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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF SANTA MONICA



SUMMER 2005 BULLETIN

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Lending a Hand for Tsunami Relief

Earlier this year, when South East Asia and India were hit with the devastating Tsunami, the kids at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica pulled together to help those in need around the world. They were all touched and saddened by the plight of those whose lives were literally washed away, particularly the children left injured and orphaned.

Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) was quick to respond by asking clubs across the country to involve their members and communities in fundraising efforts for the children affected by the Tsunami. BGCA had arranged for a match of all funds raised, and in addition, BGCA's Office of Government Relations found a second match. This meant that every dollar raised on the local level would be quadrupled. BGCSM was one of the first clubs to sign on.

Our Board of Governors embraced the idea, making donations themselves or running additional matches for their employees at their places of business. Aside from a mail campaign to the Board, the staff put together a mail campaign to parents of our members urging them to set a philanthropic example for their children. The letter was signed by each staff member, and the mailer was put together by club kids. Teens and younger members participated by stuffing, labeling and sealing the mailer. They were taught that volunteering their time is another way to help out when a financial gift may not be possible. They were excited to help and the discussion that ensued was inspiring.

Our campaign took off. Once people received word of the double match, they started their own fundraising efforts. From companies hosting their own events with auctions to kids putting on bake sales, the

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A word from our President & CEO ALLAN YOUNG

The anticipation is rising as we transition from an incredible school year to a dynamic and active summer. It's time to participate in RAD Camp, sculpt ceramics in the Art shop, design graphics on the computer in the newly designed Technology and Media Center, play pool in the Games Room, shoot a basket in the gymnasium and make new friends.

In this summer 2005 newsletter edition you will learn about different areas of programming such as Kids at Hope, Tomorrow's Leaders, and the Spirit of Youth trip to England where we send four selected youth to travel abroad. You will be introduced to new youth professionals and reintroduced to the old, learn about our own winners from the Regional Fine Arts exhibit, the Junior Basketball league's trip to Hawaii, the Games Room's DDR Club and pool tournaments, special programs in the Learning Center, the state of the art Technology & Media Center, Skate Park exhilaration, and the energetic Teen Center hip hop club.

As we dive into the excitement of summer and remember the activities of the school year, I hope you discover and look forward to the Club's advancements, familiar faces, and many more enjoyable up-and-coming events such as our Annual Dinner, Auction, and Raffle. This year on November 10th we will have our 30th



Anniversary of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica Auction so mark your calendars. We are delighted and ready to have another extraordinary summer.

As an update, the new club site at John Adams Middle School (JAMS) is closer to opening its doors every day. JAMS will be our tenth club on the West side. The architectural plans are in place and the production of our newest Boys & Girls Club site is

rapidly approaching. In partnership with the Santa Monica Rotary Club and the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) we will be able to expand our service throughout our community and further our efforts to inspire and enable all young people to realize their full potential. (See page 8 for architectural renderings).

We would not be able to offer all of our wonderful and expansive programs and activities without the tremendous help of our club supporters. I want to personally thank each and every one of you for everything you have done and every child you have inspired including more than 4,000 children from our community.

With warm regards,

Allan C. Young

Kids at Hope

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica is proud to be part of the growing number of clubs across the United States that have chosen to become a Kids at Hope Club. We believe that "ALL children at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica are capable of success. NO EXCEPTIONS!" Our Club is committed to being a club where all students are surrounded by caring adults. These adults have high academic and behavioral expectations for our members and will provide all of them with opportunities to be successful.

Kids at Hope is not a program—it is about a belief system that sees all youth as capable of success. NO EXCEPTIONS! This summer we will be sharing our belief system with all of the kids who come to the Club. To learn more about Kids at Hope and its role in our Club, please see any of our staff or contact Francie Goodrich at the Club.

The New Tech Center is OPEN!!!

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica has opened a new, state-of-the-art technology center, leading Boys & Girls Clubs of America's movement to create digital opportunities for its more than 3.3 million youth. The facility is one of thousands to be established in Clubs nationwide as a result of the Operation Connect program. The goal: to ensure that Club members and professionals not only have access to technology, but are computer and Internet literate as well.

We are very excited about our new technology center and what it will mean to the children we serve, as well as to the community at large. Access to technology and the skills to use it are essential to creating a level educational 'playing field' for our members. The Tech Center is fun as well as educational. Decorated with bright colors, it makes com-

Center Stage: It's Phil Brock!

BGCSM is proud and excited to announce that Phil Brock, President of Studio Talent Group, is this year's Council President. As Council President, Phil will lead our Council, a group of young professionals volunteering their time to the club, in its major fundraising effort, the 30th Annual Dinner, Auction & Raffle. This year's Auction will once again be held at the lovely Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel on Thursday, November 10, 2005.

"There will be some exciting changes at this year's event, and everyone on the Council is looking forward to having our most successful auction yet," says Phil. One of those changes is the date. Normally, the auction is held on a Friday night, but this year it's on a Thursday.

"The following day is Veteran's Day, a nationally recognized hol-



Phil Brock

iday, so we decided to go ahead with the date change," Phil explains, "in particular because of some of the great options the hotel has available that night."

Phil, a second generation Santa Monican, holds the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica close to his heart. At the age of 12, Phil joined what was then the "Boys

Club" where he was active in all areas of the Club. In 1971, he was named "Boy of the Month" and was a runner up for "Boy of the Year," honors he still holds dear.

"I am so excited to be able to give back to a place that has done so much for me," reflects Phil. "Allan & the Club have always been there for me, and I am more than thrilled to be there for them now."

The Club gave Phil some of his first work experience. At various times he was the Membership Secretary, Social Recreation Assistant, Athletic Department Assistant, Assistant Librarian, and Social Recreation Director. He has also coached Bidy Basketball and Flag Football teams and sponsored a leadership club for teens. Most recently, Phil has spent the last six years devot-

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB PROGRAM & POLICY INFORMATION

Parents, please review this information with your children.

Our Mission

Our mission is to inspire and enable all young people to realize their full potential by developing the characteristics and qualities needed to become caring, responsible, and confident citizens.

The Boys & Girls Club Code

I believe in God and the right to worship according to my own faith and religion
 I believe in America and the American way of life, in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.
 I believe in fair play, honesty, and sportsmanship.
 I believe in my Boys & Girls Club, which stands for these things.

Behavior

Club members are asked to behave in a responsible manner. Members are expected to show respect for other members, staff and property. Members must: Follow the Club rules while playing Club games; Help staff members keep our Club clean and neat by picking up after themselves and returning equipment and games when finished. Members who display outstanding behavior and make good choices may be selected for Club recognition as Youth of the Month.

Bus Pick-Up Program

Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica have a well-established Bus Pick-up Program. Through this program, we pick up children at many of the local schools and bring them to the Boys & Girls Club's main branch. This program is wonderful for working parents who want a safe and reliable way for their children to get from school to the club on a daily basis. Please note that this program is very popular and does fill up. Bus Pick-up is offered at the following schools: Franklin, McKinley, John Muir/SMASH, Roosevelt, Will Rogers, Lincoln, John Adams, and Paul Revere.

Bus Pick-up Rules and Regulations are as follows:

- Participants must be a current member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica.
- Participants must ride the bus at least three times a week.
- Parents must call and let the club know whenever their child is not going to ride the bus.
- Parents must let us know of any early dismissals.
- Participants must abide by the rules of the Boys & Girls Club bus driver at all times.
- No horseplay or rough-housing is permitted in the van.

We reserve the right to dismiss any member from the Bus Pick-up Program who has been written up by a bus driver three times.

Open sign-ups for bus pick up begin July 18th and close August 29th.

Applications are available in the front office and must be turned in at the time of payment. Bus Pick-up costs \$250 for the entire school year. Spaces are given on a first come, first serve basis, and are not secure until paid in full.

If you are interested in finding out more about bus pick-up and whether there are spaces at your child's school, feel free to call Tammy at (310) 393-9629.

Open Door Policy

Parents, it is important for you to know that our OPEN DOOR POLICY means that your children may enter or leave the club whenever they wish. If you want your children to remain in the Club at all times, then it is your responsibility to instruct them to do so. We prefer that kids be required by their parents to stay in the Club, this keeps them safe under our supervision.

After Hours

Parents, please note our program hours. There is no supervision before or after our stated program hours. Please arrive on time so that your child is not left alone unsupervised. We appreciate your cooperation.

Club Summer Hours

Main branch: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm, Monday – Friday, closed weekends

Skate Park: 11:00 am – 6:00 pm Monday – Friday, closed weekends

Membership Dues

The cost of new memberships is \$20.00, which includes a Boys & Girls Club T-shirt. Membership renewal costs \$10.00 if it is done before the membership expires. Members who are renewing their memberships are still required to fill out a membership application, so that our records will be up-to-date. Memberships renewed after the expiration date are considered new, and will cost \$20.00. Please be sure to keep the office updated of any changes in your contact information.

Dress Code

Members are expected to dress appropriately when coming to the Club. Shoes and shirts are required at all times. Closed toe shoes are recommended to protect young feet. Wave caps, headbands, or hairnets are not acceptable to wear at the Club.

Front of the Club

Unfortunately, Club members are not allowed to sit out in front of the Club unless supervised by Club staff. Please support our policy of ensuring supervision for kids by coming inside the Club to pick up your child.

Membership Cards

Members are required to carry their membership cards with them at all times. Members will be asked to present their cards upon arrival to the Club as they sign in, and will need cards to participate in Club programs or to check out game equipment. Members who have lost their card can replace it for \$1 in the membership office as long as their membership is still current.

Lost & Found

The Club will take all lost & found articles to another charitable organization every other Tuesday. Club members and parents should check for lost items before the items are removed from the Club. Please put your child's name on their personal belongings for identification purposes.

Food & Drinks

Only the snack area on the outside playfield is designated for eating food, candy, & drinks. Please help us keep the Club clean by snacking only at the picnic tables in this area. Miss P opens her kitchen during the summer!!!! Check with her for days and hours.

Pay Phone

For the convenience of Club members, the Club provides a pay phone for outgoing calls. Local calls are 35 cents. The office phones are for business calls and not for member use.

Returned Checks & Refunds

There will be \$20 service charge on all returned checks. No refunds will be given without a receipt. Any refunds issued will be given within 30 days of the request, but will only be given with the approval of M.E. Raco, Associate Executive Director.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS THROUGHOUT THE NATION HAVE PROGRAMMING IN FIVE CORE PROGRAM AREAS. THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF SANTA MONICA IS ALSO PROUD TO OFFER PROGRAMS THAT STEM FROM THESE AREAS OF DEVELOPMENT.

