



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
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News and features from Boys & Girls Clubs across the State



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As the excitement of summer camp carries on for the 114,000 young people we serve throughout the State, some Clubs are preparing for the after-school program to begin. It may still feel like summer, but our members go back to school as early as July 17! As their Clubs arrange nutritious after-school snacks, homework help, and engaging afternoon activities, others are still planning summer field trips and full-day fun.

Whenever school is out, we're in, so whether the youth in your community are still on summer break or eagerly preparing for another school year, their local Clubs will be ready to serve them with high-quality, affordable, and positive programs that will continue to empower them to reach their full potential.

NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS

Boys & Girls Clubs of Sierra Vista receives Impact Award



Boys & Girls Clubs of Sierra Vista was selected as the Sierra Vista Area Chamber of Commerce's 2022 Community Impact Award winner. The Community Impact Award is given to a nonprofit organization making a meaningful difference through innovative, creative, and compassionate programs, services, and initiatives. BGCSV serves more than 1,000 youth annually through its two Clubhouses, and received Special Congressional Recognition from Rep. Juan Ciscomani (AZ-6) in celebration of earning the 2022 Impact Award. Congratulations!

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale teens receive skateboards from Fiesta Bowl Charities



Fiesta Bowl CEO Erik Moses, along with mascot Spirit and the Fiesta Bowl Charities Yellow Jackets, visited the Red Mountain Branch of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale to deliver 50 brand new skateboards for Club teens. The skateboards sparked excitement among the Club members and will get plenty of use at the state-

of-the-art skate park at the Way of Life Facility within the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, where the Red Mountain Branch is located.

"We are grateful for the ongoing support that enriches the lives of our members and encourages their active participation in healthy, engaging activities," said BGCS CEO Ivan Gilreath. Thank you, Fiesta Bowl Charities!

ACADEMIC SUCCESS



The Arizona Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs is teaming up with Girls Who Code to incorporate even more fun and engaging STEM curriculum in Clubs. The program is open to any Club member in 6th–12th grade, and includes access to more than 120 hours of programming with coding lessons and career exploration. **Alliance members** – when you start a free Girls Who Code Club with three or more members, you'll receive up to \$300 to purchase materials and supplies for your Club. Just indicate that you're part of *Arizona Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs* on the application at girlswhocode.com/clubsapply.

GOOD CHARACTER AND LEADERSHIP

The Leaders in Training (LIT) program is in full swing for 7th–12th graders at Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale. LITs spend the summer developing leadership skills as they become mentors and role models to younger Club members and assist Club staff. They learn job readiness skills like preparing a resume, completing an application, interviewing, and job shadowing. They explore colleges and careers and participate in programs like



Money Matters and Career Launch. Seventy BGCS teens are gaining workforce experience through this year's LIT program, which will culminate in a trip to Universal Studios as a reward for their summer of hard work!

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

The Mesa Police Department has partnered with Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley's Grant Woods Branch for a summer of outreach and



fun through the city's We Run Mesa program. Along with Mesa PD and with the support of community leaders like Councilwoman Jennifer Duff, Club members participate in physical activities that encourage them to live healthy lifestyles and increase academic success. The Mesa Public Library even stopped by during one of the activities to donate books and encourage participants to get their summer reading on!

GREAT FUTURES START HERE

Alumni Spotlight: Swati Webb

A former East Valley (AZ) Club member and two-time Youth of the Year candidate, Swati Webb serves as Chief Financial Officer for Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley. She credits her time in the Youth of the Year program with preparing her for a successful career by teaching public speaking, how to apply and interview for a job, and introducing her to the corporate world. As BGCAZ's CFO, Webb ensures fiscal stability and long-range sustainability for BGCAZ's Clubs and programs through strategic leadership and direct oversight of all financial, technology, human resources and facilities functions. She also acts as the staff liaison to the Finance and Budget Committees of the Board of Directors.



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