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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF OSHKOSH NEWS

INSIDE

Meet the newest members of our staff— Director of Academic Success Leigh Brown, Family Services Coordinator Julie Morris and our Catalpa Health Trees from Seeds Case Manager Alicia Klein.



The Etiquette, Character & Afternoon Tea program is in its seventh year at the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh!

The program was designed especially for young ladies and this year focuses on girls ages 6-10. It encourages them to be proud of the unique people they are and helps them develop positive character and leadership skills.

Girls in the program (last year there were over 60) attend 6 classes taught by friends of the Club that are focused on building character and learning proper etiquette. The classes will cover a variety of topics including manners, self-esteem, how to dress appropriately for special events, how to treat others and themselves with respect and much more.

The Afternoon Tea, sponsored by Bank First National, will be their reward for completing the six classes. The Tea will take place this year on Wednesday, August 2nd at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel and Convention Center. The Tea brings together the girls and local women to sip tea, chat and celebrate the girls' completion of the classes. It is a great opportunity for

the community to see the difference the Club makes in the lives of youth.

Walking into the room at the Afternoon Tea each year, the girls are always so joyful and excited. Also as a part of the program, the girls receive new sundresses to wear to the Tea. To top it off, they even get their hair professionally styled by local stylists! They are so proud of their class accomplishments, feel so confident in their dresses and special hairstyles, and enjoy chatting and sharing their experiences with the women at their tables.

In the past, the Afternoon Tea has featured amazing speakers from 2012 Miss America, Laura Kaeppler, entrepreneur and co-founder of Culver's restaurant, Lea Culver, local jazz music sensation, Janet Planet, Sarah Schmidt, former director of U.S. Venture, Inc. and Shannon Bahrke Happe, American Olympic freestyle skier and entrepreneur.

This year's speaker is Emily Deem, co-anchor for FOX 11's morning show Good Day Wisconsin. Deem has been in Tittletown for more than 6-years. A native of Minnesota, Deem graduated from St. Cloud State University with a degree in Broadcast Journalism, with a minor in Theatre. Deem is a mother to an almost 2-year-old girl. In her spare time, Deem loves to be outside, watch sports, and spend time with her family.

If you are interested in finding out more about how you can get involved in this event, please contact Development and Marketing Director, Tracy Ogden at 920-233-1414 or tracyo@bgcosh.org or visit our website at bgcosh.org.

Stylists are needed to help create simple updos for the girls the day of the Tea. If you are interested in volunteering your time to style hair the morning of August 2nd, please contact Katie Talken at 920-233-1414, Ext. 29 or katiet@bgcosh.org.

SAVE THE DATE

AUG 2 Afternoon Tea

SEPT 22-23 Oshkosh Docktoberfest

SEPT 23 WI Cornhole Tourney

The annual Youth of the Year Dinner was held in April which celebrated and recognized dedicated and supportive Club members over the past year.



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FROM THE CEO

Dear Friends of the Boy & Girls Club of Oshkosh,

When our Club kids think of summer, smiles take over.

They know we've cooked up some special time for them at the Boys & Girls Club. When they walk through our doors, they'll find a garden to grow, summer trips to Camp Radford for swimming, fishing, hiking and cooking over a fire. They'll get to go to Brewer's games, Noah's Ark, museums, parks, sailing on Winnebago, on rafting trips, college and tech school tours and to businesses to explore career options.

They'll have reading contests, play baseball games, learn how to use a 3D printer, create some special crafts, join our LEGO League, try fun science experiments, learn new songs, spend time with friendly police officers and make new friends. They will draw close to favorite staff and find they are safe and cared for.

For many hungry kids, breakfast, lunch and snack will be a welcome sight. A number of kids who need it will receive haircuts, clean showers, new clothes, dental bus services, free counseling and even school supplies at the end of summer to be ready for back to school.

I hope you will take time to stop by the Club this summer to see how your investment in the future of our Club kids is being used.

Thanks for caring about our Club kids and our mission. "We improve the lives of children and families" with your help.

Marc Dosogne

Marc Dosogne, CEO
Boys & Girls Clubs of Oshkosh, Inc.

The WI Cornhole Tourney will take place this fall at Dockside Tavern on Saturday, September 23rd.

You won't want to miss this ever-growing tournament which is one of Oshkosh's most unique and fun sporting events. Pre-registration closes September 20th, so hurry and sign up your team today! There will be no same day registration.

The first place winning team will take home a top prize of \$800 and there will be additional cash prizes awarded to the top 8 teams in the Winner's bracket. Cash prizes will also be paid out to the four top teams in the Last Chance bracket including a top prize of \$200.

No special skills are needed to participate, just a partner and a love for the game. The social tournament is double elimination, "2 out of 3" in the Winner's bracket and the Loser's bracket. All teams start out playing the first round in the Winner's bracket. The first 32 teams to fall out of the Winner's bracket make it into the Loser's bracket. If your team loses in the Loser's bracket because you're a little rusty on your game, no worries, the first 16 teams to fall out of the Loser's Bracket will still play a final "2 out of 3" round in the Last Chance bracket.

In addition to playing the fascinating game of cornhole, three teams in the tournament also will each receive a \$50 cash prize for the most creatively named team voted on by fellow players and spectators.

There will also be music, side games, concessions, a free beer mug for participants and t-shirts which can be pre-ordered online or purchased at the tournament for \$10 each.

The cost to participate is \$60 per team of 2 persons. Players must be Wisconsin residents and can only participate on one team.

100% of funds raised will benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh.

For more info or to register for the tournament, visit the Club online at www.bgcosh.org or contact Development & Marketing Director, Tracy Ogden at (920) 233-1414 or tracyo@bgcosh.org.