- **Character and Leadership Development:** empowers youth to support and influence their Club and community, sustain meaningful relationships with others, develop a positive self-image, participate in the democratic process and respect their own and others' cultural identities.
- **Education and Career Development:** enables youth to become proficient in basic educational disciplines, apply learning to everyday situations and embrace technology to achieve success in a career.
- **Health and Life Skills:** develops young people's capacity to engage in positive behaviors that nurture their own well-being, set personal goals and live successfully as self-sufficient adults.
- **The Arts:** enables youth to develop their creativity and cultural awareness through knowledge and appreciation of the visual arts, crafts, performing arts and creative writing.
- **Sports, Fitness and Recreation:** develops fitness, positive use of leisure time, skills for stress management, appreciation for the environment and social skills.

MEET OUR STAFF AS OF MAY 2005

Allan Young	President, CEO
M. E. Raco	Associate Executive Director
Aaron Young	Assistant Director
Taura Mizrahi	Director of Development
Lauren Savage	Director of Finance & Administration
Tammy Ito	Program Director
Dominique Holland	Director of Branch Operations
Francie Goodrich	Education Director
Keith Touzin	Technology Director, Main Branch
Nano Guerra	Learning Center Director
Eduardo "Lalo" Marquez	Arts & Cultural Director
Ebonica Fisher	Teen Center Supervisor
Edwing Villeda	Social Recreation Director
Tracy White	Skate Park Director
Kendra Moore	Membership Secretary/Reception
Jennifer Maxwell	Membership Office/Learning Center
Kathy Alvarado	Athletics
Jerome Blockmon	Athletics
Auggie Adams	Athletics
Jordan Hurd	Technology Center
Brandon Edenedo	Technology Center
Kriston Weldon	Games Room
Joyce Yoo	Games Room
Zak Grove	Skate Park
David Fisher	Skate Park
David Banks	Branches
Lorena Castellon	Branches
Aaron Davis-Herber	Branches
Albert Hoot	Branches
Aleah Etebari	Branches
Lourdes Gonzalez	Branches
Jason Hurd	Branches
Deon Lock	Branches
Terrell Patterson	Branches
Altema Ruiz	Branches
Travis Varday	Branches
Jennifer Pietro	Executive Director, Malibu Club
Jose Soto	Director, Malibu Club
Mandy Groff	Director of Development, Malibu Club
Kristi Dick	Malibu Club
Debra Johnson	Malibu Club
Elie Knickerbocker	Malibu Club
Joe Mendoza	Malibu Club
Erick Prins	Malibu Club
Ella Stern	Malibu Club

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ing his time, money and effort to strengthening the Council and boosting the success of the Auction.

After Santa Monica High School, Phil earned an AA from SMC, a BA from UCLA, and eventually an M.Ed from Loyola Marymount University. Although he started out in education, even working his way to Dean of Students at Lincoln High School, Phil ultimately was bitten by the acting bug. He held a successful acting career but eventually found himself on the other end of the business working as an agent and a manager. Now Phil is President of his own company, Studio Talent Group, a licensed talent agency.

"I believe that you can and must control your personal satisfaction with the work that you do, whether it be professional or volunteer," says Phil. "At the end of each day, you must be certain that you have done everything in your power to achieve your best."

And Phil gives nothing but the best when it comes to his partici-

pation in the Council. Phil is already hard at work getting auction items donated, ads sold, and recruiting for the Council. His enthusiasm has penetrated the Council members, some of whom have already sold ads! Everyone is expecting great things from Phil and anticipating our most successful event to date.

The Council is excited to add new members and welcome back returning members. There is always room for expansion, so anyone interested in helping the kids by participating in a fun and exciting event please contact Taura at the Club at 310-393-9629 or by email at taura@smbgc.org.



Aaron Young, Taura Mizrahi, Sarah Young and Lauren Savage at the 2004 Auction

Value Dollars + Buying Power = KIDS AUCTION

Just think of all the exciting things you can buy at our Annual Summer Kids Auction. Earn Value Dollars to spend at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica. All summer long, members have the opportunity to earn Value Dollars, which can be used at our Kids Auction to "purchase" all kinds of prizes.

Participate in program activities; bring your membership card everyday; volunteer at the Club; or just have a positive day at the club. These are some of the ways you can earn Value Dollars. Once you earn Value Dollars, you must deposit them at the Club's Bank for safe-keeping. Value Dollars

MUST be deposited in order to use at the auction. You may not deposit the day of auction. Sorry, we need to do some calculations. Only on the day of the Kids Auction, can you withdraw all of your money and spend it on items of your choice. Some of the auction items include: skateboards, sports equipment, school supplies, toys, tickets to amusement parks, and much more.

This year the Kids Auction will take place on Friday, August 19th at 3:00pm.

THINK SUMMER... THINK EARN MONEY... THINK VALUE DOLLARS

From the Membership Office



Kendra Moore

Summer is near, so have no fear, the Boys & Girls Club is here! Hi, my name is Kendra Moore and I am the Membership Secretary.

Our summer office hours are Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:30pm. A special note: renewal notices will now be sent out at the beginning of each month as a reminder. I know that many of you are interested in signing your children up for our programs, so I recommend coming in before school lets out in order to prevent the long lines we have seen in the past.

To be a member, you must be between the ages of 7-18. An application must be filled out completely including both a parent's and the child's signature. Please remember that your child needs his or her card everyday

and at all times. All members are required to sign in everyday. It is a dollar for a new card; if they do not have money, then they must work an hour for a card. (THIS IS A ONE-TIME ONLY DEAL!) Phone Calls are 75 cents in the office. No free phone calls.

You can rent a locker for \$10 for the summer. There is also a special waiver that needs to be filled out. You must provide your own lock, and please provide the office with an extra key or the combination. Lockers must be cleared out DAILY. We are not responsible for any lost items. At the end of the summer, any locks remaining will be cut off.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact me at (310) 393-9629.



WEEKEND CAMPING

"JUST IMAGINE" HAVING A FUN-TASTIC OVERNIGHT ADVENTURE OR SLUMBER PARTY AT THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB:

- JULY 15-16 – BOYS NIGHT ONLY
- JULY 29-31 – CAMP SEA WORLD
- AUGUST 12-13 – GIRLS NIGHT ONLY
- AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 3 – LAKE TAHOE CAMP

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CAMP SEA WORLD AND THE LAKE TAHOE TRIP,

ALL OVERNIGHT CAMPS COST \$15.00.
MEET AT THE CLUB ON FRIDAY EVENING AT 7:00PM
AND PICK YOUR CAMPER THE NEXT MORNING AT 8:00AM.
ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: BAR-B-QUE, SNACKS, AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND SPECIAL ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE EVENING.

For more information on Camp Sea World & Lake Tahoe Trips contact Tammy or Raco.

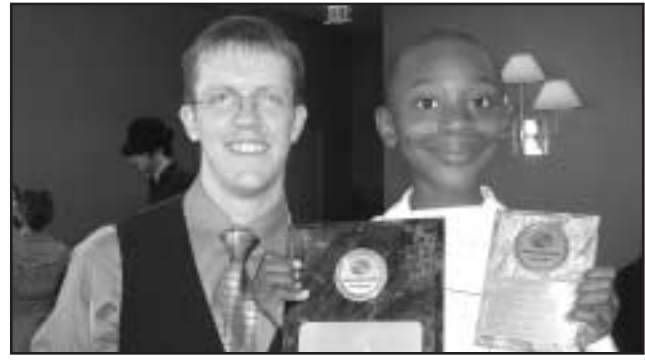
HEY MOM OR DAD!
WHAT AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND AN EXCITING EVENING AWAY FROM THE KIDS.



THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF SANTA MONICA WANTS TO THANK ALL OF OUR SPONSORS FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OUR YOUTH



Members Honored at BGCSM's Youth of the Year Banquet



Dan Walsh and Sportsmanship YOY, Jabril Geter

On February 19, 2005, club members, their friends and family, staff, and members of the community came together to recognize the outstanding youths who have participated in various departments throughout the club at the 37th Annual Youth of the Year Awards Banquet. Washington Mutual sponsored the event in recognition of our outstanding members chosen by department staff to receive awards. Over 300 people attended the luncheon banquet at the Sheraton Delfina Hotel. There was good food, a slideshow presentation, and happy members, parents and staff. Congratulations to all the youths honored on this special day!



Antoinette Hayes with daughter Chanée and Christina Pickett.

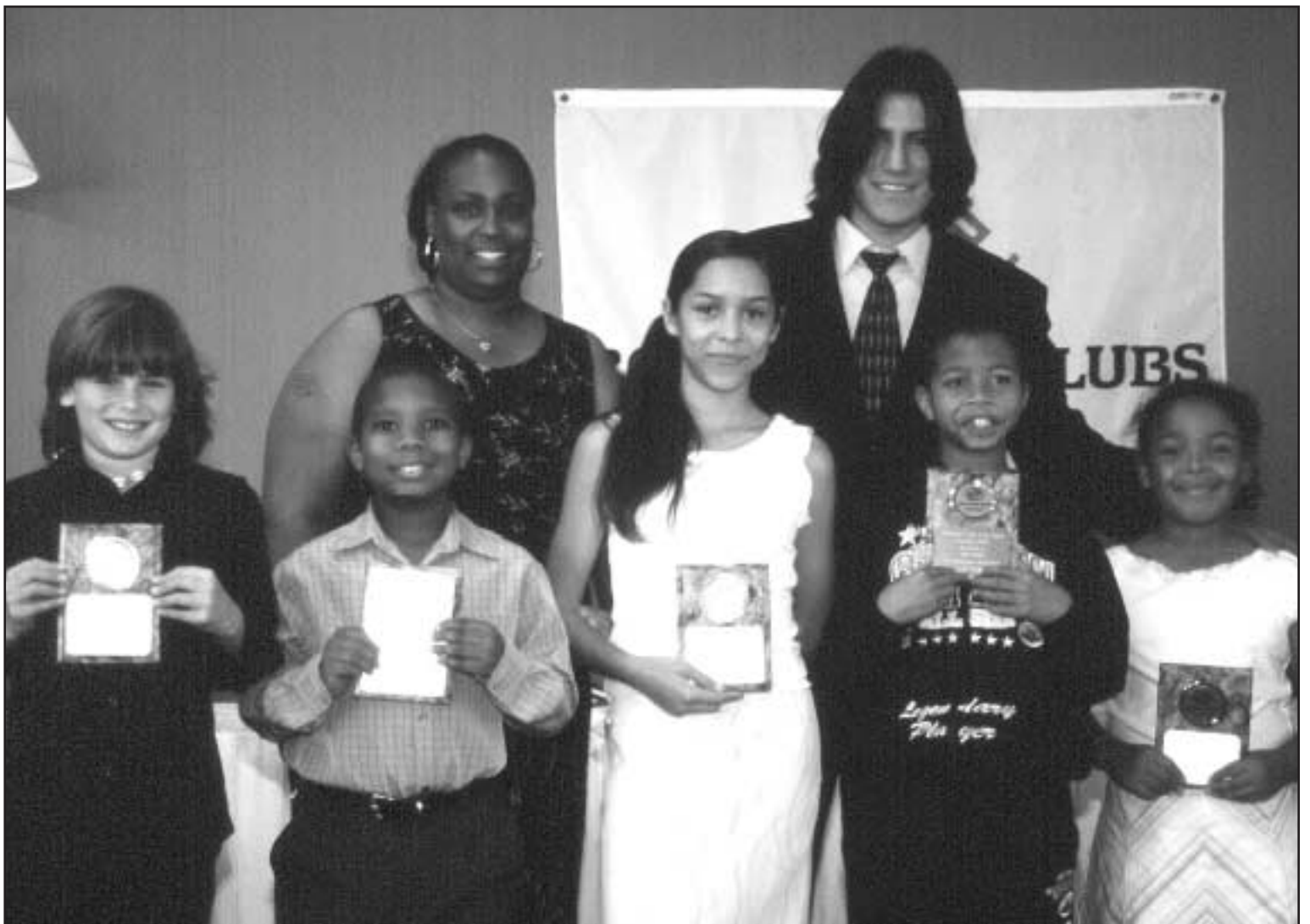


Dee Menzies and Allan Young with Jonnathan Pona.

