

#### DIRECTOR MESSAGE

Come meet our K-5 Site Director, Jesus .

## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Come check out our After School Program Information!

### CANEY LOCATION UPDATE

Caney location has a fun filled summer!

#### **SUMMER RECAP!**

Summer Boost was a huge success, Boost ran for 6 weeks at CES. During our summer program kids participated in Math, Literacy, Independent Reading, Art and Team building.

155 youth K-5th participated in boost this year!

138 were registered club members, 18 were ESOL or referral by classroom teacher. Our average daily attendance was 120. Thank you to all who attended, we hope to see you again next year!





James Helkenberg: Board Member

My name is James Helkenberg, I am a Southeast Kansas Boys and Girls club board member. As a fourth-generation board member and local volunteer of the Brown Mansion and Dalton Museum, volunteering and giving back to my community has always been a part of my life. Starting with my great grandfather Charles Clough, it is an honor to be a part of the Boys and Girls Club organization following my inheritance and doing good in the community to make it a better place for our children. I am on the new technology team of the Boys and Girls Club, helping in any way to provide technical support to the club.

# AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM INFORMATION

BG Tots will have after-school applications available to be picked up in the Jerry Hamm Early Learning Center and at the USD 445 Board of Education Office starting August 1. The applications need to be completed and turned in during the USD 445 In Person Registration Event at CES (Community Elementary School) on August 3rd and 4th from 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Current BG Tots will be placed in the program first. Space is limited due to available staffing. You will be notified on Friday, August 5, if you have been accepted. BG Tots will begin Monday, August 15. Payment will need to be made at that time.

The K-5th and Teen Site will be placing their applications online to register. We will go live with those on August 3rd. To apply for the After School Program or if you need the Calendar please visit our NEW website at www.bgcsek.org. Our After School Program will start on August 15th. We can't wait to see our kiddos again!





#### **BECOME A PARTNER!**

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### BGC OF SEK- CANEY SUMMER PROGRAM

What a wonderful summer program we had! As the director I love and look forward to planning for summer. Finding programs and projects that the kids will be excited about and engaged in is always a challenge but once we get started and hear the excitement, it's worth it.

We focused on the community in the month of June. We learned about what makes a community, jobs within a community, and did several community outreach projects.

Our 3rd-5th graders worked with a local church to put on a community lunch. They got to prepare the food, serve guests, and then explore the revenue and expense side of the meal during their math rotation. This group of kids also worked on restoring benches from the community park. They were responsible for cleaning, repainting, and then reassembling them.

We also built planter boxes to be placed downtown near local businesses.

One thing we did this summer that turned out to be a great hit was our "City Passports". Families were encouraged to visit local businesses that participated and get their passport stamped during each visit. At the end of the month we gave away prizes for those that visited a majority of the businesses included. The goal was to get families out and explore Caney and what businesses we have.

We went on several fun field trips, including the new Blackledge underground escape room and prairie song in Dewey, Ok. We also made a special visit to the local nursing home to perform several songs that the kids learned in sign language.

Overall, our summer program was a great success full of lots of laughs and fun art projects and I can't wait to see what the next year holds!







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#### K-5 SITE DIRECTOR

Jesus Medina was born and raised in California. He moved to Coffeyville in August 2011. Jesus started working at the Club as a mentor staff in 2011. He graduated high school in 2013 and attended Coffeyville Community College. While enrolled in college he continued his role as a mentor staff and also worked as a part time ESOL para/interpreter for USD 445. He received his associates in 2015. He then became a substitute teacher for USD 445. A year later Jesus returned as an ESOL para/interpreter and in 2018 he accepted the position as a preschool teacher assistant. In 2019 he became a lead preschool teacher at the Dr.Jerry Hamm Early Learning Center. After working for 10 years for the club in 2021 he accepted the position as the K-5th grade site director. Jesus is currently a full time preschool



teacher and also the K-5th grade site director for the Boys and Girls Club of Coffeyville. During the summer he works as a Spanish/sing language teacher at ACES summer program in Caney. Jesus will be attending Wichita State University this fall to pursue his bachelors in education.

### COMMUNICATION CORNER

Communication is important to us, thats why we have a couple of ways for you to be in the know at all times! Remind is an app we use for parent/student communication. We send our updates, events, and you can even send us a message that you are here to pick up your student through this app! Follow us on our social media platforms!

We got a new website! Check us out at www.bgcsek.org







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June/July Staff of the Month

Michelle Smith & Kenzie Jarett are quite the team! These two are the absolute BEST, they work so hard to make our kiddos the best they can be. Math is more fun with you leading the way! Thank you for all your hard work, we really appreciate it! Thank you for choosing the Boys & Girls Club of Southeast Kansas

### **GREAT FUTURES START HERE.**

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