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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF OSHKOSH NEWS

During spring break, our Keystone Leadership Club organized a Diversity Fair where members learned about the culture of several countries from Fox Valley Technical College Global Education and Central Boarding Academy students.



INSIDE

Learn about our summer programs and hear from our Director of Teen Services!



The Character, Empowerment & Afternoon Tea Program is in its thirteenth year at the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh!



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Each summer, Club girls ages 7-10 participate in a special Character & Empowerment Program taught by Club staff and partners from throughout the community. The program encourages them to be proud of the unique people they are and helps them develop positive character and leadership skills.

Girls in the program will attend six classes and learn about giving back, celebrating differences, self-expression and self-esteem, living a healthy lifestyle, and more.

We are excited to host the Afternoon Tea this summer as a reward for the young ladies who complete the Character & Empowerment Program. The Tea will take place on Tuesday, July 18th at the Gibson Social Club in Oshkosh. Together, Club girls and local women will get a chance to connect, sip tea and enjoy a light lunch from Becket's. This event is a great opportunity for the community to see the difference the Club makes in the lives of youth and celebrate the girls' completion of the program!

Each girl receives a brand-new sundress and a pair of colorful flip-flops to wear to the Tea. To top it off, they even get their hair professionally styled by local stylists! Every year the group of girls walk into the Tea excited and proud of their accomplishments. They beam with confidence in their dresses and special hairstyles and enjoy sharing their Club experiences with the women at their tables.

Afternoon Tea has featured amazing speakers throughout the years, including 2012 Miss America, Laura Kaeppler, co-founder of Culver's restaurant, Lea Culver, co-anchor of FOX 11's Good Day Wisconsin, Emily Deem, 2011 National Youth of the Year and youngest appointed member of the U.S. Presidential

Committee, Mona Dixon, and TEDx talk speaker and owner of Tashi Deley, Ali Starr.

This year's speaker is Allison Garner, certified professional coach, published author and owner of Thoughtly. Allison supports individuals to master leadership, move towards their visions, and overcome the impossible. She specializes in executive coaching, leadership development, and business consulting. Learn more about Allison at www.bethoughtly.com.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, providing flip-flops or sundresses or have interest in styling girls hair for the event, please contact Director of Development & Strategic Initiatives Katie Talken at katielt@bgcosh.org or 920-233-1414, ext. 129.

Thank you to our Leader Sponsor: Kimberly-Clark Foundation, Empower Sponsor: Oshkosh Corporation, Dreamer Sponsor: Helaine Lasky, and our Speaker Sponsor: Silver Star Brands.

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Afternoon Tea

Alumni Golf Outing

Youth of the Year Dinner



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF OSHKOSH



Dear Friends of the Boys & Girls Club,

Summer is a busy and exciting time for our members! Our summer programs are full at all of

our locations. With our Radford expansion complete, we are able to take an additional 40 kids at our downtown location. The Adventure Program at Peace Lutheran Church is in its fourth year of hosting ages 7-12, and we are excited to offer a summer program for the second year at Omro Elementary.

One of the best parts of summer is giving members the opportunity to have new adventures throughout Wisconsin. All members will get a chance to go to Camp Radford. Staff will be taking kids on swimming trips and bigger adventures every week to places like Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary, Milwaukee Zoo, Lambeau Field, and many others.

During summer, we continue to offer structured learning programs for our youth, including STEM, SEL (Social and Emotional Learning), Art and Healthy Habits. Our teens will participate in career readiness programming through Career Launch and continue going on college and business tours. Both our Teen and Quest programs will also participate in Junior Achievement. We want to keep our kids learning so they can be ready for the next school year and for our graduates, the next phase of their lives! In addition,

we are grateful for the many community partners running programs and activities with our kids over the summer months. You can read more about our programs and partnerships in this newsletter.

If you come to visit the Club this summer, you're going to see many exciting changes! In addition to our Radford expansion, our new multi-purpose field, where our kids can play football, soccer, and baseball, will be ready in June. You can see our new Community Center forming before our eyes as the steel structure is going up. If you would like to help us in funding the rest of the project, you can make a gift by using the form in this newsletter or securely online at bgcosh.org.

I welcome you to visit us and take a tour so you can see all the wonderful things happening throughout our Club. To schedule a tour, please get in touch with me at (920) 233-1414, ext. 116.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us serve our mission!

Tracy Ogden, CEO
Boys & Girls Clubs of Oshkosh, Inc.

Exciting Summer Experiences

Summer at the Club is packed full of fun partnership programs and unique activities for Club members. All members will get to spend time at Camp Radford, the Club's 45-acre camp on the Little Wolf River. Kids participate in activities such as archery, fishing, swimming, hiking, cooking over a fire, and arts and crafts. They also learn special skills such as tree identification, fire-starting tips and wilderness survival skills.



We also have some fantastic community partnerships this summer. Our Teens will go to the YMCA each week to do health & fitness programming. Our Omro program is partnering with the UW Extension FoodWise program, Carter Memorial Library and Casa Esther House to do a six-week program where our youth will be doing activities around garden-grown foods and spending time in the community garden. Kids can play football with Green Bay Packers Alumni

and develop their confidence when they attend the NFL Alumni Youth Football Camp.

