



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF THE UMPQUA VALLEY

CLUB CONNECTION

NOTE FROM THE CEO

Greetings!

As we move through the fourth quarter of 2025, amidst shifting economic and policy landscapes, I want to extend heartfelt thanks to the businesses, families, and organizations that continue to inspire and uplift our youth by supporting programs at the Boys & Girls Club of the Umpqua Valley (BGCUV). Your philanthropic commitment to creating opportunities for young people to dream big, and to access the staff and resources that help bring those dreams to life, is deeply appreciated by our Board, our team, and the youth we serve.



We also take this moment to honor and thank our nation's veterans. Happy Veterans Day!

Earlier this month, I had the privilege of presenting a brief overview of the Club to the Douglas County Childcare Coalition (DCCC), a group dedicated to improving the quantity, quality, and accessibility of childcare in our region. On November 5th, DCCC spotlighted after-school care options provided by BGCUV and the YMCA of Douglas County. Like the Coalition members, the Boys & Girls Club is committed to making Douglas County a great place to grow up.

Due to the packed agenda, we had only a few minutes to share our story. While a full discussion of our comprehensive youth programs would take hours, we highlighted a powerful story featuring Chris, our Youth of the Year, and shared this very abbreviated list of program highlights:

- Leadership Development
- Literacy
- Coding
- Financial Management
- Problem Solving
- Teamwork
- Torch Club
- Arts & Crafts
- Esports
- Field Trips
- Youth Development Professional Connection
- Healthy Activities (Pickleball, Quick Ball, Gaga Ball, Ultimate & Traditional Sports)
- Gymnasium Programming (Structured & Free Choice)
- Healthful Cooking & Garden to Table
- USDA Meal Program (Open to All Community Youth in Summer)
- Youth Voice
- Strategy
- Internet Safety
- Soft Skills (e.g., Communication)
- Personal & Behavioral Self-Management
- Workforce Development
- Keystone Club
- Music – Instruments & Appreciation
- Teen Summits
- Power Hour (Homework Support)

Another youth opportunity at the Club that is worth highlighting is the set of learning opportunities around the Club's 3D printing program.

Continued...

I invite you to explore the rest of this newsletter to learn more about:

- Workforce Wednesdays, a new and impactful initiative
- Chris, our inspiring Youth of the Year
- Celebrate Kids 2025, our signature event
- Athletics updates
- And details about our upcoming Family Night, perfect for families interested in learning more about Club programs

Thank you for your continued support and consideration. Let's stay connected and keep doing great things for our youth, and for the future of Douglas County.

Warm regards,

Troy Johns

Troy Johns, Chief Executive Officer

We value your input - send your feedback to contactus@bgcuv.org to tell us what you think!

E V E N T H I G H L I G H T

18TH ANNUAL CELEBRATE KIDS

What A Night! On September 13, 2025, we hosted our 18th Annual Celebrate Kids Dinner & Auction and it was a night to remember. This year, we unveiled a brand-new theme: Building Great Futures, a perfect reflection of the Club's mission and vision.

The evening brought together community members, supporters, and business leaders for a celebration filled with inspiration and generosity. We proudly honored our Members and Players of the Year, with heartfelt video tributes created by our dedicated program staff and coaches, showcasing why each recipient was chosen.

A true highlight of the night was the announcement of our first Youth of the Year in several years – a moment that deeply moved everyone in attendance. Read below to learn about Chris, our Youth of the Year!



Pictured: A new feature to the event that the kids really enjoyed, A balloon arch!

Every year, we also recognize our Champion of Youth. This is an annual award to publicly recognize and thank those individuals who have demonstrated significant and ongoing support for children at the Club and Douglas County children in general. This year, Dr. Jill Weber, the Director of Teaching and Learning at Roseburg Schools, was the recipient of this award.



Pictured: Dr. Jill Weber receiving the Champion of Youth award



We are especially grateful to the Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua Tribe of Indians, our Presenting Sponsor, whose generous support helped make this unforgettable evening possible.

Thank you to all the volunteers and amazing committee who helped make the event special!

Club Development

It's the final push! We are hoping to further our mission and provide Great Futures for even more youth this year! Last year, 2,496 kids participated in the Club 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 – check out our [sponsorship packet](#) and reach out to Sara at sanderson@bgcuv.org for availability.
- Link your Fred Meyer card to BGCUV via their Community Rewards program.
- Grab a Blue Bag the next time you're at the Club to donate your cans and bottles!
- Join the Sustainer's Club – make monthly donations that fit your budget and provide reliable support to BGCUV.
- Leave a legacy – contact Sara about joining our Legacy Society.

We have had some amazing developments in grants – we received grants from the Columbia Bank, formerly known as Umpqua Bank Charitable Foundation as well as PandaCares Foundation.



BGCA & Panda Cares have been in partnership for 5 years!



Did you know that every kid who comes through our doors for our afterschool program gets a free meal? During the school year, Club members enjoy an after-school meal – complete with a fruit, vegetable, grain, protein, and milk. During summer, the Club serves a full lunch and an afternoon snack to Club members. Our free summer lunch program is open to any youth in our community ages 1 to 18.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

WORKFORCE WEDNESDAYS

We're excited to share the progress of our new Workforce Development initiative! Earlier this year, we were awarded a \$90,000 grant from Umpqua Health Alliance through their Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). This funding supports our mission to introduce students to local career and college pathways, helping them set meaningful goals for their futures.

