

Summer Fun Comes to a Close

In June, the Clubs transitioned from after-school care to our all-day summer camp program. Kids experienced nine weeks of educational and engaging activities, each week with a different theme. Summer camp was open to students entering grades 1-6, and also featured a Junior Staff program that provided teens with the opportunity to be a leader at the Club and gain work experience.



One of the highlights was Mad Science week. Kids became scientists and turned their Clubs into their own personal laboratories! Experiments were conducted, myths were busted, and theories were tested and proven. DIY lava lamps were a big hit as we learned about density and chemical reactions. Members had a blast using baking soda to create the biggest chemical reaction using a variety of popular household liquids.

Later in the summer we held a Maker Space week, where members utilized everyday materials around them to design and build their own creations. Household items like straws, milk cartons, and cardboard egg containers were repurposed into junkbots. With the addition of a small motor, kids attempted to make their junkbots come to life! They also learned the physics of catapults, and tried their hands at creating them out of various materials.



We're Open for the 2021/2022 School Year



Who: Children entering grades 1-12

When: Monday-Friday

Cost: \$40 annual membership fee

Schedule:

Bellingham, Blaine, & Ferndale

Afterschool: 2:00 - 6:00pm

Bellingham Thurs Early Release: 1:00 - 5:00pm

Lynden

Afterschool: 3:30 - 6:00pm



Programs Offered:

Healthy meals & snacks

Help with homework

Art classes

STEM & Technology sessions

Project L.A.N.E.

For more information and to register your child, please visit our website at whatcomclubs.org

Message from the CEO

Typically, when we get to August, we are reflecting back on how great our summer program was, the number of hours we served children, which weekly themes were the favorite, and how much we hope that the kids who attended summer camp will also join us after school.

Typically, at this time, we are planning to host the Cornhole Tournament and our All-County Breakfast in the fall. A considerable amount of time is spent discussing how to best highlight the impact the Club has on the lives of the kids we serve to our community supporters at these events.

Typically, we have just concluded the only ten weeks of extended day programming we offer in a calendar year.

Right now, there isn't anything typical about our days, our work or our story.

The effects of the ongoing pandemic on our youth are just beginning to be realized. Even some adults are more emotional, tired and less sure of themselves in many situations. The children we are serving understandably have bigger emotions, fewer outlets, and keeping them on a successful path takes more time and energy.

This fall, we plan to return to a more typical afterschool program, focusing on social-emotional development, educational support and allowing kids to have fun while still being COVID cautious. Our approach, to focus on kids' strengths, to build skills in a supportive environment is not typical of all youth serving programs; but is typical for us and it has never been more important.

- Heather Powell, CEO

Members Learning, Playing, & Growing



Lung simulation during STEM



Design your own salad bar



Staying active with kickball



Recreating our local watershed

Upcoming Events



All County Breakfast

Presented by  FERDALE REFINERY

The 22nd All County Breakfast will be held virtually again this year. Please join us for another entertaining **Good Morning Whatcom** show from the comfort of your home!

When: Thursday, November 4th
Pre-program begins at 6:45 am,
livestreaming is from 7:00-8:00 am

More information & tickets will be available soon. Please visit whatcomclubs.org for more details.

Project L.A.N.E.

Lifestyle. Attitude. Nutrition. Exercise.

program spotlight

Project L.A.N.E. is a county-wide healthy lifestyle program that has been sponsored in memory of Clayton DeLane "Lane" Richards by his family and friends. Lane was born in Bellingham, grew up in Forks, raised his family in Port Angeles and lived his final years with his wife, Karen in Bellingham, WA.

Athletics and fitness were always a passion in Lane's life. He was a certified personal trainer for 4 years at Fitness Gear & Training before being diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma on July 9, 2018. Maintaining such a high level of fitness combined with his incredibly positive outlook contributed to Lane's ability to fight through numerous challenges brought on from the cancer treatments.



Project L.A.N.E. activities have included yoga, group games, and build-your-own fruit skewers.



Before his passing in 2020, he motivated countless people to embrace an active lifestyle with a focus on good nutrition and exercise. Lane was a regular at the Old Nooners' basketball club at the Bellingham Clubhouse where he was best known for his warm smile, always positive attitude and engaging desire to get to know every person he met.

If you are interested in donating to Project L.A.N.E., please contact Sara Maloney at smaloney@whatcomclubs.org or (360) 738-3808 ext. 304

Licensed Care Spotlight



The Kids' World Sunset location has just had significant upgrades completed! Rooms received fresh coats of paint, new countertops and storage, new flooring, and more. The Frontiers and Sunset locations have renovations currently in progress, with Ferndale to follow. These much-needed upgrades will allow us to provide the best possible space for the 532 children at Kids' World.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS ATHLETICS NEWS

Athletics has returned! After COVID-19 cancelled a full year of sports, we kicked off the return of athletics with a successful spring baseball season. 120 kids ages 7-11 participated in 80 games throughout the season.

We are preparing to launch volleyball in August & fall flag football in September. Sign ups for winter basketball will be available soon on our website at whatcomclubs.org



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Blaine Matching Gift Challenge

A longtime Blaine supporter is challenging the community to match her generous \$25,000 pledge! Double the impact of your gift today, so that our local kids can continue to have the opportunity for a *Great Future*.

To make a gift, please visit our website at whatcomclubs.org

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Great Futures Campaign 2021

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Goal:
\$250,000

Donations
as of Aug 13:
\$193,509

where kids are given
emotional & educational
support



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