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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF WHATCOM COUNTY

SUMMER WRAP UP



This summer, we offered all-day summer camp to youth of Whatcom county at both our early learning centers and Clubhouses. From infants to teens, there were nine weeks of dynamic and educational programs to nurture and



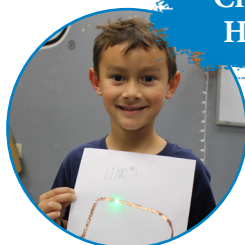
captivate each child who walked through our doors. Every week followed a different theme ranging from "Mind, Body, Soul" where we got our bodies moving and our minds at ease with a focus on healthy lifestyles, to "Mad Science" where we conducted experiments, busted myths, and tested theories! Through programs like STEM, Art, Tech Lab, Project L.A.N.E. and Cooking Club, we learned new skills, forged strong friendships, and explored the world around us.

Early Learning Center Highlight



*Playing outside
with our friends*

Clubhouse Highlight



*Building a
working circuit*

Teen Program Highlight



*Learning
how to make
healthy ramen*

2023/2024 After School Program

Who: Children entering Kindergarten - Grade 12

When: Monday - Friday, beginning September 5th

Cost: \$40 annual membership fee

Schedule:

Bellingham, Blaine, Ferndale, Lynden

After school: 2:00 - 6:00pm

Bellingham early release: 1:00 - 5:00pm every Thursday

For more information and questions, contact VP of Clubhouse Programs Lynn Schreiber at (360) 738-3808 ext. 403 or lschreiber@whatcomclubs.org

Teen Program

All four Clubhouses are offering a teen program this fall for children entering 6 - 12th grades. Programs offered will be STEM, art, workforce readiness, fun teen nights, and more.

To learn more information and register your child, visit whatcomclubs.org or scan the QR code below to be directed to the Parent Portal.

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visit our website at
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scan the QR code with
your phone's camera.



Playing



at the park

Learning



*through engaging
activities*

Growing



*through healthy
meals*

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Message from the CEO

Each spring we invite our members to complete a survey administered by Boys & Girls Clubs of America called the National Youth Outcome Initiative (NYOI). This survey measures our impact on the lives of the youth we serve and allows us to track our own progress and perhaps most importantly, compare kids who attend Club against kids who do not in the five key areas: safe, positive environment; sense of belonging; supportive relationships; opportunities and expectations; and recognition.

The data for the 2023 survey is in and we were really thrilled to see that 90% our members feel the Club is an emotionally safe place for them, 80% have a connection to a staff member, 86% have done something to make a difference in their community, and 92% are abstaining from drug use. We were not surprised that the survey data also shows kids are struggling to connect with their peers, resolve conflicts and cope with challenges in their day to day lives.

As we transition away from extended day summer programming into afterschool programs in our Clubs and for our school age youth in our early learning centers, with your continued commitment, we will most certainly focus our efforts on the areas where our youth are telling us, through this survey, that they need help. Our desire and ability to meet the needs of our kids makes us unique. We are thankful to our community of supporters for investing in the youth we serve.

- Heather Powell, CEO

SPARK my future



Our newest initiative is a workforce readiness program for teens called Spark My Future. Named by our local teens attending the Club, the curriculum is composed of three Boys & Girls Clubs of America developed programs. *CareerLaunch* focuses on preparing youth for internships, first jobs, and ongoing skill acquisition. *Money Matters*, a financial literacy program, seeks to promote financial responsibility and independence for the future. *Road Code* teaches safe driving techniques and principles through driving simulation headsets.



The teens recently visited CTK's Food Share and Farm as part of Workforce Wednesday, a weekly program that introduces members to various career opportunities. We learned how to harvest and prepare various vegetables to go out into the community, and gained a better understanding of the work that goes into the food that we consume. CTK also donated cabbage, tomatoes, and carrots for our healthy food program. These veggies went into multiple lunches for our summer camp program.

Great Futures Campaign 2023

\$340,000

Your gift today will provide...

workforce readiness programs social-emotional support
healthy habit building educational games resume building
nutritious meals and snacks dedicated staff homework help



the opportunity for a Great Future for every child

\$92,438
as of August 19

Early Learning Center Spotlight



Our youngest members have spent the last few months spending as much time as they can outside! With the recently upgraded nature preserve at the Sunset location, the kids have been able to take regular field trips to explore the world around them.

Their imaginations run wild as they enact games of make believe, play hide and seek, eat fresh blackberries off the vine, and discover local foliage and insects throughout the preserve.

Boys & Girls Clubs ATHLETICS NEWS



We are ready for an exciting fall sports season! Our eagerly anticipated volleyball and flag football programs are set to kick off this September, offering a dynamic and engaging experience for over 180 enthusiastic children.

From perfecting serves on the volleyball court to scoring touchdowns in flag football, our dedicated coaches & supportive environment ensure every child enjoys a fun-filled and character-building journey.

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All County Breakfast

Presented by  **FERNDALE REFINERY**

When: Thursday, November 2 at 7:30 am

Where: Ferndale Clubhouse

More information will be available on our website at whatcomclubs.org shortly.

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320

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