



The CLUB Teen Center Monthly Newsletter - April 2026

YOUTH OF THE MONTH – MARCH

Youth of the Month is a Club-driven experience that aims to recognize and honor Club Teens who exemplify strong character and leadership. To achieve this recognition, the teen(s) will have consistently demonstrated growth and/or skill in the following areas: Character, Leadership, Responsibility and Group Participation.

Our CLUB Teen Youth of the Month for March were:

Teens: Alec C.-Self-Directed Academy

Tweens: Zion G.-Carl Ben Eielson

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT – CULINARY CLUB

Culinary Club provides teens with hands-on opportunities to explore cooking, nutrition, and kitchen safety in a fun and supportive environment. Rooted in Boys & Girls Clubs of America’s commitment to Life & Workforce readiness, this program helps teens build practical skills they can use every day. Participants learn how to plan meals, follow recipes, and work collaboratively while gaining confidence in the kitchen. Through guided instruction and creative exploration, teens are encouraged to try new foods, develop independence, and understand the connection between nutrition and overall well-being. Culinary Club not only fosters a love for cooking but also equips teens with lifelong skills that support healthy, self-sufficient futures.

OUR CLUB TEEN CENTER IN ACTION

Clubs provide youth with experiences that build essential social-emotional and subject-specific skills in each of BGCA’s four priority outcome areas. In March, our CLUB Teen Center had the following experiences:

- Health & Wellbeing: 383 experiences with Emote Control; Healthy Habits; Huddle Time; Sports, Rec & Fitness
- Character & Leadership: 9 experiences with Leadership & Service
- Academic Success: 72 experiences with High Yield; Power Hour
- Life & Workforce Readiness: 58 with STEAM

SEL SURVEYS

Youth complete Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) surveys twice during the school year and twice during summer Club programs. These surveys provide youth with an opportunity to share feedback on our efforts to foster positive relationships, strengthen their social capital, and create a safe, supportive environment.

Our CLUB Teen Center had the following results:

I feel safe at BGC	100.0%
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The adults at BGC care about me	100.0%
Adults here listen and understand what I have to say	95.5%
I can talk to an adult at BGC if I have a problem	90.9%
People listen to me here	90.9%
Adults here encourage me when I make positive choices	100.0%
Adults here encourage me to try something different	90.9%
I get to help make this Club better	95.5%

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

On March 5th, as part of our Life & Workforce Readiness program, The CLUB Teen Center visited Dakota Baber Academy, where they learned about skills and training needed to succeed in the barbering profession. From technical ability to professionalism and a strong work ethic, they discovered what it takes to build a successful career.

HOW CAN WE HELP YOUR STUDENTS SUCCEED?

Each day at the Club, teens participate in Power Hour—our dedicated academic support time designed to help students stay on track and build strong learning habits. This provides a focused time and space to receive homework help, spend time reading, and engage in strategic skill-building activities that strengthen academic confidence. If there are specific ways we can support teens with their assignments or classes, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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