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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF OSHKOSH NEWS

## INSIDE

Meet some of our new staff and learn about upcoming events!



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

The program is 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 attend 6 classes taught by friends of the Club that are focused on building character and healthy lifestyles. The classes will cover a variety of topics including manners, self-esteem, how to dress appropriately for special events, how to treat yourself and others with respect and much more.

The Afternoon Tea, presented by Kimberly-Clark Foundation, will be their reward for completing the classes. The Tea will take place this year on Tuesday, August 13th at the Oshkosh Country Club. This event brings together the girls and local women to sip tea, enjoy a light lunch (soup, finger sandwiches and petit fours), 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 proud to have completed the program, feel confident in their dresses and special hairstyles, and enjoy chatting and sharing their Club 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 sensation, Janet Planet, Sarah Schmidt, former director of U.S. Venture, Inc., Shannon Bahrke Happe, American Olympic freestyle skier, and Emily Deem, co-anchor for FOX 11's morning show Good Day Wisconsin.

This year a short program will feature inspiring words from lead speaker Becky Curran. She is passionate about

finding ways to change how little people, and all people with disabilities, are perceived in the media and ultimately in society. To learn more about Becky, visit her website at: [beckymotivates.com](http://beckymotivates.com).

If you are interested in finding out more about how you can get involved in this event, please contact Development and Grant Director, Katie Talken at 920-233-1414, ext. 129 or [katie@bgcosh.org](mailto:katie@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 13th, please contact Marketing Director, Katie Huebner at 920-233-1414, ext. 122 or [katiet@bgcosh.org](mailto:katiet@bgcosh.org).



**Becky Curran**

## SAVE THE DATE

**AUG 13** Afternoon Tea

**OCT 5** Oshkosh Docktoberfest

**OCT 5** WI Cornhole Tourney

Club girls were able to attend an event with Oshkosh Corporation and Microsoft called Digi-Girls. There they learned about coding and virtual reality.



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF OSHKOSH**

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## FROM THE CEO



### Dear Friends of the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh,

Summer is as busy as ever! We have about 400 kids and teens every day. With our structured summer programming having a waiting list last year, we expanded enrollment for this year. This means that

our 6-12 year olds will get out and about Wisconsin even more this year with trips to the pool, Menominee Park and the library. They will also have multiple opportunities to visit our camp, Camp Radford.

For the teens, they will be participating in a wide array of programming this summer. From 3D printing, Date Smart (teaching about healthy relationships) and Summer Brain Gain (programming designed to make sure teens have no summer learning loss). They will also be going on fun field trips including High Cliff State Park and Noah's Ark.

Summertime at the Club for our members is to expand opportunities and to help them engage in fun and new programming. We also continue to help kids meet their basic needs over the summer. From meals, showers and clothing to the Back to School Fair in August which will help 1,000 kids with school supplies and a new outfit for school.

Summer is a great time to come and visit us at the Club. I invite you to come take a tour and find out how you can get involved with something you are passionate about at the Boys & Girls Club!

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

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

## The WI Cornhole Tourney will take place this fall at Dockside Tavern's Festival Hall on Saturday, October 5th.

You won't want to miss this tournament which is one of Oshkosh's most unique and fun sporting events. Pre-registration closes Friday, September 27th, 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 [bgcosh.org](http://bgcosh.org) or contact Director of Advancement, Tracy Ogden at 920-233-1414, ext. 116 or [tracyo@bgcosh.org](mailto:tracyo@bgcosh.org).



## PHOTO GALLERY



Great Futures Mentoring Program allows for Club Members to succeed academically and socially in and outside of the Club. Our Mentors help our Mentees with homework, goals, future life planning and core life skills. They are also able to enjoy activities for the first time like going to a Brewer's Game.



Congratulations to Club member Byron for winning a spot at the National Math Hoops Competition in San Francisco this May.



The Wisconsin Area Council started a Hall of Fame this year. They inducted many great Club professionals including lifetime Board Member, Ron Lampe and Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh Alumni, Wally Graffen. Congratulations!

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

## Meet Our Director of Academic Success



**Jess McKenna**

Jessica graduated from UW-Stevens Point with a bachelor's degree in communication and public relations. She has worked a variety of positions over the years including as a campus activities coordinator, as a marketing coordinator at a credit union and as a special education aide for both elementary and high

school. She started working for Boys & Girls Clubs in 2009 while she was still in college.

During her time at the Boys & Girls Club of the Fox Valley in Appleton she worked as a Youth Development Specialist running a number of different programs. She then worked at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Green Bay serving as the Academic Coordinator.

She was inspired to work in the Boys & Girls Club movement because she believes that children deserve every opportunity to become successful as they grow and having positive adult relationships is a big component. She is passionate about education because she truly believes that regardless of someone's situation, being educated always opens doors to a better life.

**WineFeast 2019, presented by Community First Credit Union, took place in April and a record over 600 people gathered at the Oshkosh Premier Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center to sample fine wine and delicious food and raise funds for the Club.**

## Meet Our Family Support Coordinator



**Donna Klawitter**

Donna was born and raised in Berlin, Wisconsin. Her parents and siblings all still reside in the area. She graduated from Berlin High School in 1989 and then attended Moraine Park Technical College in Fond du Lac, graduating in 1991.

Donna went on to work for the State of Wisconsin Department of Corrections for eighteen years in Iron County in northern Wisconsin and then for the Iron County Sheriff's Department for eight years.

In November of this year, she accepted the Family Support Coordinator position at the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh and decided to move back to the area as she desired to continue working in a field where she could make an impact on the community and assist others in need.

## Meet Our Graduation & Career Coordinator



**Jed Carlson**

Jed attended the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Psychology and Social Work. Throughout his undergrad, he was able to work with teens in a couple of different settings: volunteering at the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh through the Mentoring Program for

just under three years, and as an Individualized Youth Mentor for CESA 6 for a year.

After graduating from college, Jed took a job at Rawhide Boys Ranch as a Residential Youth Care Worker. There, he helped residents with everyday living skills—from getting up in the morning and being on time for school, to helping them learn how to resolve conflict with one another. Anything to help prepare them for life beyond their teenage years.

In Jed's own words, "I love being able to relate to students that may be struggling to figure out what to do after high school. Being able to provide hope and expose new things to the youth who attend the Club is a privilege and a great honor of mine."



## YES! I WANT TO HELP ENSURE GREAT FUTURES FOR YOUTH WHO ARE AT RISK IN THE OSHKOSH AREA.

- \$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](http://www.bgcosh.org) through a safe and secured network.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT (920) 233-1414 OR [INFO@BGCOSH.ORG](mailto:INFO@BGCOSH.ORG).**



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Our middle and high school basketball team kicked off their season by meeting with all the teams and learning from UW-Oshkosh Basketball players.

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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.

### CONTACT US!

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## Oshkosh Docktoberfest is back!

The event will take place at Dockside Tavern's Festival Hall on Saturday, Oct. 5, 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. The event is an authentic oktoberfest with food, great German music, culture and gemütlichkeit by day and lively entertainment and bier hall by night.

Attendees can enjoy great German music during the day including the Mike Kolb Band, Tuba Dan and Baskapelle; CopperBox will then take the stage later in the evening.

Also on Saturday, there will be the WI Cornhole Tourney (online pre-registration is required), 2K Bier Run, masskrugstemmen (steinholding), 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. Drinking wristbands are \$5 each; one 12 oz domestic beer is included.

For more event information including a full schedule of events, 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, Northern Telephone & Data Corporation and Paulaner, Sweetwater Performance Center LLC.



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

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