When School’s Out, Clubs are In!

This summer, BGCSC partnered with Boys & Girls Clubs nationwide in the Great Futures Campaign, an effort geared toward promoting after-school programs.

Every day, 15 million kids nationwide leave school with no place to go, putting them at risk of being unsupervised, unguided and unsafe. At the Clubs, kids have access to a safe place after school where they can build the knowledge, skills and behaviors they need to put them on the path for success.

Boys & Girls Club programs promote academic success; good character & citizenship; and healthy lifestyles. Project Learn, a mentoring and tutoring program, guides students toward academic success. Good character and citizenship focuses on becoming engaged citizens in the community, and modeling strong character. Triple Play is a comprehensive wellness program that encourages daily physical activity, nutritious food, and healthy choices. Additional programs that enrich kids’ lives include year-round sports leagues, Lego Robotics and other STEM programs (science, technology, engineering, and math), arts programs, and teen-specific opportunities.

Your support of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish County helps us reach more kids and puts them on the path to a great future. For more information about the Great Futures Campaign, please visit the NEWS page of our website. Thank you for your support!

Over 230 kids participated in the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation’s Badges for Baseball at Kasch Park the week of August 4. The program is run in partnership with the Foundation, Everett PD and BGCSC, and pairs officers and kids together to play and learn, helping develop good relationships between kids and officers who serve in their communities.

During the August 20th Snohomish County Council Meeting, Joint Resolution No. 14-013 was issued and presented to BGCSC, declaring the Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish County as a Community Steward in enabling all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

The Evergreen State Fair in Monroe opened August 21st with a generous gift to the Boys & Girls Clubs. Republic Services, a longtime sponsor of the fair, recognized BGCSC Clubs through its annual Community Stewardship Award, and donated $30,000 to the Mukilteo Club and $20,000 to the Arlington Club for capital projects.

To read the complete resolution, please visit our website and click NEWS.
Lake Stevens Club Celebrates 10 Years

A gathering of Lake Stevens Club supporters was held on September 19th at the home of Jan and Lorrie Larsen. The evening event was a chance to thank the original supporters for their role in the success of the Club, and to celebrate the ten year anniversary of the Club. Future renovation ideas were shared, which would expand the Club’s offerings to more teens in the Lake Stevens area.

A birthday bash was also held September 21st for the Club. Over 80 people attended the fun event, where party goers enjoyed music, food, face painting, and a magician. Mike Wetmore, Club Director, commented, “It was especially great to have the support of the Kiwanis Club members who came out to help us celebrate ten years.”

Healthy Habits in Edmonds

Kids in South Snohomish County have greatly benefited from a three year Healthy Habits grant from Verdant Health Commission, providing hundreds of kids each year free access to sports and nutrition programs. The Edmonds Club was recently awarded another two year grant to continue and grow the program.

Sports programs are offered free of charge to elementary and middle school aged students in the Edmonds School District. Cross Country, Lacrosse, Rugby, Track & Field, Baseball and Softball are offered. As part of the Nutrition component of the program, free cooking classes are offered, where youth receive hands-on learning and meal planning experience.

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BGCSC Staff and volunteers work with students at Sherwood Elementary (Edmonds) to create healthy meals in their nutrition class, as part of the Healthy Habits program.
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Bill Tsoukalas Receives Highest BGCA Honor

Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) awarded Bill Tsoukalas, BGSCC Executive Director, the 2014 Thomas G. Garth Character and Courage Award – the highest honor the organization can bestow on a Club professional. Tsoukalas was presented with the award during a ceremony held at BGCA’s 108th Annual National Conference in San Francisco in May.

The Thomas G. Garth Character and Courage Award was created in memory of the former BGCA President and is presented each year during the national conference to a Club professional who best exemplifies the qualities and character that made Garth an extraordinary leader and role model during his decades of service to the organization.

"Bill exemplifies the true spirit of the Garth award for his leadership in the movement and courage to boldly step forward for the betterment of children in America. He is a leader who gives to others without expectation of reward or recognition; rather to unselfishly help those in need," said Boys & Girls Clubs of America President and CEO Jim Clark.

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- Cascade
- Coupeville
- Edmonds
- Everett
- Granite Falls
- Lake Stevens
- Marysville
- Monroe
- Mukilteo
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