



CLUB NEWS



The *Positive Place For Kids*

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El Lugar Ideal Para Crecer

Teen Helping Teens

At the Clements Teen Center it is very often that you will find teens helping each other out. Veteran member Sydney teaches her peers how to crochet. The teens enjoyed the new experience and appreciated Sydney volunteering her time to teach them a new craft. Even the male members took an active role in learning to crochet. This was not the only time teens came to the club to help out. Coca Cola Summer Camp also stopped by on two occasions to allow their teens the opportunity to work at the center. The first stop featured young ladies teaching the teens how to make friendship bracelets out of string, sewing mini pillows by hand, and working together as a team to accomplish goals.

The second trip featured the young men from the Coca Cola camp. The young assisted in the areas of gym, arcade, game room



and computer lab. The young men hosted basketball, pool, Madden, Halo, and foosball tournaments with prizes for the winners. They also assisted staff in the computer lab with the computer scavenger hunt game. The teens at Clements Teen

Center believe in giving back to their club and community. They went to the Bigham Unit and assisted program staff there with their end of the summer activities for the younger kids. These teens are heading in the right direction.

Treasure Found at the Bigham Unit!

Friday no longer only means getting to stay up a little later and sleeping in the next day! It means Fun Fridays for the members of the Bigham Unit. Our first Fun Friday theme was pirates!

Members split up into four groups, "The Salty Dogs" (wise old pirates), "The Buccaneers" (Caribbean pirates), "The Jolly Rogers" (the name of a pirate's flag), and finally "The Privateers" (the legal pirates commissioned by the government). All the pirates "set sail in pursuit of an unclaimed treasure. The

pirates were given maps (a series of clues) that needed to be decoded to reveal a location. At each of these ports of call, they had to perform tasks including; research and investigational skills, math skills, creative and artistic skills, listening and following instruction, and finally, good old fashion common sense!

The treasure, tasty popsicles (need we say more?), was first discovered by the Buccaneers. After everyone feasted on their newly found loot, they enjoyed popcorn and an all time favorite pirate movie,



"Hook".

The pirates enjoyed their first Fun Friday filled with the stakes of the high seas and are looking forward to their next mission. May you find fair winds to your back, Matties! AARRRR!

Lampasas Hosts a benefit Golf Tournament

Lampasas Boys and Girls Club board members Joe Lorette, Bill Tower, and Jess Ramos are hard at work for the First Annual Kids Classic Golf Tournament held September 8th in Lampasas to benefit the local club.

Golfers came from as far as Mississippi to compete in the tournament and were treated to a fish fry dinner with all the fixings afterwards. Thank you to our local Board Members for all of their help with this event.

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Upcoming Events:

**Clements Teen Center
Grand Opening October 13
1-4pm**

**Lights Out! After School
October 18 5-8pm @
Clements Teen Center**

Youth of the Month

Bigham Unit
Victoria M.

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Gatesville Unit
Seth J.

Lampasas Unit
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Copperas Cove Unit
Christina R.

Quote of the Month

Only you can be yourself. No one else is qualified for the job.

- Author
Unknown



National Day for Kids 2007

Kids Day in Copperas Cove was a huge success this year. We served over 900 youth and families. There were fun events for all ages. Face Painting, water slides, bounce houses, fire trucks, police cars, ambulances and a helicopter to tour, ring toss style games, free spinal exams, arts & crafts, live music, and even a visit from the mayor!

The Boys & Girls Club also served 960 hotdogs and drinks,



chips, popcorn, and snow cones. We had a raffle going on dur-

ing this great event. We sold tickets for \$5 each, and raised a total of \$215. Samantha age 7, who was the grand prize winner, was able to take a helicopter flight over Copperas Cove with her Uncle.

The Boys & Girls Club had a very successful event this year and we would like to thank everyone that donated their time and/or supplies. Our goal for next years Day for Kids is to go bigger and better!

Clements Teen Center Grand Opening

Hundreds will gather on Saturday, October 13, 2007 from 1pm to 4pm to celebrate the Clements Teen Center "Grand Opening".

The community celebration, open to the public, will begin with a ribbon cutting ceremony with community officials and supporters, followed by activities that include a tour of the facility, family activities and live music. Attendees can also receive information about the Clements Teen Center's programs and a free year long membership.

The center located at 2900 E. Elms Road in Killeen, TX originally opened its doors this summer wel-

coming hundreds of kids. Designed with educational as well as recreational programs in mind this center will be offering programs that provide youth a sense of empowerment. The new facility will focus on deepening the impact for teens, attracting them to the Club with exciting activities while empowering them with life skills. The specialized programs will include College Preparatory, financial matters as well as leadership development. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Texas exists to inspire and enable all young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances to realize their full potential

as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

Educational and instructional programs offered include: Baby Think It Over, CLUBService, Junior Achievement, Keystone, Money Matters, On My Way, Passport to Manhood, Sewing Program, Smart Girls and a Teen Advisory Board. All of the Program areas offered to youth include character and leadership development, education & career development, health & life skills, the arts along with sports, fitness, & recreation.

There will be food and fun for all so come check out your new hang out – and enjoy all of the fun!

Southwestern University Students Connecting With GT Kids

Southwestern University, an Undergraduate National Liberal Arts College, continues to be a valued partner with the Stonehaven Unit in Georgetown. Professor Desi Roybal has brought out students from his Creative Dramatics Class the past two summers to interact with children, and facilitate activities such as improvisation, poetry, puppetry, and storytelling. Students from Sociology and Childhood Education classes also volunteer in the fall as a class requirement, and help out with Power Hour and Game Room activities.

Last Spring, club members

were lucky enough to listen to a Harp recital by students Stephanie Taylor and Hedda Barber. Club members were transfixed not only by the size, but also the tranquil sound that the instrument made. Luckily for us, Stephanie and Hedda wanted to return this fall. They have recently created a 6 session "Fine Art Workshop" that they are offering to club members. Each session is broken down into 30 minute lessons that include introductions to Harp, Ballet, Theatrical Stunts, Creative Writing, and Music Theory. Children can choose as many or as few sessions to attend as they



like. Both girls have already come to the club to promote their programs, and already are generating excitement with interested members.

A HUGE thanks goes out to all Southwestern Students, but especially to Stephanie and Hedda who are providing these unique opportunities to club kids.

Trimmier Unit Holds Day For Kids Event!

Boys & Girls Clubs Day for Kids is about the importance of relationships between caring adults and young people and spending time with the youth. It is important to set aside a special day to reinforce our commitment to youth. By celebrating BGC Day for Kids, we remind

the young people in our lives just how important they are. You can celebrate the day by participating in a street carnival, festival or have a picnic in the park. Whatever you decided to do together, having fun was the main objective, and that's what we did at Trimmier!

Monster Cake

Ingredients:
1 Tbsp. PHILADELPHIA Cream Cheese Spread
3 RITZ Crackers
3 raisins, cut in half
SPREAD cream cheese in ghost shape on top of crackers.
ADD raisin pieces for the eyes.



Jack-o'-Lantern

3 RITZ Crackers
1 Tbsp. KRAFT EASY CHEESE American Pasteurized Cheese Snack
1 tsp. apple peel
3 parsley springs
SPREAD crackers evenly with cheese snack.
CUT apple peel into small pieces for the jack-o'-lanterns' eyes, noses and mouths. Arrange on crackers as desired.
ADD parsley for the pumpkin stems.



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