The following are the honors received:

Youth of the Year – Jordan Hurd; Service Youth of the Year – Jesus Aguirre; Adult Volunteer of the Year – Matt Simon; Prep (7-9) Youths of the Year – Kevan Curnutt & Sean Cowen; Junior (10-12) Youths of the Year; Kelly Wong & Michael Rivera; Intermediate (13-15) Youths of the Year – Karen Maxwell & Chris Tillet; Senior (16-18) Youths of the Year – Joyce Yoo, Dajon Lock, &

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Gamesroom YOY's: Zaq Moul, Joshua Richardson, Ami Bennett, Eric Webb, and Athena Alas with Kendra Moore and Edwin Villeda.



Maliya Comas performs.



Sean Cowen and Tracy White.



Raco and Matt Simon, Adult Volunteer of the Year.



Brothers Jason and Jordan Hurd (YOY 2003 and 2004 respectively) with Grandma and Mom Lynne.

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Jonnathan Pona.

Department Youth of the Year honors went to:

Artshop – Jun Cha; Athletics – Davon Buckner; Sportsmanship – Jabril Geter; Gamesroom – Kevan Curnutt; Leaders In Training – Jennifer Maxwell & Jesus Aguirre; Learning Center – Kelly Wong; Skatepark – Daichi Miura; Technology Center – Kevin Wong; Teen Center – Christina Pickett.

Please see the Gamesroom wall for pictures of all these award recipients!

The following members were recognized for their participation in the Club during the year 2004. These members were chosen by staff and were also recognized at our Awards Banquet. Each month, youths are chosen and their picture is taken and displayed in the Gamesroom for the month after they are chosen.

Departments - Youth of the Month:

ARTSHOP

January-Alison Wirshing, February-Lily Asbury, March-Jaleesa McGee & Tamara Adams, April-Storm Virette & Laura Johnson, May-Judy Deane & Jennifer Maxwell, June-Samantha & Sonia Alvarez, July-Lisa & Leticia Biddles, August-Rafael Alvarez & Destini Stein, September-Kelly Wong & Emilie Oneal,

October-Richard Morales, November-Jun Cha, December-Crystal Estrella & Ryan Beal

ATHLETICS

January-Jerry Shevlin, February- Joe Bruni, March-Jakob Roussos, April-Teondray Caldwell, May-Julian Rivera, June-Michael Rivera, July-Davon Buckner, August-Denisse Velasquez & Noemi Biddles, September-Imanni Maxwell, October-Eric Webb & Janay Evans, November-Andrew Powell, December-Jabril Geter

GAMESROOM

January- Joshua McDonald, February-Nathalie Erazo, March-Zaq Moul, April-Lawrence Woods, May-Kevan Curnutt, June-Joshua Richardson, July-Shakai Jackson, August-Denisse Velasquez, September-Anthony & Candace Stewart, October-Ami Bennett, November-Eric Webb, December- Athena Alas

LEADERS IN TRAINING

May-Jennifer Maxwell, June-Jesus Aguirre, July-Chris Tillett & Shaunte Jackson, August-Jennifer Maxwell, September-Jesus Aguirre, October-Dashaun Buckner, November-Nicole Edenedo, December-Jennifer Maxwell

LEARNING CENTER

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YOUTH OF THE YEAR

JORDAN M. HURD

My name is Jordan Miguel Hurd and I am the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica 2004 Youth of the Year. This is ironic considering my first day at the club was nearly my last. It had to be the worst day of my life. First, I lost my money. Then, I found that none of the other children wanted to play with me. When I went to play outside, I was hit in the head by a football, a basketball, and a baseball. On top of that, I threw up all over the outside playfield. As you can probably guess, I never wanted to go back. The next day, my mother made me try it again. That day, I made a friend. From then on, I began to step up the ladder one rung at a time, a philosophy I practice to this day.

When I was about seven, I discovered my perfect little family wasn't so perfect. My parents divorced each other. Not long after, my mother moved us from Lancaster to Los Angeles. I was terrified. The only stories I heard about Los Angeles, were violent ones such as robberies and drive-by shootings. Things I thought would happen to me. To make matters worse, when I got to my new school, the kids were



Jordan Miguel Hurd

mean to me. They teased me for my use of proper grammar, and because of my appearance. I was a chubby child, with big, thick glasses and a Jerry Curl. I hated going to school, but I looked forward to going to the club. People there accepted me for who I was, and what I stood for. They were welcoming and very friendly, and I always felt the club was a safe place for me to go. If it wasn't for the club with its open doors, there is no telling what I could be doing today.

The Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica has presented me

with many opportunities of a lifetime. From trips to Washington DC and England to my first paying job, the club has been there every step of the way. It is as important to me as the aspects of life it has taught me, such as leadership, good sportsmanship, and confidence. I have learned to accept the negative with the positive and to keep trying no matter the odds.

The club has helped me understand the importance of furthering my education beyond high school. I believe that college is one of the greatest opportunities in the world. I look forward to studying Political Science and one day becoming a high school government teacher and eventually a politician so that I can be a positive influence on others.

My mother always refers to the club as a little village and says how grateful she is for the tribesmen and tribal leaders to help raise my brother and me. I am a proud member of this Santa Monica village. From the CEO to the custodian, from the biggest to the smallest, we are one and we are all. When asked what the Boys & Girls Club means to me, I answer proudly...it means everything.

Youth Sets Sights High

Congratulations to Jordan Hurd, BGCSM's Youth of the Year who competed to be California State Youth of the Year. Jordan was one of thirteen Southern California Youths of the Year selected to compete for the Southern California YOY title. On Monday, March 28, 2005, the thirteen youths met at the Sheraton Delfina Hotel where they gave speeches and underwent personal interviews with the judges. Jordan's superb oratory skills and outgoing personality put him at the front of the pack. He and two others moved on to compete against the three Northern California winners for California State Youth of the Year in Sacramento.

At the state level, Jordan performed beautifully once again. It was a tough call, but judges awarded the title to Michael Thomas from BGC of Greater Sacramento. Regardless, it was a great experience for Jordan and the other outstanding youths who quickly bonded. They all had a good time getting to know each other and sight-seeing on their trip to the Capitol and their special behind-the-scenes tour of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's office.

Here is what Jordan had to say about the experience:

"Sacramento was an experience of a lifetime. Because of my dreams of going into politics, it was the perfect place for the competition to be held. I have met five new friends through the experience. Besides the competition, the visit to the Capitol was another once-in-a-lifetime experience that the club has provided for me. If I were to do it all over, I would not change a thing. I would like to congratulate Mike for winning and say good luck in the regional competition. As for the others, I hope to see you in the near future and good luck to you as well!"

BGCSM would like to congratulate all of the California state finalists: Eboni Brown (BGC of Garden



Jordan with Michael Thomas, California State YOY.



Jordan receives a commendation from our local councilwoman's office.



Outside governor Schwarzenegger's office: Eboni Brown, Marisela Gonzalez, Jeffrey Pflagl, Juan Pimental and Jordan Hurd.

Grove); Marisela Gonzalez (BGC of Fresno County); Jeffrey Pflagl (BGC of Auburn); Juan Pimentel (BGC of Greater Oxnard & Port Hueneme); Michael Thomas

(BGC of Greater Sacramento); and of course, our very own Jordan Hurd! You are all incredible young adults who will undoubtedly achieve greatness in your lives.

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January-Kelly Wong,
February-Kevin Wong, March-
Monique Ford, April-Kriston
Weldon, May-Tanya
Armstrong, June-Julian Rivera,
July-Monae Gunn & Abdiel
Lopez, August-Taylor Shaw,
September-Michelle Cooper,
October-Maxwell Stevens,
November-Sayeh Bahador,
December- Steven Zepeda

SKATEPARK

January-Alex Hudspeth,
February-Cole Wade, March-
Coleman Bellamy, April-
Rodney Johnson, May-Kevin
White, June-Alexi Macou, July-
Jamil Fuller, August-Sean
Cowen, September-Daichi
Muirra, October-Kyle Hovorka,
November-Nathan Waters,
December-Jackson Rogov

TEEN CENTER

January- Christina Pickett,
February-Daijon Lock, March-
Aliya DeBron, April-Jerome
Maxwell, May-n/a, June-
Patrice Blankenship, July-
Astari Washington & Joyce
Yoo, August-Crosby Landham,
September-Christina Pickett,
October-Nicole Edenedo,
November-Dari Smith,
December- Diego Aguirre

TECHNOLOGY CENTER

January- Gyasi Bryant,
February-Brandon Edenedo,
March-Alex Mena, April-Kevin
Wong, May-Jennifer Maxwell,
June-Ahlizik Monroe, July-
Tyler Anderson, August-Kohen
Bennett, September-Michael

Rivera, October-Eran Bennett,
November- Kevin Wong,
December- Mario Perez

SERVICE

January-Danny Moore &
Astari Washington, February-
Chanee Hayes, March-Adam
Keely, April-Dashawn Buckner,
May-Treasure Burrell, June-
Jonnathan Pona, July- Bobby
Carter, August-Floyd Bailey,
September-Joyce Yoo, October-
Karen Maxwell, November-
Jordan Hurd, December- Jesus
Aguirre

Stay tuned for our "Youths of
the Month 2005." Any one of
you can be chosen so stay
involved and show off your
good attitude. We look for
members who show outstand-
ing participation and/or
improvement. We hope to see
new faces appear on the wall in
2005. You never know, the staff
is watching. It could be you.

We also recognized members
from our branch sites.

