

CLUB CONNECTION

NOTE FROM THE CEO



The Board, staff, and volunteers who support the Club and its operations warmly greet you!

We invite you to explore the stories in this newsletter and to look for The Club Scoop when the June issue becomes available. Through these and other Club updates, you'll see the impact of our work and how we bring joy to learning, leadership, and teamwork for youth across our community.

Thank you to the individuals and organizations who attended or sponsored the 2026 Umpqua Uncorked & On Tap (UUOT). This annual event is both a celebration and a vital fundraiser for our programs and operations. Your generosity makes a difference, helping ensure our community continues striving to be one of the very best places for kids to grow up.

You'll also find a preview in this issue of our Birthday Bash on October 24, 2026. It will be amazing too! With space for 300–400 guests, it promises great company, great food, and powerful stories celebrating 25 years of impact. Together, we'll honor the leaders, supporters, and community members who have helped the Club serve youth for a quarter century. Save the date!

It may feel early to be thinking about October, but a closer look shows why we plan ahead and why we pack so much purpose and fun into every year.

According to the Afterschool Alliance, Oregon faces one of the highest unmet needs for afterschool programs in the country. More than half of parents report cost as a barrier, and nearly half cite challenges with transportation or access.

When kids do have access, the outcomes are remarkable. More than 80% of Oregon parents say afterschool programs help spark a love of learning, provide enrichment beyond the school day, and offer critical homework support. These programs also strengthen families—83% of parents say afterschool care helps them keep their jobs and be more productive at work.

That impact is exactly what the Boys & Girls Club of the Umpqua Valley provides here in and around Roseburg. We transform the hours between school and dinner into a time of opportunity, keeping kids safe, engaged, and inspired, while giving parents peace of mind.

Our county is large, and the need reaches far and wide. Thank you again for showing up for the kids and for us at UUOT. We'll continue sharing how your support fuels meaningful programs today, while helping us expand our reach for tomorrow.

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CEO NOTE CONTINUED..

Be sure to watch for some new names and faces during your Club experience! Alongside our energetic summer staff leading STEAM and sports camp programs beginning at 7:30 a.m. on weekdays, we're excited to welcome two outstanding additions to the BGCUV team—Sheri Hoddle as our Resource Development Director and Charlee Scheer as our Community Engagement Coordinator. These two “mountain movers” are already hard at work, helping ensure our youth have access to exceptional programs and opportunities.

And don't forget—sign up the kids and teens in your life for our incredible summer camps before they fill up!

Troy Johns

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

Summer Starts Here!

Summer camp season is here, and spots are filling quickly!

From games and recreation to leadership activities, sports, hands-on projects, and new friendships, there is something for everyone at the Club this summer. Our camps are designed to keep youth active, engaged, learning, and having fun all summer long.

Coming Up June 22–26:

Kingdom of Critters (Grades 1–5) – Explore the amazing world of animals through fun activities, creative projects, and hands-on learning.

Budget Bites (Grades 6–12) – Learn practical money management and budgeting skills while exploring food, nutrition, and real-world decision-making.

Basketball Camp (Grades 3–6) – Build skills, practice teamwork, and have fun on the court with drills, games, and friendly competition.

Stop by the office to learn more or register today!

Scan below
or

visit: <https://bgcuv.org/2026-summer-camps/>



Did You Know?



Summer at the Club is about more than activities.

- Building friendships
- Discovering new interests
- Growing confidence
- Staying active
- Having a safe place to belong
- Club programming helps prevent summer learning loss

CAMP

Umpqua Uncorked & On Tap

What an incredible evening! Thank you to every volunteer, staff member, sponsor, donor, guest, and community partner who helped make Umpqua Uncorked & On Tap such a success. Events like these are more than a fundraiser, they are an investment in local youth and the future of our community. Because of your generosity and support, Boys & Girls Club of the Umpqua Valley can continue creating safe spaces, meaningful opportunities, and Great Futures for youth across our community. We are incredibly grateful for everyone who helped make the evening possible.



BGCUV 25th BIRTHDAY BASH!

Join us on October 24th as we celebrate 25 incredible years of Boys & Girls Club of the Umpqua Valley!

