



CLUB NEWS



The **Positive Place For Kids**

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Music At the Gap has a HUGH Turnout!

The first concert for the Music at the Gap summer concert series benefiting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Copperas Cove was a great success. Frank Meyer kicked off the season with the children's concert at 11:00am. The show ended with the "Bug Song", where several of the kids dressed up in bug costumes and danced to the ukulele and guitars playing. All kids attending were treated to free hot dogs, chips and punch.

The evening turned out to be quiet magical with the Guy Forsyth Band playing two hours for the general audience. With the largest crowd in attendance for the first concert, club personnel and board members were real pleased with the marketing that got the word out.

All music at the gap concerts are free to the general public thanks to our on going support from the City of Copperas Cove. A steak or chicken dinner is available for the evening concerts and attendees are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs and plan for an evening of fun and great music. The next concert will be July 18th with Billy Jonas followed by August 8th with Albert & Gage. For more information go to www.musicatthegap.org.



Keystone Strikes Again—"They Are Going For the Gold"



Clements Teen Center Programs are offered Monday through Friday during the Summer from 10:00am until 6:00pm. The K-City Keystone Club show above is a Character & Leadership Group Club which provides support to their local Club and Community!

The Central Texas K-City Keystoneers are taking Killeen by storm. They are striving to become a national Gold Keystone Club which demands a lot more responsibility from them. They kicked off the summer with an open recruiting period, wherein they interviewed over 45 potential Keystone members. After interviewing, they narrowed the search down to 8 new members which are placed on a 30-day probationary period before they are officially inducted. They have implemented an Adopt-a-Unit and Adopt-a-Sibling program of their own. With the implementation of this mission they make money by selling temporary badges to members who have misplaced theirs and have taken the proceeds to purchase Keystone t-shirts for their members. These great teens also decided to adopt the Teen center and Bigham Unit as a way of giving back to the community even more. With their Adopt-a-unit and Adopt-a-Sibling program, the Keystoneers facilitate programs for the younger kids ages 7-12 such as Smart Girls and the like and they use materials that they need to make their program a success. They also assist in the daily functioning of the Teen Center as well as assisting staff and other members with various tasks. We are so proud of their ability and willingness to give back to their Club and community while still maintaining their ability to have fun and enjoy their summer.

Upcoming Events:

July 10th

**Spring Ho Celebration—
Lampasas**

July 10 & 11th

**Regional Track Meet in
Waco, TX**

July 18th

**Music At The Gap
Summer Concert Series—
Copperas Cove**

July 19-23rd

**Summer Music Camp for
Teens—Quiet Valley
Ranch— Kerrville, TX**

September 1st

**FISH CITY GRIL
Fundraiser Killeen**

*Poem by
Tamara E.*

KEYSTONE

We got the voice that no one else has
We got power that no one else can handle
We got the eyes that know everything that goes around comes back around
We got the ears that hear nonsense, but don't listen to it.
We got the hands that work together and hold each other so no one will fall down.

Gatesville Clubhouse Reaching Record Numbers

Well summer in Gatesville has hit full force; with Reading Club to Garden Club the kids are busier than ever. We an daily average over 130 the staff is challenged daily to be creative and innovative in their approach to programming. From Tea Parties to Nerf Tag, kids

learn to interact with each other in a positive way. The Volunteer program created this summer finds kids at the local Museum helping out with dusting and cleaning. Also Volunteer Mentor Janelle Kerr spends time talking to the kids about history from the great West to

WWII and how Coryell County was impacted by major historical events.

All and all the kids are finding themselves learning valuable life sessions along with just having FUN!

CPO Update
With the addition of four middle school projects during the 2008-9



School Year, the Clements Boys & Girls Clubs in Killeen were able to provide quality programs and services to over 400 Middle School youth. With over 170 of those kids Active Duty ARMY, we were able to build a partnership with the US Army. The AYPYN program, After School Youth Programs In Your Neighborhood has allowed us the ability to reach out to this needed youth. Each site was open after school until 6:00pm at Union Grove, Liberty Hill, Live Oak Ridge & Fairway Middle Schools. As we move towards the 2009-10 School Year, let me thank Killeen ISD for allowing us the opportunity to serve these kids. We look forward to adding to our programs we established last year. Each site is equipped with a Computer Lab, Staff & Volunteers to better serve the youth. In Closing, Thank you to all who made this opportunity possible.

Jon Charles

Georgetown kids get "Creative" with Southwestern

Southwestern University Drama Students once again came to the Boys & Girls Club of Georgetown as a requirement for their Creative Dramatics class this summer. Professor Desi Roybald has been kind enough to include our club kids in his curriculum for the past 3 years. This year, interested children attended a total of 8 sessions for 1 hour over 8 days. They were able to play "story" games where they acted out certain parts, write poetry and make masks that they used to put on a performance with the help of the students. The students themselves had to put on a puppet show using everyday items as part of the class requirement, and performed their version of the real story of the Three Little Pigs to club kids as a finale.



Copperas Cove Club Opens Teen Center

The Boys & Girls Club of Copperas Cove is expanding all the time. And we've out grown yet another building! The Club is averaging about 125-140 kids a day during the summer, with about 30 of them being teens. The teens now utilize the Noon Exchange Learning Center facility. This multi purpose facility allows us the opportunity to serve more kids each day.

There is an outdoor area for sports, also a functional kitchen area for cooking and nutrition classes. Programs like Career Launch and Money Matters helps teens realize early with opportunities are available to them by staying in school. Along with other great summer programs, the summer music camp for teens is also being held in July at Quiet Valley Ranch in

Kerrville. Teens will be exposed to professional singer songwriters, and will learn how to create their own sound and find their own VOICE! For more information on these and other programs contact James or Tammy at 547-5578.

Do Something 101 Partnership with STAPLES

This summer, Grammy Winning singer-songwriter Ciara is teaming up with Staples and DoSomething 101 Supply Drive. The program encourages teens to collect and donate school supplies at their

local Staples store to support kids in need within their community.

Our organization has been selected to participate in this program and receive donations -but we need your help! Support

our youth who need supplies to return to school prepared to learn and succeed.

Donations can be dropped off at any Staples store nationwide starting July 5th through September the 19th.

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