



The CLUB Teen Center Monthly Newsletter -September 2026

YOUTH OF THE MONTH

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 August were:

Teens: Isaiah B. – Ben Franklin

Tweens: Zain A. – Discovery

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT – Torch & Keystone Clubs

Torch Club (middle school) and Keystone Club (high school) are leadership and service-based programs offered through the Boys & Girls Clubs that empower youth to discover their strengths, build meaningful connections, and create positive change within their community. Through weekly meetings, collaborative projects, service opportunities, and youth-led activities, members strengthen communication, teamwork, and leadership skills while gaining confidence in their ability to make an impact. These clubs provide opportunities for youth to use their voice, support their peers, and grow as leaders both within the Club and beyond.

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 August, our CLUB Teen Center had the following experiences:

- Health & Wellbeing: 564 experiences with Journeys; E-Sports; Huddle Time; Sports, Rec & Fitness
- Character & Leadership: 52 experiences with Leadership & Service; Youth of the Month
- Academic Success: 588 experiences with Art; Power Hour; MindWorks; MyFuture; Summer Brain Gain; Teen Interest Clubs
- Life & Workforce Readiness: 105 with STEAM; Maris Academy

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

On August 12th, Russ Peterson from Concordia College visited the teens as part of our Maris Academy and Life & Workforce readiness programs. During this session, the teens learned about music careers and learned how to create music with vocals and a beat.

On August 19th, as part of our Maris Academy and Life & Workforce readiness programs, The CLUB Teen Center welcomed Madeline from CHASE Bank. Madeline taught the teens banking basics, smart banking tips, and budgeting and savings strategies.

On October 15, we will host an open-house-style Family Engagement event at the CLUB Teen Center from 5:00-7:00 PM. Our family engagement events offer families the opportunity to participate in hands-on activities with their teens, learn more about our academic supports, and connect with Club staff. Our October event will feature sharing mini art canvases that the teens have created as well as a snack for families.

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 are offered to employees, along with six First Aid/CPR courses.

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.

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 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

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