- Edison Branch
- Roosevelt Branch
- McKinley Branch
- Lincoln Branch
- John Adams Branch
- SAMOHI Branch

**Once again, CONGRATU-
LATIONS TO ALL OF OUR
SPECIAL 2004 YOUTHS OF
THE MONTH AND YOUTHS
OF THE YEAR. We are so
proud of all you. Keep up the
good work.**

RELIEF from Page 1

community, young and old alike,
came together for one cause: to
help those halfway around the
world in a time of dire need.

Here at the club, we put out a
collection container, decorated
by club kids for those who had
spare change to give. Gifts
ranged from coins to bills. The
club also had a rummage sale,
offering each item for one cent or
other donation. This was a way
to really help the club kids learn
about giving. We wanted to keep
the price low in order to encour-
age their participation. Their
responses were overwhelming.
Once the kids understood that
their money would be quadrup-
led, they gave above and
beyond what anyone expected.
Several contemplated between
buying an afternoon snack and
giving their entire dollar towards
Tsunami relief. It was heart-
warming to watch each of our



Janessa gives to tsunami relief

kids one-by-one opt to put their
money in the collection container
instead of the vending machine.
It was more than dollars and
cents that were raised that after-
noon; it was the spirit of giving.

All together we collected over
\$24,000 for Tsunami relief. Once

quadrupled, BGCSM's contribu-
tion to the national Tsunami drive
was close to \$100,000. More
importantly, we raised under-
standing and uncovered compas-
sion not only in our club mem-
bers, but also in the staff and in
the community.

SUMMER SPECIAL EVENTS

Attention All Members!

Here are some really important dates to remember.

- Friday, June 30- WELCOME BBQ!
- July 15 - WATERWORLD I (Permission form required.)
- August 7 - NATIONAL KIDS DAY
- August 12 - WATERWORLD II (Permission form required.)
- August 19 - KIDS AUCTION
- September 2 - End of Summer BBQ

These events are for your enjoyment.
Please join us and have some FUN!!!

SUMMER FIELD TRIPS

Get ready to join your friends at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica and visit Raging Waters, Universal Studios, Hurricane Harbor, Los Angeles Zoo, Beach, Movie at the Promenade, Knott's Berry Farm, Long Beach Aquarium, Knott's Soak City, and Magic Mountain. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica takes at least one field trip per week over the summer. A schedule of these trips & costs and registration will be available at the Club after June 15th.

Spaces will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. In order to reserve a spot for a trip, payment must be made in full. Please make a reservation in advance because trips do fill up fast! Payments will be accepted in the form of credit card, check or cash. There is a NO REFUND policy for no-shows or cancellations. Checks returned for insufficient funds will be charged a \$20.00 penalty fee.

It's time to join the Boys and Girls Club!!!!

Hey! Do you want to go somewhere every day where you can have endless fun? Well, it's time to join the Boys and Girls Club of Santa Monica! We have all sorts of things to make your experience at the B&G Club one you'll never forget like our one of a kind staff, Learning Center, newest technology computer lab, the kitchen, and our many stations to choose from.



Jasmine Jafari

First off, you come upstairs to the Learning Center to do your homework. We guarantee that we have every textbook required if you go to an SMMUSD school so you can ditch the heavy luggage. Nano and Jennifer will be there to help with any assignments, and when you're done, Nano puts up a Question of the Day and you have a chance to win all sorts of snacks!

After your homework, you can check out all the awesome stations like both basketball courts and the Skate Park. You can either go outside to shoot some hoops on the cement court or head out further into the Sk8 Park if you happen to bring a board or in-line skates and have a thrill on the ramps.

If you crave an indoor game just go to the gym and

play there, but I promise the aroma of Miss P's kitchen will blow you away and the next thing you know you'll be chomping on her big, juicy cheese-burgers or munching on her golden fries.

Hey, is it 5:30 yet? Because if it is, you better head for the Technology Center to visit your fave sites and do virtually anything with the computers with help from Keith. Download music or do homework. When you're here the choice is yours!

After your gaming you can go to the Art Shop to paint with Lalo. There you can draw, sculpt, pastel, and even design your own backpack! Lalo will teach you how to make the perfect masterpiece while doing millions of projects during extra time.

One word-Tournament. You like those? Then it's time for the Gamesroom. Pool, snacks, Air Hockey, Pinball, games galore is calling for you! With the variety of staff you can play anything including DDR on Tuesday and Thursday. Play till your parents get here cause once you get started you won't stop in the GR.

How do I know this, you ask. Well, my experience here was so outstanding that the only way I can describe this place is mind-blowing. I hope you will like the B&G of Santa Monica-Enchantment awaits!!

By Jasmine Jafari, age 11

***Jas won the club's essay contest held during National Boys & Girls Clubs Week. She is a student at Lincoln Middle School

THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Successful Character Development

Club programs and services promote and enhance the development of boys and girls by instilling:

A Sense of Competence
the feeling there is something boys and girls can do and do well.

A Sense of Belonging
a setting where young people know they "fit in" and are accepted.

A Sense of Usefulness
the opportunity to do something of value for other people.

A Sense of Power Or Influence
a chance to be heard and to influence decisions.

When this strategy is fully implemented, self-esteem is enhanced and an environment is created which help girls and boys achieve their full potential.

LEADERS IN TRAINING – HERE TO HELP TEENS AND THE CLUB

Hey Teens! Here's a program just for you. If you are a TEEN and looking for a FUN and meaningful summer, get involved in the Leaders In Training Program NOW! Leaders In Training (L.I.T.) program strives to provide a "Positive Place For Kids & Teens" and the link to a positive future. I'm Tammy Ito and I'd love to have you become an L.I.T.

With training and supervision by our staff, L.I.T.'s ages 12-18 are able to assist our younger members, lead recreational activities, and provide additional support for the program staff. One of the primary goals is to train our teenagers to work throughout the club developing the skills to become a productive worker and a leader. This is more than just a work experience program. It is also an educational program that includes job searching, communication, college preparation, discussions of current events, personal identity, responsibilities, and goal setting skills. L.I.T. members enjoy weekly Fun Friday activities and field trips for all the work they do during the week and have time to use the L.I.T. room.

I want to help you teens on your way to a positive and productive future. Here's your chance to make a difference in your life and to become a role model to the younger members. Step up now and take advantage



Santa Monica High School's LIT's

of the opportunities that will come your way by being part of the Leaders In Training Program. Please help yourself, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica, and the community. I want to help you too.

Program Components:

Volunteer Hours: At least 10 hours per week. Maximum of 20 hours.

Meetings: Mondays from 1:00-2:00 Topics include: Club events, current events, personal identity, qualities of a leader, com-

munication, friends & family, goal setting, hopes & dreams, and anything teenagers would like to or need to talk about. Snacks served. Special raffle for all attendees.

Thinking Tuesdays: 1:00-2:00 Topics include creative writing, photography, games, art fest, group projects, and lots of fun. Snacks served.

Career Launch Program: Session topics: "A World of Jobs," "The Right Job for Me," "Getting a Job," "Job Preparation," and much more.

Cultural Enrichment: Cultural Festival - Tuesday, August 17th- Food, individual presentations, music & FUN!

Educational Activities: TBA UCLA campus tour, UCLA Ocean Discovery Center, etc.

"Fun Friday" Recreational Activities & Trips. Trips include: "Color Me Mine," Games & Picnic @ the Park, Roller Skating, Bowling, Movie @ the Promenade, Santa Monica Pier, and lunch outings.

The session will end with a Graduation ceremony & lunch and a trip to Lake Tahoe for a camping adventure for those who earn the necessary points for the summer session. Lake Tahoe is a free trip limited to the top ten LITs.

The program is open to any member 12 years and older who wants to make a difference and be more involved in club events. Summer session recruitment June 14-24. Interviews are all day on June 25th. Applications are due the day of the interview. Summer session officially begins Monday, June 28th with a Kickoff Luncheon at Noon. If you are interested please pick up an application & sign up for an interview with Tammy. For more information or if you have any questions, please call me (310) 393-9629. I can't wait to get the summer going. Be prepared for a summer of FUN and Excitement!

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00am		Club Opens Monday - Friday at 8:00am			
		Volunteer hours Monday - Thursday 8:00-6:00			
9:00am					
10:00am		BAKE SALE		THEME DAY	
10:30am		TORCH CLUB ↓ til 11:30am		SMART Moves ↓ til 11:30am	FUN FRIDAY TRIPS
12:00pm					Miniature Golf "Color Me Mine"
1:30pm	MEETINGS DISCUSSIONS ↓			THINKING SESSIONS	Laser Tag Picnic @ the Park
2:00pm				Cultural Festival Group Project	Bowling
3:00pm				Jam Session Game Day	Beach/Pier Movie Trip
4:00pm				Art Day	↓
5:00pm					
6:00pm		Club Closes Monday- Friday at 6:00pm			

ATTENTION MEMBERS AGES 8-11! TORCH CLUB

A program just for you to participate in A leadership and service group

Program areas:

Service to the Club and Community

-Helping others - helping with birthday celebrations, special events, holidays

-Create a gardening club - and be a part of the club decorating committee

Education

-Smart Moves - Arts & Crafts - Setting Goals - Cultural events - Special Activities

Health & Fitness

-Conducting games and challenges - grooming classes - organize walks & hikes

Social Recreation

-Pen Pals - Theme Days - Game Days - Hobby searching - Special activities & parties

-FUN!!!

We meet every Tuesday 10:30-11:30 in the LIT Room.



Rachel & Jasmine have Torch Club fun!

Torch Club Recruitment June 13-24

First activity Tuesday, July 12th

Pick-up a flyer and application from the Gamesroom counter. Sign up now.

For more information, contact Tammy.

CLUB THEME DAYS

Attention All Members! Come dress to impress. Thursdays Only!

Value Dollars awarded for all participants.

Thurs. 6/30 Boys & Girls Club Spirit Day! (Wear your club t-shirts!)

Thurs. 7/7 Sports Day! (Who's your favorite player/team?)

Thurs. 7/14 Animation Day! (Who's your favorite

character?)

Thurs. 7/21 Pajama Day!

Thurs. 7/28 Backwards Day!

Thurs. 8/4 Crazy Hair Day!

Thurs. 8/11 Hawaiian Day!

Thurs. 8/18 Music Day! (Who's your favorite artist/group?)

Thurs. 8/25 Twins Day!

SMART MOVES

SMART Moves (Skills Mastery and Resistance Training) is Boys & Girls Clubs of America's alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs prevention program

SMART MOVES:

-ADDRESSES THE PROBLEMS IN ONE COMPREHENSIVE CURRICULUM

-CONFRONTS YOUNG PEOPLE IN A POSITIVE WAY

-EQUIPS YOUNG PEOPLE WITH BASIC LIFE SKILLS, PROBLEM-SOLVING AND DECISION-MAKING ABILITIES AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS

-BOOSTS SELF-CONFIDENCE AND SELF-ESTEEM

We are looking forward to starting our Summer session. SMART Moves leaders are teaching our 7-10 year olds important skills that will help them face the challenges and pressures of the coming years. The greatest thing about SMART Moves is that while the participants are learning all this information, they are having a great time, eating snacks, and making lasting friendships. Certificates and t-shirts are given to all participants.

