



Boys & Girls Clubs of the Red River Valley - Monthly Newsletter **April 2026**

BGRRV YOUTH OF THE MONTH – MARCH

Youth of the Month is a Club-driven experience that aims to recognize and honor Club members who exemplify strong character and leadership. To achieve this recognition, the Club member will have consistently demonstrated growth and/or skill in the following areas: Character, Leadership, Responsibility, and Group Participation. Our Madison Youth of the Month for March are: Green Group: Elyana S. Pink Group: Kit R.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT – SNACK

At the Boys & Girls Clubs, we recognize the important role we play in supporting healthy, nutritious lifestyles. As part of our afterschool program, we provide each Club member with a daily two-component snack. Our menus feature a rotating selection of foods from the five main food groups, including dairy, grains, and fruits. We also ensure youth have easy access to drinking water throughout our Club spaces. Providing healthy foods is essential for building resilient, successful youth and remains a central part of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Red River Valley’s mission.

OUR MADISON CLUB 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 Madison Club had the following experiences:

- Health & Wellbeing: 427 experiences with Emote Control; Healthy Habits; Huddle Time; Sports, Rec & Fitness
- Character & Leadership: 0 experiences with Leadership & Service
- Academic Success: 298 experiences with High Yield; Power Hour
- Life & Workforce Readiness: 20 with STEAM
- Social Emotional Learning Survey Results:
 - *I feel safe at BGC* 100.0%
 - *The adults at BGC care about me* 96.0%
 - *Adults here listen and understand what I have to say* 96.0%
 - *I can talk to an adult at BGC if I have a problem* 96.0%
 - *People listen to me here* 96.0%
 - *Adults here encourage me when I make positive choices* 100.0%
 - *Adults here encourage me to try something different* 92.0%

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Red River Valley is hiring!

We’re looking for positive, caring role models to work with elementary-aged youth in our summer Club program. If you’re passionate about making a difference and helping create a safe, fun environment where kids can learn and grow, we’d love to have you on our team.

Apply now at www.bgcrrv.org/online-application.

School Year Club program registration opened for returning families on April 14th and new families on April 21st. School Year programs begin on Wednesday, August 26th. Please see our website for additional information.

We invite you to join us for a **Seeds of Fun** family engagement event! On May 20th, we will host an open-house–style Family Engagement event at our Madison Elementary Club from 4:00–6:00 p.m. Our family engagement events offer families the opportunity to participate in hands-on activities with their kids, learn more about our academic supports, and connect with Club staff. Our May event will focus on the healthy benefits of growing your own food. Youth and parents will decorate a pot to plant and take home their own herb seeds. Please plan to stop by and join us—we look forward to connecting with you!

Share Your Voice! We invite you to **join our 21st CCLC Advisory Group** and collaborate with us in strengthening our after-school program. This group plays an essential role in guiding program planning, supporting student success, and ensuring alignment with school goals. Our next meeting is **May 14th from 5:30-6:45pm**. Please contact Julie@bgcrrv.org for more information or to join.

HOW CAN WE HELP YOUR STUDENTS SUCCEED?

Each day at BGC, students participate in Power Hour (reading, homework help, educational games). If you have specific ideas of what students could use extra practice on, please reach out. We can individualize targeted practices by student, grade, subject, etc.

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P.S. Don't keep this good news to yourself — please share this link website with your staff so they can stay up to date, too!

21st CENTURY LEARNING CENTER GOALS:

- 21st CCLC students will show increases in student engagement and exhibit positive behavioral changes.
- 21st CCLC program will increase the number of students who meet expected learning gains each year.
- 21st CCLC programs will reduce disparities in school engagement, behavioral, and academic outcomes for selected subgroups.
- 21st CCLC programs will increase parent and community engagement.
- 21st CCLC programs will increase the number of students who are choice ready.