



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF SOUTHEAST KANSAS**

September 2024



SUMMER FUN!

Following the Jungle Safari Theme, BG Tots made numerous projects with various art media. Tots had two visits from the Coffeyville Fire Department on water fun Fridays, and the National Guard. We also made a trip to the Indy Zoo and Park. Tots and staff got to enjoy snack lunches, train rides and carousel rides. Yes, it was hot, but we had the BEST time! Tots also enjoyed pizza and homemade icees on the last day of summer club.

Eight weeks flew by for our k-5 members! During our summer boost sessions members enjoyed art where they made several different art projects highlighting everything jungle safari themed! Math rotations were filled with fun hands-on activities centered around skip counting, addition, subtraction, shape recognition, place value and time for our kindergarten through 2nd grade members. Math rotations for our 3rd grade through 5th

grade members centered around learning wrap ups. Learning wrap-ups help our members increase their speed in fact recognition. Structured Read-a- Loud and Vocabulary rotations allowed members Kindergarten through 2nd grade focus of grade level phonics skills. Our Level-Up and Build- UP curriculum helps our teachers to pinpoint individual needs and accelerate students' progress. All members participated in Triple Play this summer, during this rotation members focused on their mind, body and soul!



Building healthy habits, moving our bodies and embracing our social and emotional development we are seeing our members growing into productive and caring citizens. Members enjoyed going to the skating rink, Park trips and swimming. We also visited the Tulsa Zoo, Discovery Lab and Incredible Pizza! However, our younger members are not forgotten. The conference included sessions on



A HEART FELT THANK YOU FROM ONE OF OUR BGC SUPPORTERS

I don't know if you remember, but when the girls started Boys and Girls Club I was a single mom. My parents and I did what we could to be there for the girls but our jobs meant we needed that extra hand. Mom and I often called ourselves the "tag team" because where one couldn't be there, the other would tag in and pick up the slack. Well, you were a part of our tag team effort to be there for our girls! We appreciate you and everything you do for kids. You are a big part of many peoples tag team. Your time and hard work do not go unnoticed.

If there was anything I could give to it would be the future of our kids in this world. Just because mine have successfully spread their wings and flown, doesn't mean the job is over. Kids need every bit of positivity and structure and strength that they can get. We love the program and everything it offers. The club fills a void in both the parents and children's lives.

So thank YOU and everyone who works to keep the club going strong for our children and their future. You can always count on our support, even if it isn't much, because every penny is worth it.

Sincerely,

Diana & Jason Bell



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UNITING DISTRICTS

Attending the conference offered valuable insights and affirmed the strength of our current initiatives. I participated in sessions on community fundraising, stakeholder engagement, and leveraging the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) grant for the Boys and Girls Club.

A key takeaway was our successful partnership with local school districts, which sets us apart from other clubs. Our collaboration has maximized the impact of our youth programs, allowing us to provide enriching experiences comparable to larger metro areas. However, the sessions also highlighted areas for growth, presenting new opportunities to enhance our programs.

The keynote speakers—Mariana Atencia, Alex Weber, and Jim Clark—were truly inspiring, aligning with the Boys and Girls Club mission and renewing our sense of purpose. Performances from Boys and Girls Club arts programs across the Southwest added an emotional and enriching touch, reminding us of the profound impact of our work.

Overall, the experience reinforced the great work we are doing and inspired new ideas to expand our positive community impact. I am excited about our future and confident we can achieve even greater success with continued dedication.

TEEN SUMMER RECAP

What a busy summer it was here at the Teen Site. Members enjoyed their usual activities during the summer, both skating and swimming. We also visited the Tulsa Zoo and Sky Zone. The kids enjoyed their weekly trips out for Ice cream and time spent

doing Passport to Manhood and Smart Girls, where they learned more about themselves and each other. Members also participated in Photography this summer where they created a summer yearbook for every team member and staff! Cooking/ Life skills was a hit this summer as well, once a week members spent time in the kitchen cooking up fun and easy recipes they could feel confident making at home. VR Goggles were added to teen choice this summer, members got the opportunity to learn on the job skills while never leaving the club. Members got to learn trades like auto mechanics, plumbing, aviation and construction technology. Members also spent time at the Community Garden, planting, nurturing, and growing fruit and vegetables. The teens did a lot of hard work this summer and had fun hanging out with their friends.



CANEY'S FUN SUMMER

Our theme for the summer was Kansas! We learned all about our state's facts, like the buffalo, meadowlark, the Kansa Native American Tribe, Amelia Earhart, and much more. Groups explored sunflower seeds and their various uses, and they got to try new foods such as honey, sunflower seeds, and homemade butter. We virtually traveled across the state, making stops and learning about the World's Largest Ball of Twine in Cawker City, Amelia Earhart's birthplace and museum in Atchison, and many more fun and interesting places in Kansas.

The 4-H Youth Development Wildcat Extension group provided a week-long financial literacy program called "Reading Makes Cents" for our 3rd-6th graders. We also offered a similar program for our 1st and 2nd graders, where they, too, learned about money.

Each group participated in a program called Junior Achievement, where they learned about our community, our city, and our families.

We went on several field trips to Woolaroc, the Indy Fab Lab, and the Little House on the Prairie Museum. Overall, it was another great summer!

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