



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF WAYNE COUNTY

2022 Summer Newsletter



BGCWC Summer Programs Keep Kids Safe and Active

Summer programming at BGCWC means all of the benefits of membership all day long! Every summer we're proud to offer programs that focus on a variety of subjects like fitness, science, art, and our very own Camp Guy. Our A.M. Powerup participants under age eleven were able to choose between three themed programs to spend the summer following their own interests.

STEAM members explored their world through science, art, and imaginative play. They created electricity, made musical instruments, and saved the world as superheroes throughout the summer! Members who just couldn't get enough playtime joined Game Time where they not only enjoyed classic lawn and board games but also delved into Olympic sports and secret missions. Our ClubFit members spent their summer staying active in sports, dance, obstacle courses, and water games!

For youth eleven and up, our LEAD program offered an awesome summer experience where Club members learned about leadership, team-building, and community service in a safe, fun group setting. Members this year completed service projects and learned about entrepreneurship through our BizKidz program lead by volunteers from **Natco Credit Union**. Members wrote a business plan and hosted a bake sale to fund an end-of-summer bowling trip!

Of course, it's just not summer without Camp Guy! Our 168-acre facility on the Whitewater River allowed members to experience all kinds of outdoor activities like creek walks, fishing, and swimming all with trained, professional staff and lifeguards. These diverse, fun, and enriching activities gave youth memorable experiences that can inspire them for life.

Summer programs at BGWC cost \$35/week to attend. We appreciate the support of **Interlocal Community Action Program**





(ICAP) who sponsored summer scholarships.

BGCWC also offered free summer programming through Club Fun. Club Fun members were able to attend Jeffers, McDaniel, or First Bank Units from 12-4pm for no charge. They were able to participate in classic activities like Water Wednesdays and play in our gyms and gamesrooms.

Regardless of what program our members chose, they were also able to enjoy field trips throughout the summer to Club-favorite destinations like **Cope Environmental Center**, **Hayes Arboretum**, and the **Splash Pad at Glen Miller Park**. They also had the opportunity to go swimming every Friday at the **Cordell Municipal Pool**.

BGCWC staff went above and beyond this year to provide safe and fun experiences for our members. Many staff joined us for their first summer, while others took on new roles and responsibilities. Thank you to everyone who helped make this summer special!



Desmond Bane Hosts Smart Futures Dinner, Skills Camp



We hosted our annual Smart Futures Dinner, an event that celebrates exceptional people who have inspired others to strive for smart futures, on July 19th. This year's honoree was **Boys & Girls Club of Wayne County Alum and Memphis Grizzlies Shooting Guard Desmond Bane**.

Desmond was raised by his great-grandparents in Richmond, IN. He attended Seton Catholic High School where he played basketball under **Coach Josh Jurgens**, who also coached him in third grade at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County. As a senior he was named the MVP of the Wettig Memorial Holiday Tournament. Desmond scored 1,991 points over his four-year career, surpassing 1988 Indiana Mr. Basketball winner Woody Austin for the most in Wayne County history.

After high school, Desmond opted to play college ball for Texas Christian University (TCU). He played all four seasons at TCU and earned Second-Team All-Big 12 honors as a junior and First-Team All-Big 12 honors as a senior. Selected in the first round of the 2022 NBA Draft, he was named to the NBA All-Rookie Team in 2020-21. Desmond just completed his second NBA season and helped the Grizzlies reach the Western Conference Semifinals. He set the record for most three-point baskets made in Grizzlies playoff history (seven). He was named a 2022 NBA All-Star Rising Star and was selected to participate in the 3-Point Contest at All-Star Weekend. Desmond and Tyrese Haliburton won the Clorox Clutch Challenge at All-Star Weekend. Desmond has always prioritized giving back to the youth and his hometown community.

"Without the Boys & Girls Club, none of that is possible," Desmond shared during a question-and-answer session at the event. "That was my spot where I hung out after school, shooting pool and playing hoops." The Q & A was led by **Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County Board Member Sarah Mitchell**, Desmond's former coaches Jurgens and **Jon Blevins**, and **Club Members Bryson H. & Ray'lin R.**

During the dinner, guests enjoyed a performance by Club members, Desmond's honoree speech, and an auction led by **Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County Board Member Garry Kleer**. On stage that night, Desmond signed basketballs provided by **BSN Sports** and shared memories from autographed prints provided by **Primex Plastics** that were auctioned off. The Club was able to raise over \$100,000 with the help of Desmond and from generous community members, sponsors, and attendees.

"We are overwhelmed by the love and support shown tonight," **Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County Chief Executive Officer Alicia Painter** reflected. "We cannot thank Desmond enough for supporting our Club kids or our community for gathering to celebrate Desmond's accomplishments with us. We also appreciate all of the



amazing, dedicated board members, staff, Club members, and community members who worked so hard to make this night so special.”

Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County Director of Resource Development & Special Events Sarah Roddy shared, “Working with Desmond and his team this week has been amazing. After our event, he was kind enough to host a VIP meet-and-greet for major donors, sponsors, and our board members. Desmond is the kind of person who made each and every person who stepped through those doors feel special and important.”

In addition to attending our Smart Futures Dinner, Desmond hosted a skills camp at our Jeffers Unit for local youth to improve their basketball skills. The camp worked with two age groups and served over 200 youth from across Wayne County. During the camp, Desmond also visited with Jeffers Unit members, answering questions and playing pool in our gamesroom.

We were excited and honored to have Desmond host his first annual skills camp at our facility and look forward to many years of partnership to come!



Wayne Bank Supports Their Local Club



BGCWC is excited to announce a partnership with **Wayne Bank** to help sustain the continued operations of our Western Wayne Unit. Wayne Bank has pledged to make a gift of \$200,000 over the next four years. These funds will cover operating costs for the Club and replace a portion of the temporary funding provided by the Student Learning Recovery Grant Program. The Club will be renamed the Wayne Bank Boys & Girls Club when it reopens in August.

Chanticleer Brings Music to the Club



Thank you to our friends at **Chanticleer String Quartet** for stopping by the Club for a special summer concert! Our members appreciate organizations like yours that make the arts accessible to youth!

Clubs for the Club



Thank you to all the wonderful women who joined us for Clubs for the Club! We had a great time while raising funds for BGCWC!

A special thank-you to our sponsors:

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First Bank Fairy Wings



First Bank's Club Fun kids are giving back to the community in a magical way: fairy wings! Members painted wings for the Wayne County 2022 Enchanted Fairy Trail from **Wayne County's Tourism Bureau**. There are wings throughout the county at different locations, and you can find ours at the Better Homes & Gardens building. Thank you to **Board President Tracie Robinson** for getting our members involved in this community project!

Thank YOU to our Donors

It takes a lot to build great futures for today's youth: caring staff, safe places, quality programs, experienced leadership, meaningful support, and so much more. Your gifts make our vision possible. We want to thank everyone who contributed to BGCWC by listing all **gifts received between May 1st– July 31st, 2022**. Great care has been taken for the accuracy of spelling, however, mistakes happen. If you see an issue please call us at 765-962-6922 or email Sarah Roddy at sroddy@bgcrichmond.org.

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