SMART Kids for members ages 7-10 begins on Thursday, July 14th. The session will be for 5 weeks and will conclude on August 11th. Session will take place in the LIT Room at 11:00am. Permission forms will be available between June 27-July 2nd. SIGN-UP NOW with Tammy!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT TAMMY. THANK YOU!



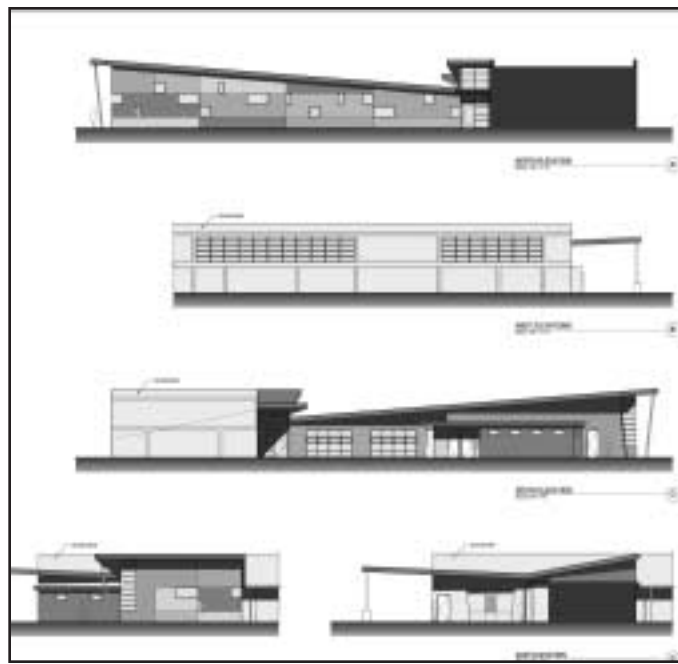
Showing club spirit on Theme Day.

A Message from the Director of Branch Operations, Dominique Holland:

As we unwind from another school year, I'd like to take this moment and thank my staff members who have helped to make our Branches even more successful. Our success is in part because of the schools with which we have a relationship: Edison, Grant, McKinley, Roosevelt, J.A.M.S. and Lincoln. Our success also comes from our caring relationships with our members who come to the program everyday. All the Branches have grown as far as attendance and that says a lot because the schools and

parents believe in our program. Thank you to all the Principals who have stuck by us from the beginning. We would like to expand to a few more schools; hopefully we will in the future. Lookout for our J.A.M.S. site next year, they will have their own Boys & Girls Club at their school. As long as we have a relationship with the schools we will keep the kids safe and make sure we have all the tools the kids need to be successful and make the right decisions in their lives. Thanks again and have a wonderful summer.

Plans for the new John Adams Middle School site



Making a Mark on the Art Scene

This year, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica had the pleasure of hosting the Pacific Region Fine Arts Competition and Exhibit for Boys & Girls Clubs of America sponsored by L'Oreal. Seventy-four clubs sent in over 800 pieces of artwork from their club members. We had beautiful artwork come from far places like Hawaii, Utah, Las Vegas, and all over California.

We were honored to have three prestigious local artists judge the competition. I want to thank D.J. Hall, David Brady, and Gus Harper for taking the time to judge all of the artwork. Thanks to a contact from Council member Maren Stenseth, we were also fortunate to have Fröden Gallery in West L.A. donate their gallery to display the artwork of our finalists. The pieces were displayed for three days, March 3-5, and the exhibit was kicked off with a wine and cheese event. A big thank you to Jerry Montoya at Fröden Gallery for making it happen!

The thirty-seven Pacific region winners in various age groups and mediums will now compete against the other regions for the National award. I am VERY proud to announce that BGCSM had FOUR first



(l-r) Allan Young, BGCA's Evan McElroy and Raco at the art exhibit.

place winners. They are: Kelly Wong, "Give Peace a Chance," oil or acrylic, 10-12 age group; Jun Cha, "Crossroads," mixed media, 13-15 age group; Jun Cha, "American Me," oil or acrylic, 13-15 age group; and Tamara Adams, "Old Man," oil or acrylic, 16-18 age group. These artists will all now advance to compete at the National Fine Arts Competition, so let's wish them lots of luck!



Jun Cha's "American Me"



LEFT - D. J. Hall judges artwork with help from Taura Mizrahi

BOTTOM - Kelly Wong's winning painting, "Give Peace a Chance"

Congratulations to Raquel Ledezma!

Raquel Ledezma recently won a \$100 Savings Bond from the California-Hawaii Elks Association for her winning essay. Her essay was submitted to the Santa Monica Elks "Drug Awareness Program." Raquel is 10 years old and attends Edison Elementary School.

Her essay reads:
"Why Drugs are Bad"

Drugs are hazardous for your health. Many people become addicted to drugs. Some teenagers even become addicted to drugs. Kids who grow up around drug-addicted parents or family are likely to use drugs. Some drugs make people grumpy and those people do bad deeds to others or themselves. Drugs can kill your organs and brain and make you look older. Drugs can make you lose your mind and memory. People have gone to jails because they stole money for drugs. Overall drugs are really bad for you. And that's why I'm not taking drugs.

Once again, Congratulations Raquel! A job well done and keep up the great work.

ART SHOP SUMMER SCHEDULE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10:00am	Cartooning & Animation	Arts & Crafts	Woodshop	Arts & Crafts	Art Contest
11:00am	Free Hand Drawing				
12:00pm					
1:00pm	Painting		Sewing		Painting
2:00pm		Ceramics		Ceramics	
3:00pm			Pastels & Water Color		
4:00pm	Air Brushing				Free Time
5:00pm					
6:00pm	*** Club Closes Monday - Friday at 6:00pm***				

THE ARTIST'S WAY

Hey boys & girls! It's that time of year again—time to be creative and learn new things in the world of art. So get ready, and don't forget your artistic brains because we will be doing lots of fun things this summer!

This summer the Art Shop will be busy with ceramics, painting, airbrushing and lots of different mediums. There will be special guests from the Art Institute giving cartooning and animation classes for all of you comic and anime freaks! We will also be going on some awesome field trips like kite flying, sand sculptures, and visits to museums and galleries where we can see great art! So don't miss out and make sure to stop by the Art Shop, the place where you can let your imagination run free!



Art Shop Special Events:

Ceramics—In ceramics we will have special craftsmen teaching kids how to create masterpieces on a pottery wheel (yeah baby!) and also how to use tools to sculpt!

Airbrushing—We now have airbrushing in the Art Shop every Monday. We will learn how to paint beautiful sceneries as well as general airbrushing techniques.

Kite Flying & Sand Sculpting—This summer we will bring back two favorite field trips to the beach. On one we build kites and watch them soar up above and on the other we build huge sand sculptures and compete on technicality and size.



RAD Camp 2005

Parents, summertime is upon us and I can understand this time of the year can be stressful for you trying to find someplace for your kids where they are going to be safe and have a lot of fun. Look no more because RAD Camp is back. RAD Camp is a group of fun activities designed for your children (ages 7-12) to get the total Boys & Girls Club experience. The goal of this group is to provide our younger members with the opportunity to become

involved with ongoing Boys & Girls Club activities, such as, Athletics, Learning Center, Games Room, Art Shop, and Skate Park, while developing their social skills and enhancing a higher level of responsibility.

Special daily field trips are taken such as swimming, bowling, ice skating, miniature golfing, laser tag, picnics, Ocean Discovery, and much more. Supervision is approximately one staff to every seven campers. Throughout

the summer we will venture out to explore various museums, parks, and other educational environments, in addition to our scheduled special field trips and short excursions.

RAD Camp is available to all Boys and Girls between the ages of 7-12 and soon will be coming to a summer near you. Don't be left out. The day camp hours are Monday-Friday, from 9:00am – 5:00pm. Cost for RAD Camp is \$150.00 per week.

Registration fees must be paid no later than Monday of each week. Registration fees include daily snack and lunch. Daily Outings and a one-time complimentary RAD Camp T-shirt are included. Enrollment is limited to fourteen members per week so sign up quickly. For more information, contact Dominique Holland at (310) 393-9629 or on email at Dom@smbc.org.

General Weekly Schedule

- Monday:** Mornings at the Club – Learning Center & Art Shop
Afternoon at local parks
- Tuesday:** Ocean Discovery Center / Santa Monica Pier
- Wednesday:** All Day Field Trip
- Thursday:** Mornings at the Club – Games Room & Athletics
Afternoon – Educational Trips (IMAX Theater, Museums)
- Friday:** Freaky Fun Friday Trip (Swimming local pool, Beach)

Skills in the Skate Park

This fall at the Skate Park went really well. Our Fourth Annual Butterball skate contest had a great turn-out of both skaters and spectators. There were different divisions of Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced skateboarders and in-line skaters who skated in either mini-ramp or street contests.

We also held our second annual "Chris Edwards Progression Session," in which two winners got a free trip to Woodward West Skate Camp in Tech, California to compete in the "Monster's of Roll" world rollerblading championship. Jordan Williams and Roberto Castango were our winners and Sean Cowen received a wild card entry. Congratulations to Sean Cowen who took Second overall and Jordan Williams who took Third place.

For the summer, anyone who wants to skate needs to bring their own helmet, knee pads, elbow pads, wrist guards, skateboard and/or in-line skates, and most importantly, a GOOD ATTITUDE.



From beginners...



TOP - Sean Cowen in flight.



... to advanced

This summer we will have lots of great classes and games to challenge skaters of all levels. We are pleased to have our Third Annual "CEPS Monster of Roll" rollerblade contest in late July, dates TBA. Please check with the Skate Park as July gets closer. To wrap up the

summer, we will hold a Summer Am Tam contest on August 20. We will also have a skate field trip to the beach to skate real street. Space is limited to 12 skaters and dates are TBA. Please contact Tracy White or David Fisher if you have any questions.

SKATE PARK SUMMER SCHEDULE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
11:00am	Warm up	Warm up	Warm up	Warm up	Warm up
12:00pm	Beg. In-line Street	Beg. Skateboard Mini-Ramp	"Skate" or "Arsenal"	Beg. In-line Mini-Ramp	Beg Skateboard learn to drop in
1:00pm	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
2:00pm	Inline rail & grind class	Obstacle course	Skateboard or In-line Film Training	High Air Contest or Best Grind Contest	Best Trick Street & Mini Ramp
3:00pm	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
4:00pm	Rental Hour	Rental Hour	Rental Hour	Rental Hour	Rental Hour
5:00pm	Open Skate	Open Skate	Open Skate	Open Skate	Open Skate
6:00pm	*** Club Closes Monday - Friday at 6:00pm***				

Q & A with David Fisher

On behalf of all the BGCSM skaters and staff, we congratulate and thank David Fisher for all he has done for the Skate Park throughout the years.

