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SOAKING UP SUMMER

This summer was full of fun, learning and adventures for nearly 650 local kids and teens! Kids have been away from each other so much, and this summer was all about being together. Campers from both Butte and Glenn Counties had the chance to start their summer off-roading with police officers, firefighters and others on the dirt trails in Butte Meadows for “Wheelin’ with Cops”. Kids also got to experience a search and rescue demo, try their hand with the fire hose, sit down for lunch and receive toys and gifts that were generously donated from local community agencies.

Youth in Hamilton City were able to go on more field trips because their school district, Hamilton Unified, went above and beyond to supply bus transportation. Campers explored the region by swimming twice a week, bowling at Orland Bowling and going to Funland and Rare Air in Chico. Thanks to Lassen Park Foundation they were able to go to the Volcano Adventure Camp at Lassen Volcanic National Park to connect with nature and become future stewards of Lassen Park.

Our teen members in Chico and Oroville were able to get out on the water every week to enjoy paddle sports at the Forebay Aquatic Center. They also learned new job and career skills working alongside community members at AMain.com, Old Navy and Valley Contractors Exchange Hands on Tools Mobile Training Program.

Thanks to Chico Rotary, three teen leaders from our Chico Teen Center Keystone Club attended the National Keystone Conference in Los Angeles where they met peers from all over the world and got to go to Disneyland! Your support has helped us connect kids in a broader world.



INSPIRING CREATIVITY THROUGH THE ARTS

Giving kids a voice through the Arts helps inspire creativity and builds confidence. Members at Paradise Junior High School (PJHS) are participating in their self-named “Artsy Fartsy” program where they have been creating stencil artwork and spray-painting cosmic landscapes. PJHS members had the chance to create digital art while designing shirts for themselves. They took a field trip to Fairview High to have their designs screen-printed and now they get to show them off to their friends and families!

Over at our Hamilton Elementary School Club, Evelyn B. has been practicing her guitar skills every week. Evelyn’s improvement has been noticeable with staff saying, “She may struggle with a song one day, but the next time we see her, she has it down! This shows her dedication and enjoyment of learning.” So far, she has learned songs ranging from The Strokes to AC/DC. Evelyn and her staff team are planning a performance at the end of the year once she is ready!



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BRINGING LIFE BACK TO PARADISE TEEN CENTER

After nearly four-years, the Paradise Teen Center building on Skyway has received an inside and out renovation. The Camp Fire Collaborative will be sharing the space on Skyway and as soon as we can find enough funds to furnish and staff our side of the building, we will be recreating a safe and positive space for Ridge teens. This project has been a true community collaboration - more than three dozen organizations provided donations, staff time, and expertise, enabling the project to be on time and under budget.

"Working on the Teen Center was an amazing experience.

Seeing so many people step up to help make it happen was inspiring, this community is all in." – Chelsea Irvine, Club supporter & volunteer

More than 50 community volunteers put in nearly 500 hours over 90 days to help rebuild the facility. The Club building is a symbol of resilience and will once again be a visible beacon of hope as it comes back to life.

In addition, we surveyed 308 Ridge youth from eight different schools to gauge their interest in having teen-based programming. 78.5% said they would be interested in attending and wanted to see culinary, music and art programs, volunteer opportunities, support with job interviews, college tours and academic support.

We are grateful for the collaboration with Chelsea Irvine, Jess Mercer and the support of the Golden Valley Bank, North Valley Community Foundation - Butte Strong Fund, Paradise Center for Spiritual Living, Paradise Rotary and local community donors to make this a reality.



REWARDING POSITIVE BEHAVIOR

The Club Bucks Store has been a tradition for more than 25 years! Kids can earn "Club Bucks" through good behavior, such as supporting staff during the day, making positive choices, going above and beyond and so much more. Positive reinforcement is a crucial component of BGCNV programming to help foster positive behavior and create safe spaces.

The stores are full of delicious treats, learning toys, Legos, gift cards to local restaurants, sports equipment and basically anything a kid could want! Stores are open once a month at all of our 9 sites, giving members the chance to save up for something big or use their current bucks for a snack or fun gadget to play with. Often times we have members who enjoy going shopping to get something for their siblings or friends. These rewards motivate our kids to aim high while teaching them that positive choices and behaviors can bring positive rewards. Thank you to the Ford Motor Company for helping fund our stores this school year and ensuring our youth make positive choices!



Families! - Donate Today at bgcnv.org/donate



HELP MAKE THE HOLIDAYS BRIGHTER!



Give with dignity this holiday season:

It's that magical time of the year when hearts are filled with holiday cheer, and the needs of others becomes a little more important than our own. Our goal is to eliminate barriers to families accessing the generosity of our community, and ensure that we are meeting them where they are at. Our children and their families have been through so much, and the holidays can add heightened stress and pressure. We know our families and we work shoulder to shoulder with them to understand their needs. You can make an immediate difference in their lives and we can help you help them.

How you can help us help local families for the holidays:

- \$10 gift cards for teens (food or clothing places)
- Toy Donations (new and unwrapped for holiday stores)
- Adopting a Family (adopt kids and make their Christmas special)
- Food Support (we are assembling 185 food bags for holiday breaks)

Call Erin Kennedy, Director of Case Management at 530.899.0335 to get involved today!

SCAN HERE & SUPPORT FAMILIES DURING THE HOLIDAYS



SUPPORT LOCAL FAMILIES THROUGH THESE FUN EVENTS!



Valentine's Gala
Saturday, February 11 | The Barn at Meriam Park

Join us for a one of a kind evening which includes a plated dinner, wine, a speech from our Youth of the Year and a live auction!



Paradise Cook-Off
Saturday, March 25 | Paradise Veterans Hall

Join us for this unique tasting event! Guests will enjoy a sampling of dishes from master and amateur chefs demonstrating their culinary skills and special recipes.



Growing Great Futures
Saturday, April 29 | Capay Farms

Join us at Capay Farms for a beautiful backyard dinner. Guests will enjoy live entertainment, hors d'oeuvres, and a family style meal complete with beer and wine.



Barrels Bites & Bounty
Friday, June 9 | Historic Oroville Inn

This fun event features tastings from local vendors, breweries, live music, and a raffle. Support our three Teen Centers in Oroville!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Do you want to spend your time making a difference in the lives of local youth and their families? Reach out to us today to learn about all of our volunteer opportunities! Whether you enjoy arts & crafts, sports, STEM, cooking or anything in-between, we can find a place for you to share your passion with Club members. Call us today!



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