After thoughtful conversations with Dr. Jill Weber and Brett Steinacher from Roseburg Schools, we chose to focus on students in 4th through 8th grades as they are the key transition years when engagement often declines. By reaching students during these pivotal moments, we aim to keep them inspired and connected to their educational journey.

To lead this exciting work, we're thrilled to welcome Sarah as our new full-time Workforce Development Coordinator. Her role will be instrumental in helping students stay engaged and prepare for bright futures through hands-on workforce development opportunities.

A note about the program from Sarah: "Workforce Wednesdays are part of the Youth Workforce Development (YWD) initiative at the Boys & Girls Club of the Umpqua Valley and is designed to inform students of local career pathways through engaging, hands-on learning experiences. Following a session focused on graphic designers, for example, many Club members asked to create more Pokémon cards like they had during the activity—an experience that connected creativity with a real-world career. Launched during a 10-week summer STEAM program, the initiative reached 184 youth and laid the groundwork for ongoing academic-year programming. Since the start of the school year on September 3rd, Workforce Wednesdays have continued with strong attendance, including 395 student visits and 235 new career exposures. All participating youth in both summer and school-year programming demonstrated increased awareness of local career and post-secondary opportunities—underscoring the initiative's early success.

A key component of Workforce Wednesdays is the integration of community professionals and local industry representatives who present their career paths directly to students. These guest presenters—from sectors such as healthcare, manufacturing, and natural resources—offer real-world insights, demonstrate tools and techniques from their fields, and share their personal journeys through education and employment. By bringing these voices into the Club (and occasionally taking students to work sites), the program creates authentic and relatable experiences that help students connect classroom learning to future goals. As we move into the cohort phase of the program, we will continue expanding our presenter network to reflect a diverse range of careers and ensure students are exposed to both traditional and emerging workforce opportunities in the region.

Workforce Wednesdays focus on the development of two grade-specific cohorts (4th–5th and 6th–8th grades) to allow for more targeted support, engagement, and measurable impact. Pre- and post-program surveys, as well as attendance tracking, are used to assess growth in awareness, engagement, and readiness. With strong early results and deepening partnerships, including Roseburg Schools, UCC's STEAM Hub, and regional employers, Workforce Wednesdays are building a strong, sustainable bridge between today's youth and tomorrow's local workforce."



BGCUV ATHLETICS

The Boys & Girls Club of the Umpqua Valley organizes and operates four recreational sports leagues throughout the year to include Basketball, Lacrosse, Volleyball and Flag Football.

This fall season is off to an exciting start at the Boys & Girls Club! We're thrilled to see growth across both our volleyball and flag football leagues. Our Flag Football league consists of 18 teams with 4 of those being our own BGCUV teams. Our volleyball league consists of 37 teams with 14 of those being also our own BGCUV teams. BGCUV teams give athletes that reside within the Roseburg School District an opportunity to play together and experience the joys of recreational sports. Both sports show significant increases from last year, which shows that we are continuing to create opportunities for all athletes in Douglas County to participate in recreational sports.

We recently wrapped up our flag football season, highlighted by an incredible Jamboree/Turf Day at RHS on October 11th, and we're looking forward to our Volleyball Tournament also at RHS on November 15th. We're grateful to our site supervisors, referees, volunteer coaches, parents, players, and the Roseburg School District for making it all possible.

Basketball sign-ups are now live for 3rd-6th grade boys & girls—volunteer coaches and paid referees are needed! Sign up today at the Club!

We are always looking for volunteer coaches for all our sports programs, please reach out to Alli Smith at asmith@bgcuv.org if you are interested.

More information is on our website or give us a call at 541-440-9505.

IMPORTANT DATES

11/11 – CLOSED FOR VETERANS DAY

11/22 – PANDA EXPRESS FUNDRAISER

11/27 & 11/28 – CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

12/22 – 1/2 – EXTENDED CLUB HOURS FOR WINTER BREAK

12/24 & 12/25 – CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

1/1 – CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY

1/19 – CLOSED FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

2/16 – CLOSED FOR PRESIDENT'S DAY

IMPACT FOR 2025 CHECKING IN!

of Members: 813

Teens: 109

Average Daily Attendance: 222

of Meals Served: 33,412

of Days Open: 152



YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Chris is known for his adaptability, patience, and empathy. His friends admire that he can play any character in Smash Bros. and still come out on top, but what stands out most is his consistent support for others. Whether he's cheering on friends at their extracurricular activities, playing the game someone else really wants to play, or stepping in when he sees someone being treated unfairly, Chris is dependable and caring.

At the Club, he's always willing to try something new and participates in a wide range of programs, including Cooking, Ultimate Frisbee, Civic Engagement, Esports, Hiking, and Coding. When others are learning new skills, Chris reassures them through the frustrations of the process and encourages them to keep going. He doesn't just look out for fellow members, he also checks in on staff, treating everyone with respect and setting a strong example of leadership through empathy.



FAMILY NIGHT

Fall Into Wellness

NOVEMBER 13, 2025
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Boys & Girls Club of the Umpqua Valley
1144 NE Cedar Street
Roseburg, OR 97470

This event is open to the public, come on by!

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTICIPATING COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

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First 150 people
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