Here is a little Q & A with David:

Q: How long have you been coming to the Skate Park?

A: I've been coming here for about 7 years. I have been working here for over two years now.

Q: What are some of your hobbies?

A: I like to skate, film and edit movies, tinker with computers, and do sound reinforcement at school.

Q: Where will you be attending college?

A: San Francisco State University where I plan to study in the Cinema Department.

Q: What do you aspire to be after college?

A: I want to be a professional movie director or a post production sound editor.

Q: How has the club influenced your life?

A: The Club has taught me how to interact with other people, and given me a place to call a second home. Also, the Club has given me work experience that I can use for the rest of my life. Because of the Club, I will always have good memories to look back upon.

We wish David the best of luck at San Francisco State! We will miss you.



CHILLIN' IN THE LC (AKA THE LEARNING CENTER)?

There is so much going on upstairs in the Learning Center. But when you walk up the back stairs and things look a little different, do not fret, the LC is just around the corner. The Learning Center has moved! You can find Nano and his pals just through the new Technology Center (formerly the Learning Center). If you're not sure where to go, just ask some of the friendly staff upstairs. Look for the blue staff shirts and you will get the answers you need!

Fall recap

During this school year the main focus in the Learning Center was grades. Members came up to the Learning Center to better understand the subjects that they were studying in the classroom. With the help of many volunteer tutors from the community, our youth were able to get the one-on-one help they needed to be successful in the classroom. Parents were a major factor in the success of their children. By keeping communication lines open between the teachers at the schools and the staff at the Boys & Girls Club, our members were able to stay on-track with their assignments and practice the necessary techniques to establish a good work ethic.

The Learning Center was proud to bring back the SAT prep class at no cost to our members. Youth between 9th and 11th grades were selected to take part in a 12-week course that ran every Saturday for two hours under the direction of a volunteer named Maya Sohl. The participants not only attained a better grasp of the test subject matter, but also were taught the fundamentals of good test-taking skills. Be on the lookout for this program, it will resume in the fall and will fill up quickly. All parents and youth should be aware that these tests are required in order to be admitted to college. Don't let this opportunity pass you by.

Chess Club

Chess is a game of strategy that allows members to tap into the intellectual part of the mind. The great thing about the game of chess is that it is universal, meaning it is played all over the world;

two people can enjoy a game without speaking each other's language. Another plus about the game is that anyone at any age can learn to play. One of the greatest things to see is a 7 year old girl and a teenage boy playing a game of chess and forgetting about the things that divide them. Lastly, chess is a game that makes you react to certain situations and calculate probable solutions. Because of this, research shows that kids who participate in the game of chess are more successful in subjects such as math and science. The chess club is a friendly environment where members can learn and master the game of chess. The club prides itself on making everyone feel welcome no matter what your level of play is, and in so promotes good sportsmanship. The goal of the chess club this year is to play at a competitive level at local tournaments and spread the game that is chess.

Stomp

Ever dreamed of being on a drum-line? Playing in perfect tempo with other percussionists? Or do you simply want to learn to play the drums? The stomp class is a new program in the Learning Center that shows the youth percussion fundamentals through the use of non-traditional instruments. It is an idea that anything can be used to make music (books, papers, keys, chairs, anything). The shows that made the idea popular were the "Blue Man Group," and "Stomp Production," both putting together pieces of music that can rival any percussion ensemble in the world. The most important aspect of stomp is its simplicity. It's an art form that can be picked up by anyone no matter what their musical background, and it is a gateway into musical potential that might not have been discovered. Come drum with us.

Project Fun and Improv Class

This is an idea that makes learning fun and amusing while keeping true to the messages we are trying to teach. Art appreciation, music appreciation, creative writing, poetry and lyric analysis are all a part of this program. Project



Fun takes the history of certain things and shows their influence in the modern world. A perfect example is the influence of jazz music in hip hop; by participating in something fun and familiar, the youth can explore other forms of



art as well. "Whose line is it anyway?" This activity is for all the aspiring actors and actresses out there who wish to learn and sharpen the skills needed to become famous. Improv is a series of games to help train the mind to react when up on stage. These games also build communication skills that always lead to more self-esteem and self confidence.

Tomorrow's Leaders

This program is a more dedicated approach to building the skills needed to become a successful student and person in the community. Tomorrow's Leaders is a program sponsored by the United Way of Greater Los Angeles, the Southern California Gas Company/Sempra Energy, and Activision. The program breaks down into three month sessions that require members to participate in a minimum of two hours per week of homework tutoring and computer training. All hours are logged by the program staff. Upon entry, the Rosenberg self-esteem test is given to evaluate the participant's attitude towards school and outlook on life. After the session, a copy of the member's school report card is turned in to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses in the areas of academics. The evaluation is the responsibility of the staff and parents through monitoring the social aspects of the member's

day. The Tomorrow's Leaders program has seen enormous success and has aided members such as Anthony Zepeda, Kelly Wong, and Tony Arrango in social and scholastic achievement. Members who participate and complete the sessions are invited to indulge in prizes such as pizza, ice cream, and blockbuster movies. Tomorrow's Leaders is an excellent opportunity for members to improve in ways they never thought possible. For more information please call Nano Guerra at 310-393-9629.

Other Programs

Wild Planet: Everything you wanted to know about the planet...Animals, Weather, Geology, and Oceanography. Up in the Learning Center we will focus on educational movies and reading supplements to better educate.

Reading Time: Everyone knows about the mandatory summer reading that the schools assign the youth during the summer... The LC has devoted time and resources to getting the reading done. Summer school students are also welcome to participate in the quiet hour after lunch.

Gardening Class: This gets us out in the sun every Friday and learning to work with the land we are blessed with. This class is for all of those no matter what level of gardener you might be...we will learn about basic fundamentals in gardening techniques.

SUMMER SCHEDULE 2005					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9AM - 10AM	GAMES	BEAT NANO	GAMES	BEAT NANO	GAMES
10AM-11AM	TEAM GAMES	CHESS CLUB	TEAM GAMES	CHESS CLUB	STOMP CLASS
11AM- 12PM			PROJECT FUN		PROJECT FUN
12PM- 1PM	WILD PLANET	IMPROV		IMPROV	
1PM- 2PM	GAMES	GAMES	GAMES	TUTORING	GAMES
2PM- 3PM	READING TIME		READING TIME		READING TIME
3PM- 4PM	DRUM CLASS	TUTORING	DRUM CLASS	SCIENCE EXP	GARDENING
4PM- 5PM	STOMP CLASS	MOVIE	STOMP CLASS	MOVIE	
5PM- 6PM	FREE TIME	FREE TIME	FREE TIME	FREE TIME	FREE TIME

ARE YOU READY FOR SUMMER FUN IN THE GAMESROOM?

The Gamesroom wants you here this summer! Hi, my name is Edwing Villeda and I am the Gamesroom Supervisor. Along with my staff Kriston Weldon & Joyce Yoo, we hope to give all members of all ages a chance to

activities and events planned for the summer for members of all ages to participate in and have FUN!

Here's a sneak peak of the upcoming summer:

League tournaments - pool,

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00am	Free Play	Free Play	Free Play	Free Play	Free Play
9:00am	Perfection	Speed	Foosball	Speed	Foosball
10:00am	SPECIAL	Cupstacking	Speedball	Cupstacking	SPECIAL
11:00am	Pool	Hopscotch	Freeze Dance	Mancala	Card Bingo
12:00pm	Cup Stacking	Bingo	SPECIAL	Ping Pong	Pool
1:00pm	BINGO	Card Toss	Card Bingo	Tic Tac Toe	Speed
2:00pm	Tic Tac Toe	Ping-Pong	Pool	Connect Four	SPECIAL
3:00pm	SPECIAL	SPECIAL	SPECIAL	SPECIAL	Ginga
4:00pm	Bumper Pool	Mancala	Topple	Speedball	SPECIAL
5:00pm	Ping Pong	Air Hockey	Connect Four	Foosball	SPECIAL
6:00pm	Closing Time!	Closing Time!	Closing Time!	Closing Time!	Closing Time!

really enjoy themselves in the Gamesroom area. The Gamesroom provides members the opportunity to participate in a variety of recreational activities. In our Gamesroom, we have billiards tables, ping pong, foosball, air hockey, bumper pool, video games, DDR (Dance Dance Revolution) and tons of board games. The Gamesroom is a great place to hang out, make new friends, and reacquaint with old ones while playing a game. We have some really special

ping pong, bumper pool, air hockey, DDR and PS2's "Need For Speed."

Daily activities - bingo, card bingo, skeeball, marble toss, uno toss, marble in the barn, musical chairs, are only just a few things going on.

GR Specials - Challenge the Staff, Game Extravaganzas, Mini Carnivals, and much more.

So come on down, join us, and find out what we have to offer in the Gamesroom. We hope to get everyone in the spirit and full

participation from all members who enter our club this summer. We only want to have Fun, Fun, and more Fun all summer long. Please follow some simple Gamesroom rules:

Remember that you need your card to check out equipment

No eating & running, and that includes restrooms & hallway

Remember to respect one another and their property at all times in the Gamesroom, as well as, throughout the entire club

Please help to keep the area clean, pick-up your trash.

Let's all work together and make the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica the place to be. Let's all look out for the Club. I hope everyone has a joyful and great summer vacation.



From LA to England



Congratulations to Richard Wong, Tamara Adams, Solomon Fuller, and Jennifer Maxwell who have been selected to travel to London and York with the Spirit of Youth Foundation.

The Spirit of Youth Foundation was initiated shortly following the 1992 riots when the British American Chamber of Commerce (now the British American Business Council) resolved to assist in the Rebuild LA Program. The concept: to take high school

students from Los Angeles to Great Britain as part of a youth leadership education and travel program. This program has allowed outstanding youth from the Los Angeles community to have a unique and life-changing experience.

These young men and women will spend two weeks this summer from June 19 to July 3 sharing experiences with other youth both from their own community and abroad. A group of our mem-

bers went on the trip last year and it proved to be a wonderful experience for all of them. We are proud to offer this program once again. For more information on this program, please visit www.spirit-of-youth.org.

Each of our members traveling to England must raise \$1,000. If you are interested in sponsoring one of our members on this trip, please contact either Aaron Young or Taura Mizrahi at (310) 393-9629.

