



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE RED RIVER VALLEY

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

YOUTH OF THE MONTH – FEBRUARY

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 Washington Youth of the Month for February were:

Group 1: Ava Brown

Group 2: Hayden Johnson

Group 3: Weston Amundson

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT – GENIUS HOUR

Genius Hour provides students with dedicated time and space to explore their own passions through hands-on, creative activities. This program encourages the real-world application of 21st-century skills, including collaboration, critical thinking, communication, and creativity. During Genius Hour, youth can explore seven areas of interest: Creative Arts, Reading, Construction, Games, STEM, Dramatic Play, and Relaxation.

OUR WASHINGTON 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 Washington Club had the following experiences:

- Health & Wellbeing: 1733 experiences with Emote Control; Healthy Habits; Huddle Time; Sports, Rec & Fitness
- Academic Success: 1070 experiences with High Yield; Power Hour
- Life & Workforce Readiness: 126 with STEAM

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Club program registration opened for returning families on Tuesday, March 17 and for new families on Tuesday, March 24, 2026. Summer program begins on Monday, June 8th, 2026.

SAVE THE DATE: School Year Club program registration opens for returning families at 8:30 am on Tuesday, April 14th, 2026. New families can register at 8:30 am on Tuesday, April 21st, 2026. Please see our website for additional information.

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, April 23 | Great Futures Luncheon
Join us in celebrating and supporting the teens of The CLUB Teen Center
Inspiration, impact, and community – details coming soon!

In February, we conducted our 2nd Safety Assessment of the school year. We complete Safety Assessments at least two times each year to ensure that we are continually making improvements to Safety at our Clubs. This assessment focuses on eight priority areas: Staff Practices; Facility Safety and Security; Emergency Preparedness and Evacuation Plans; Program Operations; Restroom Usage and Monitoring; Sports and Outdoor Recreation; Transportation; and Aquatics Safety.

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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