Oh Hey, Career Day
By Ti Tran-Artemis Hall, Leaders in Training Coordinator

It is never too early to start focusing on the future you want. This is a message we bring to our young Leaders in Training team members. This summer we held Club team to visualize what a future in finance looks like. Four Junior Staff helped with four teams of leaders. This summer the Club at Hug High, the Club at the Larry D. Johnson Community Center, the Club at Hidden Valley Community in Reno, and the Club at Nevada State Penitentiary.

Thank You, Thank You
To Kenny Sawyer, Brian, Tracy, Owen HC, Horniguda Rusty and each floor, for donating 5000 brand new, fully-stocked backpacks for the kids for the new school year. These are the kids of Northern Nevada and the wonderful financial support of the BNR, Bank of America Together in the Valley. to the club at Hug High and the club at Nevada State Penitentiary for your support.

As you all know, the fund-raising is one of our most important events of the year, and we are very excited to announce that the Kids of the 2016 BNR Ballroom fundraiser is now open.

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Beyond The Dusty Trail
By Dan Pike, Technology Coordinator

This year’s STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) Summer Camps were wildly successful, drawing record numbers of members in each of our Tech Specialty Camps including Pocket Book, Robotics, and STREAM 4 track camps. These camps for boys and girls benefitted from STEM camps becoming more and more refined as we incorporate outside resources, making these camps valuable, educational, unique and fun.

Members of our Pocket Book camps got to see: “...2...1 Bam!...” but before they sent their ships into the sky, they learned principles of aerodynamics, lift, thrust, and drag through fun, engaging games. If you might have thought you could build a rocket ship in our robotic camps, members built their own fullymotorized drones, but not before being educated on unpluged computer science concepts, through a variety of physical activities. These kids made huge strides in their development of their engineering, programming, and teambuilding skills.

This was the inaugural year in Fernley for our STREAM and Trails camps, opening new doors for community partnerships in the Fernley and Fallon area. Members were able to gain a new appreciation for nature and practice a variety of physical activities. Our Teens had the opportunity to enjoy biking trails that a member swam in 49th camp’s rec area. Catch and release, of course.

Stoked on Skateboard Camp
By Gary Durant, SMART Moves Coordinator

During our dog days of summer, 26 members from the William N. Pennington Boys & Girls Club paired up with DaYAFF Skate Board Company in Fernley for an exciting skateboarding experience. The kids were hooked up with brand new skateboards to ride throughout the week. The new equipment made it possible for our members to develop their skateboarding skills and expressions of gratitude and affection from the kids!”

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The Path That Pays
By Tuiana Anderson Hall, Leaders in Training Coordinator

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Each Jr. Staff had their income directly deposited into their savings and checked accounts. In the summer, we did 17 workshops where they saved money and earned healthy money habits, like budgeting, from a poor leader. The workshops highlighted saving money and earning money. At the end of the summer we received an additional savings incentive.

Girls Clubs of Western Nevada participated in an overnight Leaders in Training program this year. Each camp had an overnight camp where they learned leadership skills and teambuilding with the help of our Jr. Staff! The camps become more and more refined as we incorporate outside resources, making these camps valuable, educational, unique and fun.

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