



CLUB NEWS



The *Positive Place For Kids*

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Local Keystone Officers Attend National Conference!

April 1-5 two of the officers of the Clements Teen Center Keystone Group, Damaria Henderson, president and Crystal Ellis, Secretary, along with their advisor Ms. Jennifer Gilbert took over Atlanta. It was 5 days of fun as well as inspiration and time for giving back. On Wednesday, one of the officers took their first flight on an airplane. It was quite an experience for all involved. Lol! When we arrived we checked in and took a horse and carriage ride around downtown Atlanta. I took the kids to the famous "Centennial Park," for their first outdoor Blues Festival. The conference started on Thursday Morning and ended Saturday evening and it was a bang. Over the weekend, we met such stars as Bow, Wow, Ashanti, Judge Hatchett, Mario Lopez and even the famous Ms. Roxanne Spillet, which is the first female President of the Boys and Girls Club.

The girl's had an opportunity to give back to the community by helping to rebuild a previously destroyed Boys and Girls Club. They went on a College Experience tour to Morehouse, Clark and the Art Institute of Atlanta. This trip helped us all to realize the impact that the Boys and Girls Club can make on a single individual. We all left with a new found confidence and the flame for our future was reignited. I know this conference was for the kids but I as an adult was inspired by the words of Judge Glenda Hatchett and others and just to meet the higher ranks of the Boys and Girls Club was amazing. We plan to attend the regional conference in Denver Colorado this summer and take more of the Keystone members to hopefully have the same experience.



Upcoming Events:

June 8th

All Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Texas Clubs OPEN for Summer Operations, contact you local club for more information!

June 20th

Music At the Gap to be held at Ogletree Gap Pavilion in Copperas Cove. The 1st show will feature Frank Meyer doing a kids concert at 11:00am followed in the evening by Guy Forsyth at 7:30pm. For more information go to www.musicatthegap.org

July 19-23rd

Summer Music camp for Teens to be held in Kerrville, Texas. For more information go to our website at www.bgctx.org

Union Grove Middle School Creates Character Counts Quilt!



Union Grove Middle School Students as part of the AYPYN program (Army Youth Programs in Your Neighborhood) created a Character Counts Quilt and presented to the administration of the school. Over 16 youth under the direction of program director Karin Freeman worked and had fun creating this wonderful quilt. With all of the six pillars of character involved each group of students worked on hand sewing the quilt together. Union Grove is part of four middle schools who provide daily after school programs located within the schools. Along with Union Grove, Liberty Hill, Live Oak Ridge & Fairway are part of the AYPYN program.

*Poem by
Jasmyne W.*

The Boys & Girls Club is really great

They are there for you everyday, through the good times and bad

They are the best counselors you will ever have

They show you the truth in life

Which on the other hand will make you bright

Professional Poet Visits Clubs!

Jena Gesserman from Austin, Texas visited the four AYPYN Middle School Sites & Clements Teen Center to provide instruction in creating writing for leisure. She is in the process of creating small poetry books of the poems the kids created during her visits. A show of poems is scheduled for June, 2009 at the Clements Teen Center where the kids will read some of the poems they created. Special Thanks to over 80 teens who participated in her visits..



Copperas Cove celebrates 10 years of service!

CPO Update

I had the great honor to be recognized Nationally by the Professional Association of Boys & Girls Clubs for the "Contribution to the Professional Award" at the national conference in Atlanta. This experience was wonderful for me and my family and the experience was highlighted by having our board members present during this time. Without the dedication of staff & board, the work we do for youth would not happen. As we move forward with this new organization, let us re commit ourselves to work of making a difference in the lives of thousands of young people. More and more demand will be put on organizations like ours as we move forward and we must rise to the occasion. In Closing, Let me thank my wife Francie for being there with me for over 30 years of Boys & Girls Club work. I am honored to be apart of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Texas and look forward with bright optimism to the future.



JON CHARLES

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Copperas Cove is serving 80-100 youth per day. It hasn't always been a easy ride, but it's been worthwhile no less. We will have a celebration for the Club June 5th with a Birthday cake, ice cream and lots of fun and games. Many things have happened over the past 10 years with the addition of Music At the Gap , professional singer songwriters spend time during the summer months with the youth of the club. Pictured above is from the first Music at the Gap series in 2004, Spe-

cial Thanks to all the volunteers, staff and board who give so generously of their time, talent and resources to better serve over 1,000 youth annually in Copperas Cove. For more information on the club and the summer program contact james beavers at

Woody Hall Celebrates KITE DAY at Club



Come fly away with us.... The Woody Hall Unit celebrated Kite Day on May 7th, 2009. Our club members had fun learning how to make kites in Arts & Crafts using the following items, plastic bags, sticks, masking tape and yarn. Once these kites were made and ready to fly we took them and some store bought kites out to the parking lot and tested out the kites. Our club members couldn't have asked for a better day, the weather conditions were perfect for flying kites.

Gatesville Keystone Club takes Six Flags Trip

Gatesville Keystone Club took a trip to Six Flags in Arlington on May 31st. Seven of the youth who attended have provided hundreds of volunteer hours for the club. The teens were able to raise the money for the trip by hosting club fundraisers throughout the year.



Tutoring Program finishes with Pizza in Georgetown

The Boys & Girls Club of Georgetown finished its tutoring program for the 2008-9 school year with pizza for both the tutors and tutees. Helping Hand Tutoring is a school district program facilitated by the local Partners in

Education organization. The Boys & Girls Club was recognized as a site recently and began their program in late March with 4 board members.



Lampasas Youth Attend Cameron Park Zoo

The Boys & Girls Club of Lampasas youth attended a all day event at Cameron Park Zoo. The youth were able to see a wide variety of animals including elephants, snakes,

giraffes, buffalo and a huge variety of water animals. This trip kick off their 2009 Summer Field Trip program. For more information contact Michael Blount. The Club in Lampasas

will be open from 7:30am until 5:30pm during the summer break.

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