

Boys & Girls Club of Eden

Winter 2015 Newsletter

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Our Mission

To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

Core Beliefs

A Boys and Girls Club provides: A safe place to learn and grow, ongoing relationships with caring adult professionals, life-enhancing programs, character development experiences, hope, and opportunity.

Club Membership Pricing Starting February 1st

Grades 2-6 - \$87.50

Grades 7-9 - \$43.75

Grades 10-12 - FREE

Scholarships, financial aid, and payment plans are available. Talk with Mary or Lauren if interested in learning more.

Teen Leadership at the Club

With the new year starting, our teen members (grades 7 to 12) have decided to make some changes! While in the past the teens have favored autonomy, this semester they have decided to break out of their recent trends and try something new! One member decided to start a German Club with our younger members. This move toward leadership and mentoring is not the only way the teens decided to make a change. They have also decided to enhance the Club's "Teen Nights," during which they usually just hang out and watch a movie after hours. Some of our teen members have instead decided to plan and host a speaker series by bringing in speakers once a month after hours to speak about common interests among the teens of the Club. The Club staff are excited by this new initiative shown by our older members!



Pictured from left to right: :
Brianna Grade 10
Angie: Grade 10
Georgia: Grade 7



Members making crafts with residents of Absolut Care

Volunteering and Loving It!

Here at the Club we love to give back to our community. In October, we went to Absolut Care in Eden to decorate pumpkins with the residents. In November, we collected 400 pounds of food for the Eden/North Collins Food Pantry and went back to Absolut Care to visit our friends and make holiday crafts. The residents and our members had fun and came out with some lovely decorations! In December, we were able to make holiday cards for veterans, and one member decided to collect donations for Active-Duty members of the military.

To learn more about what goes on here at the Club, check out our NEW programming blog at:
<http://lep715.wix.com/boysandgirlsclubblog>

A Glimpse into Life at the Club

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Daily Programming

Every day the Youth Development Professionals employed at the Club run various programs. These programs are specific to our core areas and help our members develop skills in athletics, computers and technology, academics, good character and leadership, and social recreation. Additionally, homework help is provided for an hour every day (3:15-4:15), during which members are encouraged to work on their own, but are given guidance in a constructive way by one of our staff members.

Weekly Programming

The Boys and Girls Club of Eden offers different clubs that meet once a week. These include, but are not limited to, our leadership/career development club "Junior Staff," Music Appreciation Club, French Language and Culture Club, Cooking Club, and Photography Club.

Monthly Programming

Every month the Club makes sure our members have the opportunity to engage in diverse experiences. We have volunteers from the community who share their expertise in things like reading, martial arts, healthy cooking, and more! If you would be interested in sharing your knowledge with our members, please contact Lauren!



Taken during our daily "Power Hour," this photo shows members who were doing homework moments before. They just can't resist a photo opp!!

Upcoming Dates to Remember

SCHEDULING

January 19th - Club Closed (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
January 30th - Club Closed (Eden Staff Development Day)
February 16th-21st - Club Closed (Eden Mid-Winter Break)
March 6th - Club Closed (Eden Staff Development Day)
March 19th - District Half Day - Club open at 11am (\$10 fee per member)
March 30th-April 3rd - Club Closed (Eden Spring Break)

REMINDER

*When Eden Schools cancel after school activities - we remain open!
When Eden Schools have a snow day - we are closed!*

PROGRAMMING

February 17th - Movie Night at McKinley Dipson Theater
February 19th - Skyzone Field Trip
February Break TBD - Colden Tubing
Last week of Feb TBD - Floor Hockey League Sign-Ups
March 23-27 - Boys & Girls Club Week

FUNDRAISING

January 17th - Winter Chicken BBQ
January 31st - ETA Family Movie Night at the High School
February 20th - Wine Tasting
March 6th - Game Night with the Quizmaster, Dennis George
April 18th - Fashion Show at Brierwood Country Club

Member Spotlight: PAIGE METROS



Age: 10

Grade: 5

Paige was nominated for the spotlight because is an outstanding member. She always helps with programs and keeps morale up! She has been coming to the Club for 2 years, and always has other people's interests at heart.

Q: What would you tell somebody interested in the Club?

A: "It's fun here!"

Q: What do you learn?

A: "To eat healthier and to learn to be healthy."

For More Information:

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- Join our bi-weekly email list
- Or contact us at programming@bgcaofeden.org