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Club News



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Clements Boys & Girls Club Awarded three New Grants

This past week CBGC received notification that three new grants have been awarded to the club. These awards came as a direct result of the various grants applications written and submitted regularly by club staff.

OJP Grant 2005-12232 for \$40,000 to support a growth initiative to expand the service reach of CBGC. Club board and staff will continue to research under-served areas in the Killeen Area where these funds will benefit the most youth. Requirements of the grant include registration of at least 250 new youth members to the club.

OJP Grant 2005-12147 for \$12,000 is to be used to recruit, serve, and enroll at least 120 new youth into club membership. These funds will be used to enlarge, enhance, and extend club programs to allow more youth to be served in present club facilities.

The 2005-2006 NFL Football Grant for \$2,500 is to be used to help implement and improve our existing CBGC Youth Tackle Football Program. Club staff will determine the best use for these funds to facilitate our getting the "most bang for our bucks" in the promotion of this rather expensive club program.

Bigham Unit Members Attend Torch Club Conference



The Bigham Unit Torch Club members attended the Torch Club Conference at Ft. Hood on November 18 – 19. The conference began with dinner and a meet and greet session. This was followed by a Fort Hood welcome from Sheila Curtis, Youth Administrator for Child and Youth Services. Torch Club members then moved into the workshop sessions, which included Character Counts, SMART Moves, Conflict Resolution and Robotics. After the workshops youth participated in open recreation which included a dance, video games, computer lab activities, fitness room activities, and much more.

Activities on Saturday began at 6:00 AM with breakfast and a welcome by Leslie Carrasco, Bigham Unit Director. After breakfast, youth planned activities and events that incorporated information gained through the previous night's workshops. Some of these plans included; CC! Workshops for



younger members, CC! in Torch meeting, conflict resolution skits for younger members, and H2C (Helping and Hang'in club).

After the project briefing, youth participated in two community service activities. First, they made patriotic placemats out of recycled materials and donated them to the local VFW. Second they decorated recycled planters which were donated to an area nursing home.

Bigham and Exchange Teen Center Collect Canned Food For Donation



Bigham and Exchange teen center members collected 125 pound of canned food and donated it to the Mission Soup Kitchen of Killeen. Members collected items since October 15 to help the soup kitchen provide meals for the community. Members utilized

their math skills while adding up the total weight. Members Laike-shia, Tyrayl, JoJo and Janise helped box up and carry the food over to the soup kitchen.

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Upcoming Events:

December 1-10
Basketball Registration

December 10
Annual Christmas Parade

Youth of the Month

Bigham Unit
Ashley, G

Clements Unit
Jamison, H

Exchange Unit
Jojo, B

Trimmier Unit
Mikaela, H

Did You Know?

Alex Rodriguez of the New York Yankees and actor **Denzel Washington** are the National Spokesmen for Boys & Girls Clubs. Both were very active Club members in their youth.

Club Pictures



November Gardeners of the Month

Congratulations to Olga and Serena for being the "Gardeners of the Month" for the month of November. Thank you for all your hard work!

The Bigham Unit's Garden Club has been working hard trying to make sure the garden does well in the cooler weather. WE have already picked the Collard Greens, they turned out really big, good job! The carrots are growing, slowly but surely. We hope they are ready before Christmas! On Thursday Dec. 1, the Garden Club will enjoy a feast, eating some veggies from their garden! Look for a future article regarding this!



Cherry Cheese Pie

Ingredients:

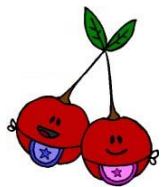
- 1 (9 inch) prepared graham cracker crust
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 2 cups frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (21 ounce) can cherry pie filling

Directions:

In a medium mixing bowl, beat together softened cream cheese and sugar until light and fluffy. Fold in whipped topping and blend until mixture is smooth. Spread into graham cracker crust and spoon pie filling over top. Cover with plastic wrap and chill 2 hours before serving.