ONE CENT FRIDAYS

“Just Imagine” you want an afternoon snack. The kitchen is selling hot dogs for 99 cents. You look into your money bag, purse or pocket. All you have is a dollar. You have to use your whole dollar to buy a snack. All you get back is a penny, and what can you do with a penny? There is nothing you can buy with a penny these days, right? Wrong!

Save your pennies! Our summer ONE CENT FRIDAY is back! Yes, you will have 9 Fridays to buy the weekly specials, like snow cones, hot dogs, watermelon, ice cream, and hamburgers for only a penny. Every Friday at 3:00pm a One Cent Friday special will occur. It will cost you one penny. We do not take nickels, dimes, quarters or dollar bills. We won't make change for you. You must have ONE CENT. Do not miss out on our One Cent Friday Special bargains and a Summer Fun Memory you can brag about in your neighborhood.

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Get Wired in the Tech Center



Summer 2005

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10AM-11AM	Video Editing	Animation	Music Editing	WEB Design	Open Lab/ Kids Choice
11AM-12PM	Advanced Music Editing	Guitar Classes	Lego Robotics	Keyboard Classes	Advanced Music Editing
12pm-1pm	BGC IDOL	Open Lab/ Kids Choice	BGC IDOL	Open Lab/ Kids Choice	Guitar Classes
1pm-2pm	Open Lab/ Kids Choice	Open Lab/ Kids Choice	Open Lab/ Kids Choice	Open Lab/ Kids Choice	Open Lab/ Kids Choice
2pm-3pm	Music Editing	Video Editing	Graphic Design	Animation	BGC IDOL
3pm-4pm	Drum Class	Advanced Music Editing	Drum Class	Guitar Classes	BGC IDOL
4pm-5pm	Lego Robotics	Keyboard Classes	MOVIE	Open Lab/ Kids Choice	MOVIE
5pm-6pm	Open Lab/ Kids Choice	Open Lab/ Kids Choice			

If you haven't seen it yet, there have been some changes upstairs at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica. Bigger, better and brighter, the Tech Center has moved to the other side of the building. The following is a list of some of the cool new programs in our newly remodeled Tech Center. Get plugged in to the latest technology:

o Animation

• Our Animation class is an introductory course to classical animation production. The program has a built-in success rate for all students. It doesn't matter what level of art skill the student may be at, we guarantee that by the end of the course, there will be a piece of animation on video to take home.

o Web Design

• Introduces members to the principles and practice of Web design and development. Members begin by creating simple, one-page sites with text and ClipArt images, and advance to building more robust sites with page links, graphics, text and sound. Along the way, they learn important design lessons about page layout, color choice and graphic weight.

o Graphic Design

• Members learn artistic concepts and technology skills to create professional-quality print materials and animation. By the time members complete the program, they have developed logos, posters, animation and other materials requiring the expertise of a graphic artist.

o Music Editing

• Members explore a variety of digital music software applications and basic music theory. They learn to write sheet music, mix musical loops, and compose and record original songs.

o Video Editing

• Members learn to write screenplays, and facilitating the hands-on process of filming and editing digital movies.

o Skill Tech

• Outlines the basics in computer skills in 10 fun and age-appropriate lessons. Club members perform activities toward the completion of larger projects, mastering valuable computer skills along the way in word processing, spreadsheets and other productivity software.

o YouthNet

• YouthNet is a secure intranet for Boys & Girls Club members dedicated to promoting youth development outcomes; fostering inter-Club collaboration; expanding Club resources; and empowering youth as content developers and monitors of their online community.

o BGC Idol

• This program gives the members a chance to show their vocal talents and record it on CD. The members get to show their singing or comedy talents and record them on a CD that they can take home with. You record in the new fabulous SMBGC studio in the Tech Center with our professional sound recording staff members. This is your chance to show Simon who's boss and have fun recording YOUR talents in the SMBGC Idol!

o LEGO Robotics

• Do you like playing with Legos? Do you think building stuff is neat? Do you want to learn some robotics? This might be the class for you. No previous experience with robotics or Legos is necessary- if you have no idea how a gear train works, that's fine, and if you've been building with Legos since before you could walk, that's fine too.

o Tech Club aka "T-Unit"

• The Tech Club is a small-group club program for teens interested in technology, career exploration and community service. Members assist staff and other Club members in the technology center, run Club help desks, learn about high-tech careers and implement annual projects that use technology to better the Club or community; all while developing their own advanced computing skills. The Tech Club is open to all Boys & Girls Club members ages 13-18.



Floyd and Alex at the Techthon.



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puter time even more fun. Also new, is our sound and video editing studio, so look out 50 Cent and move over Steven Spielberg here come BGCSM's aspiring musical stars and young film makers.

Equipped with 25 computers, each built by a club member, the center will give members the chance to explore such digital programs as Animation, Video Editing, Music Editing, Graphic Design, Computer Repair and more. Our music program includes Guitar, Keyboard, & Drum classes. We also have a state-of-the-art sound system to show our movies on every Friday at 4:00. The incredible THX sound will blast you against the wall and shake you to your bones.

We would like to thank all of our supporters, without them this would not have been possible.

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Four key characteristics define the essence of a Boys & Girls Club. All are critical in exerting positive impact on the life of a child:

1. Dedicated Youth Facility

The Boys & Girls Club is a place - an actual neighborhood-based building - designed solely for youth programs and activities.

2. Open Daily

The Club is open every day, after school and on weekends, when kids have free time and need positive, productive outlets.

3. Professional Staff

Every Club has full-time, trained youth development professionals, providing positive role models and mentors. Volunteers provide key supplementary support.

4. Available/Affordable to All Youth

Clubs reach out to kids who cannot afford, or may lack access to, other community programs. For this reason membership dues are low.



How to Have the Best Weekend of Your Life

I'm Dan Walsh, the Athletic Director, and I am excited to report that the San Diego All-Star team has found the formula for ultimate happiness. It happened one weekend in mid-April on our trip to play the Linda Vista Boys & Girls Club of Greater San Diego. The team was made up of 11 players: Basil Barkas, Orin Porter, Timothy Hayes, Kyle Smith, Jesse Vasquez, Buddy Banks, Zach McMillan, Jacob Reamer, Niko Williams, Christian Salem and Joe Bruni.

We arrived at the Linda Vista Club ready to play. It was business as usual for the same All-Star team that won the Santa Monica Tournament Championship beating every team by no less than 20 points. What do you do with a group of dogs who have been in a cage for the entire day? The same thing you do with a car full of anxious kids. Let them run. That's

exactly what we did by running on fast break opportunities with Sportscenter quality passing and easy lay-ups.

The team was ready for some real competition so our next stop was a laser tag spot called the "Lazer Zone." Nothing brings you back down to earth like getting thoroughly whooped by professional laser tag players. We went to Cold Stone Creamery to drown our defeated spirits in "love it" size ice cream cups. A teaspoon of sugar helps the medicine go down and the energy level go way up!

The next key to happiness is getting drenched in the Soak Zone at Sea World. The team saw Shamu, a dolphin show, animal attractions and theme rides on a beautiful day at the park. By the time we arrived back at the Days Inn Hotel, everyone had dried off so we had a mandatory team meeting

in the pool.

To attain a high level of happiness you need an equally high level of energy. By now, many people may hit a wall, but the fun had just begun for the SM crew. Next on the list was Belmont Park, an old-school amusement park with a wooden rollercoaster, carnival rides and bumper cars. We refueled on gigantic ribs, steaks and baked potatoes at Tony Romas before going back to the hotel. No sleepover would be complete without a PS2 tournament followed by a movie to knock out those who had any remaining energy.

Our search for happiness ended at the same place thousands of kids begin their search each day—the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica. We arrived back at the Club Sunday afternoon to play basketball until the last parent came.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Outside Playfield					
8:00am					
9:00	Tag	Handball	Hockey	Capture the Flag	Tag
10:00	Baseball	No Limit Soccer	Hockey	Doubles Handball	Baseball
11:00	Capture the man	Capture the Jewels	Kickball League	Play to Win (Various Contests)	Fast Break League
12:00pm			Baseball		Flag Football
1:00	Flag Football	Flag Football		Baseball	Frisbee Golf
2:00	Numbers Basketball	Fast Break League	Capture the Man!	Tag	Over the Line
3:00	Kickball	Play to Win (Various Contests)	Basketball	Basketball	Kickball
4:00	6 on 6 basketball	Capture the Man	Flag Football	Flag Football	Handball Hustle
5:00	Jump Rope/ Knockout	Basketball	Strike Out!	Home Run Derby	Capture the Man

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Indoor Gym					
8:00am					
9:00	Fast Break Basketball Academy	Fast Break Basketball Academy	Fast Break Basketball Academy	Fast Break Basketball Academy	Carnival
10:00					
11:00					
12:00pm	Warball	Dog Catcher	Arena Soccer	Warball	Team Warball League
1:00	Warball League	Volleyball	Arena Soccer League	Volleyball	Elite 13 & 12 year old basketball team practice
2:00	Women's Basketball Academy (WBA)		Women's Basketball Academy (WBA)		
3:00		7-8 year old basketball league		Coed Volleyball League	Elite 17 & 15 year old basketball practice
4:00	13-11 year old basketball league	9-11 year old basketball league	18 & under pick up games		
5:00					

TEEN CENTER 411!

Wassup Teens? My name is Ebonicia and I am the director for the hottest spot in the city of Santa Monica "The Teen Center" at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica aka "The Club." This year has been a really good year for us so far with the dance team, the creative writing ses-

sion, and teen parties, but its all about to get better because it's "SUMMER." Now that it's summer we are about to get crunk! This summer the Teen Center hours are Monday - Friday 11:00am-6:00pm. We welcome and encourage you all to participate in this program. We have a lot of great things planned for your enjoyment in our Teen Center.

Here are some of the activities happening this Summer:

Recreational Games - Pool, Foosball, Ping Pong, and plenty



of board games.

Computer time - Computer education, safe internet surfing, and game challenges.

Hip Hop Dance Class - Attention boys & girls! Come and learn the latest dances, create a routine, Monday and Thursday 3:00-4:30.

Girls Only Time - Tuesday from 1:00-2:00. Girls are welcome to come and hang out together, get to know one another, work together as a group, and talk together as young ladies.

Boys Only Time -Thursday 1:00-2:00. Boys are welcome to come and hang out together, get to know one another, work together as a group, and talk together as young men.

Daily Activities - Tournaments, PS2/XBOX Time, TV Time, Blockbuster Friday, Rap sessions, Creative Time (art, creative writing, poetry, & more), Cup Stacking, and Karaoke.

Special Activities - ACT Smart Sessions, Dance Camp, Invite Only Party, and much more.

So, if you are between the ages of 13 and 18, come to the Teen Center this summer and make yourself useful. Come and hang out, shoot a game of pool, make new friends, re-acquaint with old ones, and participate in all the fun and safe activities that the Teen Center has to offer. Please take advantage of the opportunities that will come your way when you participate in the department. Be there or be square.

