

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

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.

Our Club programs have resumed this recognition program for the school year and will announce the winners for September next month!

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT – Group Agreements:

At the start of each school year, Group Agreements are made with the Club members at each site. Group Agreements are a shared vision that a group creates in order to build an emotionally supportive environment. It is a tool that can bridge the gap between how Club members are feeling and how they want to feel. It's important for youth who work together within a program area to complete the Group Agreements as a way to build a safe, positive emotional climate and bolster group connection within the program.

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 August, youth in BGC Club programs had the following experiences:

- Health & Wellbeing: 11,331 experiences with Emote Control; Healthy Habits; Huddle Time; Sports, Rec & Fitness
- Character & Leadership: 368 experiences with Leadership & Service
- Academic Success: 10,867 experiences with High Yield; Power Hour
- Life & Workforce Readiness: 647 experiences with STEAM

BGCRRV Staff Trainings:

North Dakota State Licensing requires all childcare workers to complete annual training hours based on the number of hours worked each week. BGCRRV provides our employees with multiple training opportunities each month covering a variety of topics such as trauma-informed care, youth development best practices and building positive relationships. In 2026, 19 courses have been or will be offered to employees, along with six First Aid/CPR courses.

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

We invite you to join us for a Create & Connect family engagement event! On October 8th, 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 October event will feature a mini masterpiece art station for families to create together.

Please plan to stop by and join us—we look forward to connecting with you!

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.

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.

Unit Director: Kobe Malone 701.235.2147 or kobem@bgcrrv.org

Director of Operations: Elise Pforr 701.235.2147 or elise@bgcrrv.org

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.