SERVING THE KIDS WHO NEED US MOST

Total Membership: 2,110 youth
Average Daily Attendance: 871 members
Gender: 52% male; 48% female
Ages Served: 5-12 year olds (64%)
13-18 year olds (36%)

50% of Club members attended at least once a week!

MEMBER DIVERSITY

- African American: 57%
- Asian: 4%
- Caucasian: 2%
- Hispanic: 17%
- Multi-Racial: 19%
- Native American: 1%

MEMBER DEMOGRAPHICS

- Rely on social services: 47%
- Single or non-traditional households: 64%
- Live below the poverty line: 71%

ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY BY PROVIDING...

- 109,345 Snacks
- 19,293 lbs. Produce
- 93,863 Meals
Keystone Clubs provide leadership development opportunities for youth ages 14 to 18. Youth participate in activities in three focus areas: academic success, career preparation and community service. With the guidance of an adult advisor, Keystone Clubs aim to have a positive impact on members, the Club and community.

Thanks to the support of the Chico Executive Group (CEG), youth from the Chico, Oroville and Paradise Teen Centers were provided with valuable trainings and mentorship to help them be more successful in their Clubs. BGCNV Keystones also collaborated with youth from the Fontana Boys & Girls Club’s Keystone Club and participated in youth-led trainings and teambuilding activities.

In addition to their weekly meetings, Keystone members serve the teens from their Clubs to improve the quality of programs and overall Club experience. The Chico and Oroville Keystone Clubs have hosted numerous fundraisers to support their projects and volunteer to support many community events.

In our engineering projects, members were given an activity challenge and then provided with a variety of materials and minimal instruction. The intent was to allow youth to problem solve and grow their skills by developing their own solutions.

The coding sessions allowed younger members to write code using markers and block coding on tablets. Our older members built and coded using a desktop to create basic functioning high-tech robots which they competed with in an internationally recognized robotics competition with other teens throughout Butte County.

Last school year the Boys & Girls Clubs of the North Valley implemented STEM programming Club-wide. The variety of programs offered ranged from basic engineering to advanced coding and robotics. The goals for this first year were to create a basic understanding of coding, grow critical thinking skills through basic individual and small group challenges, and introduce a common STEM language.

The league positively impacts youth by helping them build strong character, teaching them the importance of healthy lifestyles and good nutrition, and promoting positive self-image.

Each of our Clubs received a bag of equipment provided by Buffalo Wild Wings that included flags, footballs, kicking tees, referee jerseys and whistles, as well as additional coaching and training materials and certificates for the players. Participants are coached by Club staff and volunteers who have completed sports-appropriate trainings and certifications.

Teams practiced for one hour each week in preparation for weekly games against other sites and many family members came out to enjoy the games and cheer on their child’s team.
The Boys & Girls Clubs of the North Valley (BGCNV) was the primary after-school program for more than 500 youth in Paradise and Magalia at five Club sites on the Ridge. In the first three weeks after the fire started, 481 of those children came through the doors of the Chico Boys & Girls Club where they found a safe and reliable place, including the familiar faces of their Paradise staff, 22 of whom had also just lost their homes.

We followed Paradise and Ponderosa Elementary Schools to Durham and Oroville and opened two temporary after-school care facilities. We also returned to our surviving portables in Magalia. In Chico, we expanded programs to serve all displaced youth and their families. In addition, we provided critical training to staff through IsraAid, a group that trains teams how to work with youth after disasters and crisis situations. We also expanded our programming to include trauma therapy through Victor Treatment Centers, Haley Music Therapy and Butte County Art on Wheels.

We are providing care in ways we never would have imagined. Outside of Club services, we are providing food, support with bills, housing, furniture, cars, and whatever else is needed to connect families with resources so that no child suffers. Our goal is to create a bit of normalcy for our youth and families. It is going to take years to heal and recover, but we are committed to doing what we have always done – take care of our youth, do what is best for them and not give up.

The Boys & Girls Club will continue to adjust our programs to fulfill our partnership with Paradise Unified School District and be a safe and reliable place for youth to learn and grow. As we walk through the process of recovering and rebuilding together in our region, we will always put kids first.