If you have any questions or suggestions feel free to contact Ebonicia. Thanks! I hope to have a great summer with all you teens.



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TEEN CENTER SUMMER SCHEDULE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
11:00am	PS2/XBOX	Computer Time	PS2/XBOX	Computer Time	PS2/XBOX
12:00pm	Tourney Time	Tourney Time	Tourney Time	Tourney Time	
1:00pm	Creative Time	Girls Group	Creative Time	Boys Group	Creative Time
2:00pm	Computer Time	Karaoke	Computer Time	PS2/XBOX	Ron's Games
3:00pm	Hip Hop Dance	Cupstacking	Cupstacking	Hip Hop Dance	Movie Time
4:00pm		ACT Smart	Computer Time		
5:00pm	Free Time	Free Time	Free Time	Free Time	Free Time
6:00pm	*** Club Closes Monday - Friday at 6:00pm***				

SENIORS Class of 2005

Congratulations to the following Club members who are graduating:

Santa Monica High School

David Archible
Ezra Brewer
Treasure Burrell
David Fisher
Dajon Lock
Chelsea Rasberry
Matias Testi
Javaro Townsend
Karla Vaquerano
Johnny Wilson
Lawrence Woods
Joyce Yoo

Palisades High School

Floyd Bailey
Gyasi Bryant
Brandon Edenedo
Alex Mena

University High School

Jordan Hurd
Jonnathan Pona
Terrell Patterson

Venice High School

Ryan Ford
Kayla Holmes
Tazmin Sewani

Concord High School

Christina Pickett

If we missed you, we are sorry. It probably just means we haven't seen you in a while, so stop by and give us an update on what's going on!

What Time Is It?! Game Time!

Something's cooking in the Athletic Department this summer and it's not just Mrs. P's cooking! Here's a taste of a full day's recipe in athletics; mix three tablespoons of butter and basketball with one cup of sugar coated volleyball, football, bananas and an athletics club. Blend a cup of ice with some hockey, warball and strawberries. Add ingredients to taste. Pour all the contents into one hardwood floor gymnasium, let overflow into one playfield and you just about have it.*

*Serves approximately 100-150 members daily.

Here is a description of each ingredient to make a successful recipe.

Basketball:

• Fast-break Academy includes ages 7-18 for boys and ages 7-11 for girls. Members will be divided into skill levels before beginning our camps. We will work on specific skills daily, several com-

petitions and finish it off with games.

• Our second basketball camp is called Women's Basketball Academy (WBA) for girls 11-18 years old. Members will again be divided into skill levels before starting camp each day. We will also work on specific skills and competitions before playing games.

• Both camps will have guest speakers and awards throughout the summer. Players will each receive one basketball at the end of the summer along with drills and tips to keep on practicing and have fun.

• Basketball leagues are run daily and divided into age groups: 7-8, 9-11, 11-13, 18 and under. There is also a Fast Break League, traveling basketball practice and plenty of court time for pickup games.

Volleyball:

• Volleyball is back at the club

this summer. We will concentrate on learning through playing. Kathy Alvarado will be instructing players ages 13 and under on the fundamentals of the game, while players compete against each other on our indoor volleyball court. Several guest coaches and college players will instruct our high school age players.

• Coed Volleyball Leagues will be played once a week following the second day of our volleyball clinics. Each league will be split up by age groups.

Flag Football:

• The playfield will turn into a flag football arena for fast-paced run-and-gun games. Members will participate in pick up games and be split up into teams for our Flag Football League that will play throughout the summer.

Street Hockey:

• Get ready for Street Hockey at the Boys & Girls Club! Join Tracy White, our Skate Park Director and skilled hockey play-

er for our Street Hockey League outside in the playfield.

Soccer:

• Play indoor soccer with your friends in the gym at the Boys & Girls Club. There are no out of bounds, anything goes, all out run & gun soccer. This is not your one to one tie game, 60 minute soccer league. Bounce off the walls in this 6 on 6 fast paced soccer league.

• Play outside in our No Limit Soccer games where there are no out of bounds. Pass the ball to your teammates off the fence to score goals.

Baseball:

• Home run derbies, home run leagues, fast pitch, over the line and whiffle ball leagues highlight our baseball program. Test your skills against other members and teams throughout the summer. Try to hit off of Auggie, Jerome and the rest of the staff at the Boys & Girls Club.

Carnival:

• The best part of the summer may be Carnival. Every Friday and throughout the week we have warball, dogcatcher, tag games, keep away, scooter sports, kickball and everything else you can dream of bringing the same crazy summer carnival experience that the club is famous for. Sign up for Team Warball and Warball leagues. Carnival is a time for the staff and kids to get creative and just have fun.

Bragging Rights Tournament:

• We will be holding a 1 on 1 basketball bragging rights tournament for six age groups this summer. There will be prizes and more importantly, the winner will hold the 1 on 1 title for an entire year. Bring your game, your lucky shorts, arm sleeve and anything else that will help you win this 1 on 1 battlegrounds type tournament. Who will be the best basketball player in Santa Monica?

Come See the Greatest Show on Earth!

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica has become the hottest place to watch rising stars play basketball. This year's Junior Basketball Tournament for players aged twelve and under showcased California and Hawaii's best basketball talent. However, the teams pulling together as a whole overshadowed any individual performances.

BGCSM was represented by two separate teams. Both teams met in the second round of the tournament. The half time score shows just how much ability there is brewing in the ocean-side city of Santa Monica. Team One held on to a 29-20 lead at half, pulling away in the final two quarters. They advanced to beat K.K.'s Runners for the Championship in a hard fought effort by both teams. Team One, coached by Alan Freedman and Brandon LaBrie, had complete control throughout the entire tournament. Their performance was fit for NBA scouts and general managers. Santa Monica Team Two came from behind in a victory against the Boys & Girls Club of Bakersfield, winning through several hustle plays in the final two minutes of the thrilling third place game.

The tournament field of eight teams included a Boys & Girls Club team from Hawaii. After losing their first game to the Runners, Hawaii won the rest of their games and the Consolation Championship.

For all the teams, the weekend was filled with fun, excitement and a lot of basketball. For the parents, fans and possible scouts who came to watch, the weekend was filled with unbelievable plays, special team performances and memories for our rising stars.

A LETTER FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Dear BGCSM Team Two,

A paradigm shift is a transformation in thinking driven by agents of change; an instant metamorphoses. It's what happened to our team in Palm Springs at the Coachella Valley Basketball Tournament in April.

We left Santa Monica on a Friday afternoon with unsure expectations of how well we could play in a tournament with players two years older than anyone on our team. We were talking about "if" we win a game.

After we beat the host team of the tournament at the sound of 26 points by running for transition baskets, owning the glass and playing the best team defense the tournament has ever seen, "if" became "when". "What are we going to do when we beat the next team," is what everyone asked.

We catapulted ourselves into the third place game where you believed in yourselves, and more importantly your team, even though the opposing team had three high school players taller than six feet. You were set to play the fifth game in two days against an older, taller, more

experienced team. What you have to show for it is an amazing defensive feat and a halftime score trailing only 10-7. At the end of the game, although we did not win the trophy, without excuses you believed that you can beat a team of that caliber.

We left Santa Monica on Friday questioning ourselves and through teamwork, dedication and faith we left Palm Springs believing in ourselves. That is an inspiring paradigm shift that I hope you will all remember.

In between games we became professional race car drivers at Boomers, braved the frigid hotel pool and learned to speak a little Greek at Niko's Restaurant. To all the players on the team that played in Palm Springs, I want to thank you for believing in yourselves, in me and most importantly, your teammates.

Julian Asea, Teondray Caldwell, Chris Dickey, Ryan Duncans, Joseph Facey, Eugene Jones, Owen Kneeland, Billy Parent, Jason Roussos, Brett Tulchin and Coach Raco,

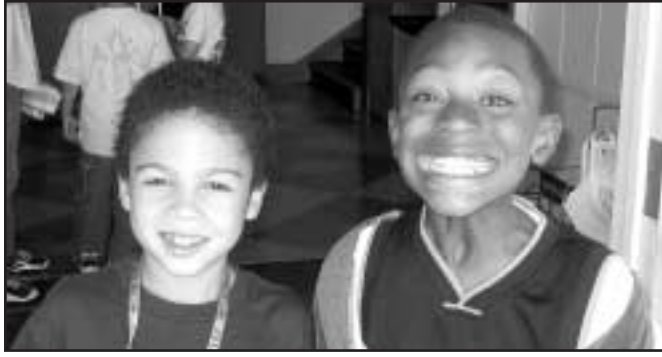
Thanks & Good Luck!

Dan Walsh

Around ATHLETICS



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS 2005



HAWAII 2005

The NBA All-Stars took to the air on April 23, to the beautiful island of Oahu, Hawaii for what was to be a very memorable tournament and vacation for the team. The All-Star team consisted of 13 players and three coaches. The members of the team were selected from their dedication, sportsmanship, and their hard work that they put into the regular season. The All-Stars: Christian Montanari, Malcolm Holland, Andrew Montanari, Leo Mancini, David Deane, Jonathon McNeil, Andrew Powell, Garrett Safron, Brett McGrew, Jordan

Silverman, Austin Park, Mike Freedman, and Jamie Harper. This team was coached by Alan Freedman, Assistant Coach Brandon LaBrie, and Assistant coach Francis Kirkwood.

The tournament started the day after we arrived and we got off to a great start by beating our first opponent by 20 points. In the second round we played the Boys & Girls Club of Honolulu, and we beat them with a great team effort. Our next two games were very tough and very physical. Our kids played hard to the end, but we



ting all of the popular beaches including Sherwood, Bellows, and Waikiki. The kids enjoyed body surfing, boogie boarding, and all of the games that we played in and out of the water. The kids also traveled to a water park, where they were entertained all day on the waterslides, and the wave pool. The team also took a trip to Pearl Harbor and the Arizona Memorial. The team will always remember this significant field trip. We also went to movies, arcades, shopping at malls, and last but not least, the catamaran rides, and the outrigger canoe rides were the best.

This was a great trip with a great bunch of kids. They went on this trip as boys and returned as young adults. This year's team is one of the best groups of kids I have ever coached, and one of the funniest. Thanks for the memories!!!

On behalf of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica, we would like to thank all of the parents who traveled with the team, your support, your friendship, and most of all your overall loyalty, caring, and love for the team and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica.

came up short in both games. Although we had to fight through some tournament ending injuries, we showed great sportsmanship, and gained new lifelong friends in the process. Overall our kids played excellent and Leo Mancini was awarded to the ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM.

Now for the fun!!!! After the tournament, the kids forgot all about the games and concentrated on fun, laughs, good food, and the beautiful places they were about to visit. The team started out by hit-

