck by a drunk driver while riding her tricycle down the sidewalk in her neighborhood. The Fernley community was impacted greatly by this tragic accident. In an effort to help the community heal, the Silver Spur raised \$1,000 and donated the money to the Boys & Girls Club

of Truckee Meadows in Fernley in honor of Alysia.

With the donated funds, 12 Fernley members received scholarships this summer to attend a variety of the Club's specialty camp programs. The camps included dance camps, Lego Robotics camp, and a Wild West Adventure camp. Without the generosity of the Silver Spur, its patrons and their desire to help the children of Fernley these 12 children would not have been able to attend these camps. Thank you to the Silver Spur for your support of the Boys & Girls Club and the children of Fernley.

## 130 compete in Club Spelling Bee

By Tina Colliver, Education Director



This year was Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows' 10th annual Spelling Bee and the event was held at the brand new William N. Pennington Facility. A semi-final and then a final round were added to this year's event. There were 130 contestants and numerous Clubs from around northern Nevada were in attendance. Due to the event being held on a Saturday this year, the Club had the highest attendance of families in the history of the event. The spelling

during the three-hour event was impeccable. We expect this event to keep growing and look forward to all the amazing spellers participating next year!

## Get Fit for Life Camp teaches healthy living

By Oscar Aguilar, Athletic Coordinator & Mandy Sam, SMART Moves Coordinator



This summer more than 100 Club members participated in a week-long series of activities, challenging them on physical fitness and nutrition. During the Get Fit for Life Camp Club members gained knowledge on how to stay healthy as they grow older. Club members learned through interactive activities and games that included cardio/agility obstacle courses,

team relays races, physical fitness challenges, and MyPlate. Club members also participated in daily field trips that emphasized the lessons of the day such as rock climbing, hiking, touring Mackay Stadium and swimming. Participants learned that not only is physical fitness important but it can be lots of fun!

## Keystone hosts Leadership Lock-In

By TaTiana Anderson Hall, L.I.T. Coordinator



The Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows hosted the first Leadership Lock-In for Keystone Club members. The lock-in was open to any Boys & Girls Club teen member involved or interested in Keystone Club. Upon arrival at the over-night event, Club

members were welcomed with a barbecue dinner.

After dinner and a Keystone 101 session the teens split into group rotations including: communications, fundraising, event planning, and motivation. Tiffany Young, Washoe County School District, then presented on the importance of community outreach. After the presentation, the Keystoneers decided to prepare sack lunches for the homeless at "Tent City" in downtown Reno and deliver them the next morning. This group learned the value of giving back to the community during the Lock-In.

## Numbers increase in Technology Camps

By Dan Pike, Technology Coordinator



The Technology Specialty Camps this summer are going strong with increased registrants in both the Robotics and Rocket Build Camps compared to last year's summer camp registration. Club members in the Robotics Camp are learning engineering and programming skills allowing them to build and design robots to use on the Lego Challenge board. Look for the Club's FIRST Lego League team competing this Fall!

In the Rocket Build Camp Club members built a variety of flying contraptions using balloons and constructed their own balsa wood airplanes. Upon completion of the Rocket Build Camp Club members built rockets and prepared them for a launch ceremony in front of all the summer campers at their site!

## Club members learn river safety

By Shaenci Cossio, Area Director



In July, more than 20 Club members from the Pennington Facility attended the Truckee River Fair at Wingfield Park in downtown Reno. Each child received a helmet, life jacket, water shoes and learned how to secure them properly. Club members were then instructed about river safety, which included the buddy

system and adult supervision. After the lesson, Club members enjoyed a short float down the Truckee River to utilize their new knowledge!

## Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Events at the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows



**August 22, 2014**  
Microsoft Charity Golf Tournament

**September 20, 2014**  
Day for Kids

**September 26, 2014**  
Barrels & Bites

**October 9, 2014**  
Vintage Eldorado

**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!

## Annual Fundraising Campaign: It Just Takes One

By Iris Key, Director of Resource Development



It just takes ONE person to make a difference in the life of a child. Will you be the ONE?

Our annual board-driven fundraising campaign raises awareness of the work that the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows does and raises the funds necessary to continue to provide services that promote the health, social, educational,

vocational, character and leadership development of the youth we serve. The Boys & Girls Club has changed the lives of young people in our area for more than 38 years. We are very proud of that legacy and want to reach even more children and communities in the years to come. To continue this most important work we need the support of the whole community to invest in our most precious resource – our children.

Families pay \$20 per year for a child to attend the Boys & Girls Club. If a family cannot afford the membership fee, we waive it. No child is ever turned away for financial reasons. This fee gives children access to a safe and affordable place to go every day after school. A place that's uniquely theirs with caring trained staff, character-building educational and recreational programs, warm healthy meals, and an opportunity to set and achieve goals, while making friends and having fun. In terms of real dollars, it costs \$2,628 per child to provide a year of high-yield learning activities and programs at the Club. Our It Just Takes One annual campaign is essential to bridge that gap and to keep the costs to families low so we can continue to reach those who need us most.

It is only with the support of caring individuals and leaders like yourself that we are able to invest in the future of our young people for a better tomorrow. Every donation – no matter the size – is critical and greatly appreciated. It just takes ONE person to make a difference in the life of a child. You can be that ONE.

Please call (775) 331-KIDS (5437) or visit [www.bgctm.org](http://www.bgctm.org) to make a donation to the It Just Takes One annual campaign.



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