



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF THE UMPQUA VALLEY

CLUB CONNECTION

NOTE FROM THE CEO



Active Listening: The Heart of Our Youth Development

Our youth development team practices active listening daily. It's how we connect with and "be there" for Club members and everyone involved in our athletic programs. Being truly heard and thoughtfully engaged builds vital connections, a strong sense of belonging, and the individual agency crucial for growth and development.

This commitment to listening extends to our entire community. We actively engage to understand your concerns, ideas, and feedback – and we're excited by what we're learning. This ongoing dialogue has highlighted several key needs and opportunities:

- **Engaging Summer Activities:** A clear and immediate need.
- **Smoother School Transitions:** Addressing challenges for kids moving between grades, especially when it involves changing schools.
- **Enhanced Early Literacy:** Positioning our youngest for lifelong success.
- **Post-Secondary and Workforce Readiness:** Preparing older youth for their next steps.

Summer Camps: Immediate Impact Through Fun and Learning!

Our 2025 Club Summer Camps are thoughtfully designed to meet immediate community needs. These half-day programs offer a fantastic thoughtfully and opportunity for kids and teens. The positive, compounding impact of fun, summertime learning can be life-changing. Conversely, summer learning loss can also have a significant negative impact. Don't miss out – sign up for the Club summer program now! Programs fill quickly, so lock in this opportunity. A sliding price scale is available to make participation affordable.

Need a Full Day of Awesome? Explore Summer Programs PLUS!

For families needing a full-day solution, our Summer Programs PLUS a Club membership offers an incredible experience. Imagine an amazing STEAM camp in the morning, followed by a nutritious meal and afternoon snacks. Then, age-appropriate Club activities await, including a massive Lego table, eSports, 3D printing, two full courts for indoor gym activities, and access to our private outdoor field and courts.

These full days are designed to build happy memories, good character, and leadership skills, all supervised by our youth development professionals. For working parents, this means peace of mind, knowing your children are in a safe and enriching environment. This allows you to focus at work, bringing its own benefits and rewards.

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Early Childhood Literacy: Building a Foundation for Life

For our youngest members, starting in kindergarten and throughout our K-12 programs, we are dedicated to facilitating literacy gains. Research consistently shows that early childhood literacy is a cornerstone for individual growth, stronger family relationships, and healthier, more dynamic communities. Beyond academics, it nurtures creativity, problem-solving skills, and emotional intelligence – all essential for navigating modern life. We know our community is interested in additional early literacy programming to ensure all children benefit from these life-long advantages. We will keep you posted on the promising work being done in this area.

Workforce Development: Preparing Youth for a Bright Future in Douglas County

Incredible work in youth workforce development is already happening thanks to Umpqua Community College (UCC), Douglas High School, Roseburg High School and others. Earlier this month, the Umpqua Economic Development Partnership held a 3-day Southwestern Oregon Economic Summit focused on “Preparing Southwestern Oregon’s Economy for the Future.” This robust meeting brought together decision-makers and thought leaders eager to shape our region's future, with the vital role of youth being a central theme.

In conjunction with the Summit, I was able to tour and discuss workforce opportunities with leaders at local companies like Orenco Systems, North River Boats, and 7Robotics. These experiences highlighted the remarkable academic and career pathways available for our kids right here in Douglas County. The Club is excited to collaborate and develop new, compelling, and impactful workforce development programs to play our part in connecting our youth to these opportunities.

Best regards, Troy

We welcome feedback email contactus@bgcuv.org to tell us what you think!

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

On April 12th, we hosted the much-anticipated Umpqua Uncorked & On Tap event, presented by Umpqua Dairy, at the Lang Center at Umpqua Community College. The evening was a resounding success, bringing together community members, supporters, and business leaders for a night of celebration and generosity.

Guests enjoyed a delightful evening featuring fine dining, local wines and craft beers, and a silent auction. During the “Mission Moment”, our version of a paddle-raise, we showcased a brand-new video highlighting the Club and the impact that it has on the community. Did you know that in 2024 we served 2,496 kids through all our programs?

The atmosphere was filled with camaraderie and a shared commitment to supporting local youth programs. The funds raised during the event will go a long way in helping the Boys & Girls Club continue our mission to inspire and empower the youth of the Umpqua Valley.

Overall, Umpqua Uncorked & On Tap was a memorable evening that highlighted the strength and generosity of the community. We look forward to seeing everyone again at our fall fundraiser, the 18th Annual Celebrate Kids Dinner & Auction on September 13th. Stay tuned for tickets to go on sale!

MORE EVENT HIGHLIGHTS..

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DID YOU KNOW THAT THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE UMPQUA VALLEY IS PRIMARILY FUNDED BY OUR COMMUNITY?

WE DO NOT RECEIVE REGULAR STATE OR FEDERAL FUNDING AND THEREFORE RELY HEAVILY ON PRIVATE OR CORPORATE DONATIONS. WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY, BUT WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT THE COMMUNITY'S SUPPORT!

