



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE RED RIVER VALLEY

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BGCRRV YOUTH OF THE MONTH

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.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT –Summer Brain Gain:

Summer Brain Gain is a summer learning-loss prevention program designed to keep youth engaged and learning. Participants take part in fun, hands-on activities that spark curiosity, explore personal interests, and strengthen both academic and social-emotional skills.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT – Digital Citizenship & Technology Safety Training

All youth who use Boys & Girls Club devices or equipment are required to successfully complete a BGCA-provided digital citizenship and technology safety training prior to use.

NetSmartz, an online safety program developed by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, helps participants develop essential skills to recognize potential online risks, respond appropriately to unsafe situations, and make informed decisions while using the internet. The ultimate goal of NetSmartz is to empower youth to engage online safely, responsibly, and confidently.

OUR SUMMER CLUBS 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. This summer youth in BGC Club programs had the following experiences:

- Health & Wellbeing: 37,889 experiences with Emote Control; Healthy Habits; Huddle Time; Sports, Rec & Fitness
- Character & Leadership: 1,041 experiences with Leadership & Service
- Academic Success: 36,892 experiences with High Yield; Power Hour
- Life & Workforce Readiness: 2,618 with STEAM

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Lincoln Enrollment for 2026-2027 School year:

AM Program - 17 youth enrolled

PM Program- 50 youth enrolled

Waitlist- 3 youth on list

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 School Year Club program. If you (or someone you know) are 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.

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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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.