PHOTO GALLERY



A mentor and mentee in the Great Futures Mentoring Program held a high tea party (hats included, of course) for other Mentoring Program matches. Naturally, it was the most elegant and sophisticated social event of the week.



Club girls attended several workshops at the Tech Savvy Girls STEM conference and learned to make their own soap and about bio-luminescence by making their bacteria glow in the dark.



Thirty Club kids tried archery in the gym recently. Over half of them had never shot a bow and arrow before. They had some healthy competition going and some of the kids who were new to the sport won. All of kids were eager to try the sport again.

To see more photos of the exciting things taking place at our Club, please visit our Facebook page.



Leigh Brown

Meet Our New Director of Academic Success

Leigh joined the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh staff in June 2017 as the Director of Academic Success. Leigh has a Bachelor's of Science degree in Accounting, a Post Baccalaureate in Elementary Education and a Masters in Science Education. Coming from Antigo, WI, Leigh has spent the past 12 years with the Antigo School District as an 8th-grade teacher, coach, and after school program coordinator. This variety of activities has provided an opportunity to work with many people in the community and she is very excited to continue this work with her move to the Club. The bright possibilities that lay in the future for our children keep her motivated to find new strategies for learning. Leigh has two college-aged children of whom she is very proud. She enjoys spending time with her dogs, Barney and Boomer and loves being involved in community theater. Please join us in welcoming Leigh to our staff!



Julie Morris

Meet Our New Family Services Coordinator

Julie started working at the Club in the winter of 2017 as the receptionist for the Catalpa Health Trees from Seeds Program. Julie wanted to work at the Club because she really enjoys working with kids and wants to help them more. She has a bachelor's degree in Psychology from North Central University, Arizona. She also has her Associates degree in Graphic Arts.

Since coming on board, Julie has transitioned to a new position and now serves as the Club's Family Services Coordinator. In this role, she will be responsible for setting up vision and dental screenings for Club kids in need, coordinating visits of the Tri-County Community Dental Clinic bus to the Club, handling our Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas assistance (Adopt a Family) programs, the Wet Hair Club shower program, and other basic needs for Club families. If you see Julie the next time you stop by the Club, make sure to say hi!



Alicia Klein

Meet Our New Case Manager in the Catalpa Health Trees from Seeds Program

Alicia graduated from UW Oshkosh with a bachelor's degree in Human Services. She decided on pursuing a major in a Human Services because she loves working with people, especially children because they are our future. She has worked with a wide variety of children throughout her college career to get a better understanding of child development. She was inspired to get involved with Catalpa Health and the Trees from Seeds program because of how unique the program is, how it connected to her previous work to mental health needs, and how she would be able to interact with children of all ages. In her spare time, Alicia likes to travel, most recently studying abroad in Italy. Please welcome Alicia to our Trees from Seeds program staff!

WineFeast 2017, sponsored by FNB Fox Valley / Nicolet National Bank, took place in April and a record number of over 900 people gathered at the Oshkosh Premier Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center to sample fine wine and delicious food and raise funds for the Club.



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- \$5,000** enables the Boys & Girls Club to provide 200 kids, who otherwise could not afford a membership, with a scholarship to the Club
- \$2,500** helps provide Club members with healthy meals and snacks for two months
- \$1,000** buys proper seasonal clothing for 10 to 15 Club members
- \$500** helps provide the Club with programs like Healthy Habits cooking, Money Matters and Power Hour homework help
- \$200** helps send children to summer camp
- \$100** provides tutoring for one child for a month
- \$50** purchases hygiene products for a Club member
- \$_____** improves the lives of children and families

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Donations can also be made online at www.bgcosh.org through a safe and secured network.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT (920) 233-1414 OR INFO@BGCOSH.ORG.



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We are proudly celebrating former Club member Heather Alexander graduating this spring from Marian University with a bachelor's degree in Social Work. Congrats Heather!

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MISSION

To improve the lives of children and families.

VISION

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh will be a generation-changing leading provider of programs emphasizing youth development services and family outreach support to meet the needs of young people 6-18 and their families, especially those who need us most.

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Oshkosh Docktoberfest

SEPT
22-23

The first annual Oshkosh Docktoberfest will take place at Dockside Tavern this fall on Friday, Sept. 22, 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. and on Saturday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m. - 11 p.m. There will be an authentic German Oktoberfest with food, great German music, culture and Gemütlichkeit by day and lively entertainment and bier hall by night.

Friday night will feature a fish fry and the Copper Box band. Saturday, attendees can enjoy great music including Blaskapelle, the Presidents, Gary's Ridgeland Dutchmen and the Tuba Dan Band.

Also on Saturday, there will be the WI Cornhole Tourney (online pre-registration is required), 2K Bier Run, masskrugstemmen, costume and frankfurter eating contests. Make sure to wear your Dirndls and Lederhosen!

The 2K Bier Run will start at 2 p.m. Participants will travel along Oshkosh's Riverwalk for two laps making 3 beer stops at Dockside Tavern, Becket's and the Ground Round for a total of 1.25 miles (2K) and 6 beers. Participants will all receive a 2K Bier Run t-shirt and the winner will receive bragging rights. Pre-register for the race online for \$20 or day of \$25.

There is no cover charge to attend. Drinking wristbands are \$5 each; one free 12 oz domestic beer is included.



100% of proceeds benefits the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh.

For more event information, or to register for the 2K Bier Run visit the Oshkosh Docktoberfest website: oshkoshdocktoberfest.com or find the event on Facebook: www.facebook.com/oshkoshdocktoberfest.

Oshkosh Docktoberfest is sponsored by Dockside Tavern, Lee Beverage, Hacker-Pschorr, Hofbräu, Paulaner, Sweetwater Performance Center LLC.

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