Members also do on-the-water activities such as sailing lessons through International Youth Sailing of Oshkosh and fishing with the Learn 2 Fish Clinic. During the clinic, kids learn the basics of fishing, go out in fishing boats on the lake, catch their own fish and learn how to prepare them to eat. Club Board Member Art Dumke, also takes a large group of members fishing on Lake Winnebago each summer. The excitement on their faces when they get their first catch is priceless!

Members will also gain life skills through several program opportunities over the summer. Our Quest and Teen programs will be participating in Junior Achievement (JA) where they will be mock business owners and learn about finance management, work and career readiness, and entrepreneurship. The Club is in its sixth year of offering a summer Driver's Education Program with Cruisin Safely Driving School that is at little to no cost for our teens, and kids ages 11 and up can take our summer babysitting class to learn responsible caretaking and become certified babysitters.

In addition, all of our members go on weekly field trips to parks, beaches, zoos, and more.

We have 12 newly certified babysitters who took our spring Babysitting Class. The Club will offer a second class over summer.



600 guests attended WineFeast on Saturday, April 22 in support of children and families.



Youth of the Year, Savana, receives a standing ovation at WineFeast while speaking about the impact the Club has made on her life.



On Wisconsin, a Club program, teaches kids all about what makes our state special, including state animals, produce, traditions and culture.

An Update From Our Director of Teen Services



Sydney Hall, Director of Teen Services

Our teens have had a busy spring and summer full of great experiences, including focused wellness and college and career readiness programming with community partners and enjoying the summer weather through field trips around Wisconsin.

Teen members have been visiting the Christine Ann Center since spring, where they've been participating in peer groups and doing activities around healthy relationships.

They also created art pieces to display in the Center's "Love Shouldn't Hurt" art exhibit for Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. For the third summer, they will spend time at the Oshkosh YMCA to take part in health and fitness programs and use the workout facility, gym, pool, and teaching kitchen.

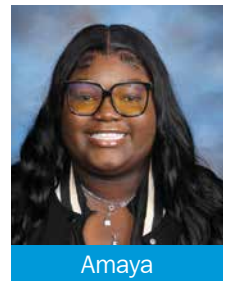
Teens are also busy exploring choices for their futures. Working with Goodwill NCW, they are participating in the Career Launch program, which includes resume writing, making SMART goals, developing personal career plans and more. Teens are also participating in Junior Achievement (JA), where they will hear from guest speakers and spend time in the JA BizTown simulation managing money, using credit, loans, and more. JA helps children and teens gain financial literacy, work readiness and entrepreneurship skills. During this summer's EAA AirVenture, the Club partners with Babalou Enterprises to give teens on-the-job experience. They go through the process of applying, interviewing, and working a real job where they will sell a product, work with money, provide customer service and receive a real paycheck.

In addition to programming, teens are exploring post-high school options by going on college and career tours and completing volunteer experiences. During spring break, they went on an overnight trip and visited UW campuses including River Falls, Eau Claire and Stout. They also toured UW Green Bay and will visit several more colleges and technical schools over summer. Teens learned more about careers by visiting area businesses. Most recently, they visited the Oshkosh Animal Hospital, Oshkosh Fire Department, Eagle Plastics, Faris Popcorn and Oshkosh Corporation. Our teen members also enjoy finding ways to give back to the community. They've spent time helping out at Solutions Recovery, Oshkosh Area Community Food Pantry, and Feeding America. Additionally, our teen leadership group Keystone conducted a food and hygiene drive and collected over 50 items for Oshkosh Hope Fridge.

We are also doing a variety of other fun activities and going on weekly field trips. Several teens are competing in the Oshkosh Public Library Mark Gruenwald Comic Book Challenge, a creative writing and art contest where winners can get published. They are spending time outdoors at the Club's Camp Radford, camping overnight at Devil's Lake, and visiting pools, zoos, and much more. We have many things to look forward to as we finish out the summer!

Congratulations to Our 2023 graduates!

We are very proud of all our Club members who graduated in May, and we are excited to share that 100% of seniors in our BE GREAT: Graduate program at Oshkosh North and Oshkosh West High Schools graduated on time!



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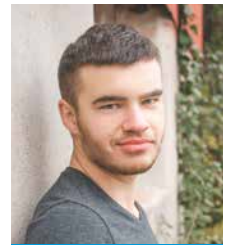
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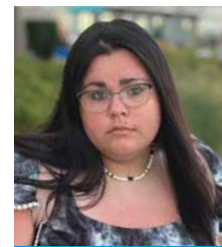
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All students pictured are from Oshkosh North. Not pictured: from Oshkosh West, Austin, and Oshkosh North, Kanijah.

If you're interested in supporting a graduate in their next phase in life, contact Tracy Ogden at tracyo@bgcosh.org for a wish list.

Save the Date!

Alumni Golf Outing
Sunday, August 13, 2023
Far Vu Golf Course,
Oshkosh



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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.



UW Oshkosh nursing students have been spending time with our members. Most recently they taught kids about good and bad germs and proper handwashing.

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Building Expansion & Community Center Project Update



The Club's Radford side of the building project is complete, including the Bergstrom Automotive Learning Center classroom expansion and new flooring for the existing classrooms. CR Meyer is currently working on the basement and steel structure for the new building, which contains the Community Center, teen space and admin offices. In spring, work began on our multi-purpose field and we're excited for members to get to start using it this June!

Our Quest group is learning about famous artists. Most recently, they learned about Jeff Koons who gained fame for his giant metal sculptures, including balloon animals and Play-Doh. They had fun getting crafty making their own balloon animals!



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