Our Birthday Bash will be a special celebration honoring the youth, families, volunteers, staff, partners, and supporters who have helped make the Club what it is today. We'll celebrate the memories, impact, and community connections that have shaped the last 25 years, and look ahead to an exciting future.

Stay tuned for more details... you won't want to miss this milestone celebration!

Scan here
or
visit <https://bgcuv.org/birthday/>

to learn more about sponsorship opportunities & follow event updates!





Club Development

The support of our community is what makes our mission possible. Every program, opportunity, and meaningful moment at the Club is made possible by people who choose to invest in local youth. Simply put, the community is the reason we can help the community.

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

August 21

Last Day of Summer Camps

August 22 | 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Back-to-School Bash

Join us at the Douglas County Fairgrounds for a fun-filled day as we help families prepare for the new school year.

August 24–28

Club Closed

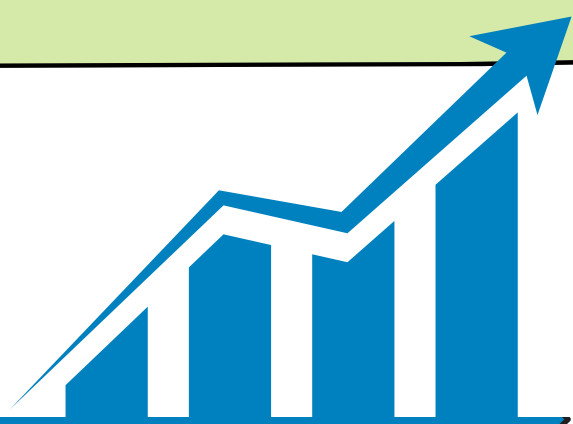
The Club will be closed for our annual end-of-summer transition week as staff prepare for the upcoming school year.

September 7

Labor Day Closure

The Club will be closed in observance of Labor Day.

IMPACT NUMBERS



29,163 Youth Visits This Year
221 Average Daily Attendance
53% Members Attending 10+ Days Per Month

STAFF HIGHLIGHT

This month, we are excited to spotlight Ryan and celebrate an incredible 21 years with the Club! Over the years, Ryan has worn many hats and made a lasting impact on countless youth. From running pool and foosball tournaments in the Games Room to stepping into leadership as a Unit Director, Ryan's journey reflects dedication, growth, and a deep commitment to our mission. We are grateful for the passion, consistency, and care Ryan brings to the Club each day.

When asked what has kept him at the Club for over two decades, Ryan shared, "Every day is a new experience. You never know what the day will bring, and that's what makes working with kids so fun and rewarding."

Thank you, Ryan, for 21 years of investing in the youth we serve and helping make the Club a place where young people can learn, grow, and thrive!



TEEN NIGHTS = BIG FUN & BIG MEMORIES

Our teens have been making memories all spring long!

On May 15, teens geared up for an action-packed Laser Tag Teen Night filled with friendly competition, teamwork, and lots of laughs.

Earlier this spring on April 17, youth came together for Slideshow Night, where creativity and humor took center stage as teens shared stories and unforgettable moments.

Programs like Teen Night create spaces where youth can build friendships, strengthen connections, and simply enjoy being themselves.



BGCUV ATHLETICS



Co-Ed Flag Football: Grades 3rd–5th

Co-Ed Volleyball: Grades 3rd–6th

Registration Open: May 4 – September 4

Programs are offered using a sliding fee scale to help keep activities accessible for families.

Questions? Contact our office or visit our website <https://bgcuv.org/athletics/> for details.

Lacrosse Recap

Lacrosse season may have wrapped up, but the fun and memories are still going strong! Over six weeks, our 5th–8th grade athletes played an impressive 37 games and traveled to Medford, Eugene, and Corvallis. A season highlight was our first-ever two-day Willamette Valley Tournament, where the 5th/6th grade team went undefeated until the championship game, and the 7th/8th grade team pulled off an exciting upset against the tournament's #1 seed!

We also hosted our Lacrosse Jamboree at Roseburg High School, bringing teams together for a fun day on the turf, and our players had the honor of participating in RHS Lacrosse Senior Night. Thank you to our players, coaches, families, referees, and supporters for an incredible season.

The fun isn't over yet! LAX Summer Camp for 3rd–8th grade is happening the week of July 6. Now's the time to sign up!



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