



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF SOUTHEAST KANSAS**

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SMART GIRLS

Our Teen Site girls are involved in a program called Smart Girls. Smart Girls is a small-group focused on health, fitness, prevention/education and self-esteem. It's enhancement program is designed to meet the developmental needs of girls in three age groups, spanning ages 8 to 18. Our staff member, Amber Traxon teaches this group of girls every Monday and Wednesday and is currently teaching them how to crochet. Smart Girls helps girls develop toward healthy attitudes!



Staff member, Amber Traxon teaching a student how to crochet.

BEYOND AFTER SCHOOL HOURS



21st Century hosted the Foundations Beyond After-School Hours National Conference in Orlando, FL, February 9-12, 2023. Four of our very own After-school staff and club Admin attended. Lora Stalford, Curriculum Director and Assistant Superintendent, Lacey Kriebel, Director of Operations, Karlas Moore, after-school tutor and Amber Traxson, teen mentor attended sessions that included topics of Inspire, Engage and Educate this model will help us lead our students to be solvers and builders in every aspect of their lives. Over the three days they learned the following:

- Education Pioneers speaking and motivating those still in the field, it starts with us!

- Exciting sessions to spark new ideas to engage our youth, networking with other education professionals and finding new resources to bring back to enhance our after-school and summer programs.

- Scheduled, optional self-care activities.

- Exhibit hall packed with resources that support program success. Favorites included

Learning wrap-ups/Learning Palettes, self-checking, hands on custom class kits available in Math and Reading.

Brain Chase- virtual escape rooms, a fun and exciting way to promote family nights and team building for staff development.



Karlas is pictured with actress, Sonia Manzano.

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CANEY'S LUCKY EIGHT

This month 8 lucky Caney students got to join Coffeyville at the Roller Dome for a skate night. These kids were picked off of a behavior system in place at Caney that helps students stay on task during homework, show good character during recess time, follow instructions and show respect throughout the afterschool day. Next month we will pick a new reward for the top point earners. In March we will have a family Bingo Night where families are invited to join students playing bingo and enjoy a meal together.

PRESIDENT SCOOP

Our board met in December for our yearly Board Retreat and set new goals and strategic plans in place for the coming year. We are wanting to activate our committees this coming season, which allows those who want to serve our Boys and Girls Club, but don't have the time to sit on the board. The committees will provide help to the current board members when events or fundraisers are set in place, and have those committees stand in on committees within our board plan. We are also working on recruiting new board members to our board. We are a very small board, but would like to gain more seats on our board that want and support our Boys and Girls Club values and mission. We have three board members (LaKisha Johnson, Blanca Lopes and myself, Ashley Tatman) that will be traveling to Orlando, FL for our national conference at the beginning of May.



We are looking forward to our upcoming trip to Florida for our National Conference. The conferences that Boys and Girls Club of America host for our clubs and board members, really provides so much insight on the Boys and Girls Club movement itself, but also what you are learning you can apply to your everyday life and bring back to your place of work. This is my first National Conference to attend, so I am looking forward to learning, and networking with my current board members, and meeting other clubs and boards across America. We all attended our Regional Conference in Denver this past September and the conference provided a lot of great, motivational, and inspirational information that really invigorates you to be the best you can be in all assets of your life.," said Board Chair, Ashley Tatman.

PRESIDENT SCOOP CONT'D

With the conference upcoming in May, our board members are gearing up for the trip and ready to learn. We are also excited that the board has helped get our Caney site up and running. Griffin has been working with the Caney staff members to establish new programs and revitalize old programs that are being taught to those kids at the Caney site. We have loved having Lauren and Cameron as new editions to our board and we love hearing all the good things that are happening in Caney. As we move forward into the year, the board is building onto our strategic plan and laying plans for some great things to come.



COMMUNICATION CORNER

Communication is important to us, that's 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 have a new website! Check us out at www.bgcsek.org



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January Staff of the Month
Our January staff of the month goes to Mrs. Paula Colbert. Mrs. Colbert is a very lovable individual and our students and staff adore her. Her positive attitude makes Kidzlit a fun and enjoyable place to be!! Thank you for your dedication to our program and our youth!



February Staff of the Month
Peyton has been a great addition to our team. She's at work everyday with a great smile and the kids love her. Peyton has the kids best interest and is always willing to lend a hand. Keep up the good work Peyton!

GREAT FUTURES START **HERE.**

MISSION: *It is the mission of Boys & Girls Club of SEK to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.*

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