

# CLUB CONNECTION

## NOTE FROM THE CEO

### Greetings!

2026 is an exciting year for the Boys & Girls Club of the Umpqua Valley!

Please watch for open employment opportunities at the Club, and refer individuals who are passionate about creating the best possible future for our youth.



This year marks the **25th anniversary** of the Boys & Girls Club of the Umpqua Valley becoming an independent chartered organization within Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA).

We remain fully committed to delivering impactful, high-quality youth development, honoring the best of our traditional practices while also embracing leading-edge approaches supported by our strong local partnerships and the powerful national and global resources available through our BGCA charter.

Every day, we have the privilege of working with incredible kids and teens as they build skills in teamwork, leadership, character, healthy lifestyles, tech trades, college preparation, and future careers.

Reaching this 25-year milestone is a testament to our unwavering focus on what's best for the youth and families of Douglas County. It also gives us a moment to look back and honor the community leaders whose enduring support continues to shape the lives of young people across the Umpqua Valley. We remember them all, and we offer our heartfelt thanks and condolences to the families of those who have recently passed, including:

- Mike Coen (Dec. 28, 2025)
- Marjorie Larsen (Dec. 7, 2025)
- Pam McClain (Mar. 22, 2025)
- Dee Wilson (Mar. 11, 2024)
- Wanda Olsrud (Dec. 29, 2025)
- Lauren Young (Sept. 11, 2025)
- Ronica Jean "Ronnie" Bruce (Mar. 30, 2024)

Their legacy lives on through their generosity and the lasting impact they continue to make on our youth.

To all of today's readers, thank you for standing with us in our mission and for championing the growth, learning, and bright futures of Douglas County's youth. Your commitment today lays the foundation for the next 25 years of possibility, opportunity, and impact.

As we look ahead, I invite you to get excited and mark your calendars for a very special milestone, our **25th Birthday Celebration at the Club on October 24, 2026.**

We can't wait to celebrate this moment with you and our community.

**We Value your input - send your feedback to [contactus@bgcuv.org](mailto:contactus@bgcuv.org) to tell us what you think!**



## Youth of the Year

# CHRIS C.



Chris is 18 years old and attends Roseburg High School. He is a founding member of our esports program and played a vital role in reviving our Keystone Club, demonstrating leadership, initiative, and commitment to his peers. Chris also recently joined his school's new Valorant club and enjoys spending weekends with friends.

After graduation, Chris plans to join Job Corps and pursue a career in private security. We are incredibly proud of the growth, dedication, and resilience he represents, and we look forward to cheering him on in this next chapter.

**Thank you for being part of the community that makes stories like Chris's possible.**

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

## MELT & A MOVIE

Melt & A Movie was a fun night dedicated to building community, giving our younger members a space to relax, share food, and enjoy a movie together.

We wanted to do a fundraiser with Keystone, our teen leadership program, and thought giving parents a little extra time together the night before Valentine's Day would be a great event to host.

The event was largely driven by our incredible Keystone Club who stepped up to help organize and run the event. With our high school population growing, it is incredibly rewarding to watch these teens step up as active role models for our younger members.

Keystone Club is our high-school leadership team. This is the first year in several years that we have had the opportunity to bring this premiere Boys & Girls Clubs of America program back into our Club. We cannot be more excited about what they will accomplish this year.

Pictured: Members of our 2026 Keystone Club Members



# Club Development

As we enter our 25th year, we are grateful for all the support we have received to get us here. We are hoping to further our mission and provide Great Futures for even more youth this year! Last year, we served 1,994 kids through our after-school programs, summer camps, and our athletics programs.

## Here are some ways you can support BGCUV:

- Donate directly – [click here!](#)
- Sponsor an event, sports teams, or a program – contact us for more information.
- Link your Fred Meyer card to join their Community Rewards program.
- Grab a Blue Bag the next time you're at the Club to donate your cans and bottles!
- Donate using Donor Advised Funds.
- Leave a legacy – talk with your estate planner about leaving a legacy.
- Grab a Kids Meal at our local Roseburg Elmers – Each Kid's meal is 10 cents to BGCUV!