INTERESTING FACT

BGCUV ATHLETICS

Lacrosse season started off with a bang!

At "Try Lacrosse Day" we had over 200 youth come out and see what all the hype is around lacrosse. This led to a major increase in registration, we have a total of 82 lacrosse players this year across 1st through 8th grades, this is a 30% increase from last year!

Lacrosse is the fastest growing sport across the USA, and we are excited to see that trend in our community too!

As the season comes to a close, we are so excited to see what happens next year!



Flag Football and Volleyball registration is OPEN!

Both close on September 5th but it is never too early to commit to our fall sports!

We are always looking for volunteer coaches for all of 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.

5/5 -FLAG FOOTBALL REGISTRATION OPENS

5/5- VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION OPENS

5/26- CLUB CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY

6/9-6/13 -CLOSED WEEK

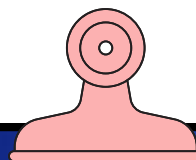
CLOSED WEEK OFFICE HOURS:

8 AM - 5 PM FROM 6/9-6/11

8 AM - 2PM ON 6/12 & 6/13

6/16- FIRST DAY OF SUMMER CAMPS/HOURS

7/4 -CLUB CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY



NEW BOARD MEMBERS

WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME THREE NEW BOARD MEMBERS TO OUR TEAM!

Heidi Gallego – Heidi Gallego is the Director of Compliance & Risk Management at Aviva Health. Born and raised in Roseburg, she returned in 2007 after living in Napa, California. As a single mother of three, Heidi found the Boys & Girls Club invaluable for its affordable childcare, allowing her to work while her children were in a safe environment. Her involvement grew as her children participated, and she became a dedicated volunteer, refereeing games. Heidi is committed to the Club's mission of providing a safe space for children and supporting working parents.

"It is important to me to ensure this Club is around for many years to help other families like it did mine. They provide a safe environment where children can thrive, and parents can work to support them. Now that I have grandchildren, I hope to support the Club through this next generation and many to come after that!"



Derek Simmons – We are excited to welcome Derek back to the Board of Directors. He previously served on the Club's Board of Directors from 2007 – 2022 and was delighted to rejoin this year. He is the founding shareholder of Simmons Law, P.C., where he advises clients in business and estate planning. He was reared in Dodge City, Kansas, which leads him to joke that he is the original guy who "got the hell out of Dodge."

Derek and his spouse live in Roseburg with the younger of their four children, each of whom has spent quality time at the Boys & Girls Club of the Umpqua Valley. "For each of them, it has been their favorite place in the world at critical times in their development," he said. "They have made friends and learned things that they would never have encountered elsewhere."

"As parents, we value the fact that the Club is a safe place after school, so we can work, but as long as the kids are there, we can also help them grow. It is a fabulous investment in our community's future."



Mari Stout – Mari is a healthcare consultant with nearly 20 years of leadership experience, specializing in compliance, quality improvement, strategy, risk management, and finance. She helps organizations solve complex problems and implement practical solutions, especially where internal infrastructure is limited. Previously, she was the Chief of QI & Compliance at Adapt Integrated Healthcare. Mari is a passionate advocate for behavioral health and rural health systems.

A Roseburg native, Mari returned in 2014 to raise her family near her relatives. She and her husband are raising two young children, and she values the role of youth programs in the community. As a former All-American and Olympic Trials swimmer, Mari appreciates the importance of a supportive environment with mentors and growth opportunities.



CLUB DEVELOPMENT

We are launching our annual fundraising campaign – this year we have a goal of **\$500,000!** 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@bgcu.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 are kicking off 2025 with a bang and have received grants from the Douglas Community Fund through Oregon Community Foundation and the 2025 Umpqua Health Alliance CHIP grant! We know that this is just the beginning of an exciting year.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT – TORCH CLUB

Recently, we restarted our Torch Club, which is our middle school leadership program. Torch Clubs are chartered small-group leadership and service clubs for members ages 11-13. Torch Club serves as a powerful vehicle through which Club staff can help meet the special character development needs of younger adolescents at a critical stage in their development. Torch Club members learn to elect officers and work together to implement activities in four areas: service to Club and community, education, health and fitness, and social recreation. We have 19 members, and they voted in their President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Our Torch Club members have been actively engaging in various initiatives. They host a weekly "Snack Shack" where their peers (and staff) can purchase snacks, fostering a sense of entrepreneurship and teamwork. Additionally, they are currently working on a heartfelt project to make blankets for Saving Grace Humane Society, demonstrating their commitment to community service and compassion. They will also develop service projects that help a local domestic violence shelter as well as a retirement home. Through these activities, Torch Club members are not only developing leadership skills but also making a positive impact on their community.



2025 BOARD MEMBERS

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