Nutrition Facts (1 Serving):

Calories: 421
Total Fat: 21.1g
Cholesterol: 31mg
Sodium: 251mg
Total Carbs: 55.5g
Dietary Fiber: 0.8g
Protein: 3.7g



Club Briefs

Veterans Day Parade

The Clements Boys & Girls Club Cheerleaders and the Boys & Girls Club Hip Hop Dance Group both performed in the Veterans Day Parade held November 11. We would like to thank Kendra Maxie, the Club volunteer Cheerleading coordinator, for organizing the cheerleaders for this event. We would also like to thank another wonderful Club volunteer, Ms. Valerie Butler, for organizing the dance group.

Chamber of Commerce Mixer

The Trimmier Unit was the host for the November Chamber Mixer and approximately 150 business leaders attended this fun filled social event. Congratulations to Darren Perkins, Boys & Girls Club Board Member for winning the Free Throw contest making an unbelievable 9 out of 10 shots. Maybe Shaquille O'Neal will hire Darren as a free throw coach. The Club is very proud to support the Killeen Chamber of Commerce programs.

Christmas Parade

The City of Killeen's annual Christmas parade will be held December 10 starting at 4:30pm in downtown Killeen. The Exchange Teen Center will have a concession stand set up with restrooms available to the public as a service to the community. Please stop by and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate and some popcorn before and after the parade.

VLA Invites Club Members to Free Showing

Vive Les Arts has invited Club Members and their parents to a free showing of The Best Christmas Pageant Ever. The show is

scheduled for December 8 at 7:00pm with a punch and cookies reception starting at 6:00pm. This will be held at Vive Les Arts Theatre located at 3401 South W.S. Young Drive. Complimentary tickets are available at the Trimmier Unit and Bigham Unit.

Thank you Vive Les Arts for providing Club youth the opportunity to experience the Arts right here in our community.

Christmas Trees Available

The Keystone Teen Leadership Group at the Exchange Unit is taking orders for anyone who would like a free Cedar Christmas Tree this Christmas season. Call Mr. Leslie at the Bigham Unit if you are interested and the Keystone Club will deliver a tree to the Club for you.

Trimmier Unit Celebrates National Fire Safety Month

The City of Killeen Fire Department brought out their fire truck and ambulance on November 18 and instructed youth on Fire Safety. The Boys & Girls Club is always looking for programs that will keep our youth safe. We appreciate the Fire Department personnel for taking time out of their busy schedules to promote fire safety among our members.

Dental Health Class at the Clubs

Jennie Coody, a dental hygienist student taught a class on proper dental hygiene to youth at the Trimmier, Bigham and Exchange Units and also passed out toothbrushes, toothpaste and timekeepers to all members. The knowledge gained at this class will hopefully reduce cavities and promote positive dental health among our members. Thanks Jeannie for making a difference in the life of a child.

Swim Team Coach Needed

The Boys & Girls Club would like to start a Youth Swim team. To do this, we need a volunteer coach to instruct and organize Club members throughout the year. If you or a friend is interested, please call Ms. Sundae at the Natatorium.

Club Expansion Units

Clements B/G Club is negotiating with a group from Georgetown and several local churches as possible sites for club extension units. A Steering Committee from Georgetown recently contacted club officials to request CBGC's assistance in providing youth programming in that area. Locally,

CBGC is researching the feasibility of forming an agreement with one or more local churches to provide additional teen programming facilities that are especially needed during summer hours. Boys and Girls Club of America, both on the regional and national level will be participating in these joint efforts.

UPCOMING STAFF BIRTHDAYS

Vickie Stevenson, December 3
Karin Luke, December 5
Shirley Redman, December 5
Jeanette Ortiz, December 8
Michelle Glenn, December 27
Carol Zett, December 31
Jean Humes, December 28
Henry Leonard, December 19
Tony Jones, December 29

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