## IMPORTANT DATES

**2/7 – 3/1** – ROSS DRESS FOR LESS "HELP LOCAL KIDS THRIVE" IN-STORE FUNDRAISER!

**2/28 – 3/1** – BASKETBALL FINAL TOURNAMENT

**3/7** – TRY LACROSSE DAY AT ROSEBURG HIGH SCHOOL AT 10:00AM.

**3/11** – LACROSSE REGISTRATION CLOSES

**3/19** – MARIO KART TEEN NIGHT

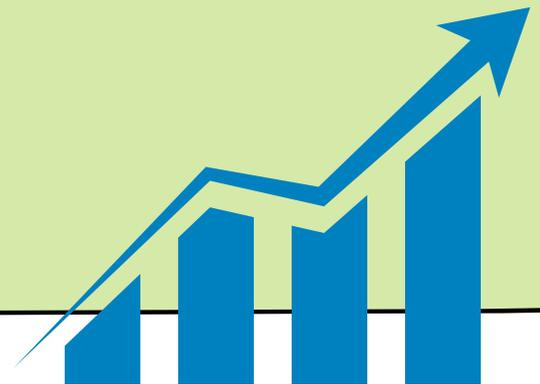
**3/20** – CLUB OPEN 12:00 – 6:30PM

**3/23 – 3/27** – EXTENDED HOURS PROGRAMS – PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. GIVE US A CALL TODAY!

**4/2 & 4/3** – CLUB OPEN 12:00 – 6:30PM

**4/24** – VOLLEYBALL SKILLS & DRILLS REGISTRATION CLOSES

**4/27-5/29** – VOLLEYBALL SKILLS & DRILLS



## IMPACT FOR 2025

**# Youth Served: 1,994**

**# Registered Teens: 259**

**Average Daily Attendance: 217**

**# of Meals Served: 38,494**

**# of Days Open: 190**

# STAFF HIGHLIGHT

## ALLI SMITH

Meet Alli, our incredible Athletics Director at the Boys & Girls Club of the Umpqua Valley! While she officially joined our team in 2023, her journey with Boys & Girls Clubs began much earlier — as a Club kid in California from age 5 through 18. She later returned to work at her childhood Club for more than three years before moving to Oregon and continuing her passion for youth development with us.

Alli loves that the Boys & Girls Club provides an inclusive environment where every young person can discover new interests, build lasting friendships, and grow in a safe and supportive space.

When asked about her favorite Club memory, Alli shared:

“As a kid, I remember taking my first dance and gymnastics classes with the Club and going to Camp Whittier (Santa Barbara County), where I found my dad’s initials carved into the bunks from when he was a kid and Club member. Many long-lasting friendships are still attributed to the Club that I grew up in. Both my children experienced their first sports with the Club as well. I have lifelong friends and experiences that helped shape who I am today — all through the Boys & Girls Club.”

In her free time, Alli enjoys teaching dance, cheering on her two kids, and chasing her grandson around. While basketball has long been her favorite sport (outside of dance!), she says lacrosse is quickly becoming a close second.

Alli, thank you for the heart, leadership, and dedication you bring to our members and young athletes every day. You truly embody what it means to be part of the Boys & Girls Club family!



# BGCUV ATHLETICS

## Basketball season is underway!

This year, we are proud to have 24 teams representing BGCUV, contributing to a robust league of 67 teams. Our 2nd Annual Basketball Opening Day Ceremonies were a resounding success, drawing an impressive crowd of over 300 attendees. It was truly inspiring to witness the community unite in celebration of basketball and showcase their team spirit. The youth and coach free throw contests were a huge hit, adding an element of healthy competition that everyone enjoyed.



## Lacrosse registration is OPEN!

It closes on March 11th, so please register early! We are also looking for volunteer coaches for lacrosse, please reach out to Alli Smith at [asmith@bgcuv.org](mailto:asmith@bgcuv.org) or stop by our office during office hours if you are interested.

More information is on our [website](#) or give us a call at 541-440-9505.

Is your child unsure if lacrosse is the right fit for them? We have Try Lacrosse Day on March 7th!

We will provide helmets, gloves, sticks, and balls for your child to try out lacrosse – all you need to do is show up.

This is a free event and will be held at Roseburg High School at 10:00am and will end at 12:00pm.

**We hope to see you there!**



The Club was originally a family fun center before becoming the Boys & Girls Club. Members of the community saw the need for educational, engaging, and safe after-school options for kids and chartered the Boys & Girls Club of the Umpqua Valley.

# 2026 BOARD MEMBERS

**President:** Stacey Crowe

**Treasurer:** Jami Seal

Ellie Norris Assmus

Gwen Soderberg-Chase

Renée Coen

Lance Colley

Heidi Gallego

Sydne Heath

Lynn Herbert

Dori John

Nick Jones

Robert McKim

Robin Paterson

Jon Petersen, DDS - *Sabbatical*

Derek Simmons

Ali Spens

Scott Stanley, OD

Teal Stone

Mari K. Stout

Jill Weber, Ph.D.

## BGCUV ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Troy Johns, *Chief Executive Officer*

Kendra Wilson, *Director of Operations*

Sara Healas Anderson, *Resource Development*

Melodie Branham, *Marketing & Events Director*

Ryan Rathbun, *Unit Director*

Alli Smith, *Athletics Director*

Tricia Takahashi, *Office Manager*

## 2026 BOARD EMERITUS

Neal Brown

Karen Kruse Corpron

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Ron West



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