



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
OF WEST CHESTER/LIBERTY

## 2019 Summer Edition



# Club Happenings!



Our budding artists toured the **Fitton Center** as part of our summer art field trip series.



The "Hamilton Current" gallery is a collection of award-winning pieces from Cincinnati creatives. Club members had opportunities to discuss their favorite creations with our guides while exploring all the unique mediums and meanings.



Club Members that were enrolled in "Create At BGCWCL" got invited to the Cincinnati Art Museum, including the current feature "No Spectators: the Art of Burning Man".

We explored the museum's vast array of paintings, sculptures, and digital displays, discussing the purpose and principles of our favorite pieces. Members in turn used the inspiration to fuel their solo painting projects, on display at the Club now!







Our Summer Sessions began on June 3rd and we've had so much fun already! Every day our members participate in programs, play games, and build community with one another. Find out more about what members have been doing in the program offerings below:

**Discover:** We discovered our solar system, made potato shooters, launched paint cans in the air with baking soda and vinegar; as well as learning about scientific touch LED "ev3 Lego robotics", stop motion videos, and participated in Drone camp facilitated by Matt King, BGCWCL Board member



**Behind the Scenes:** We've looked into YouTube creation, at what goes into documentary making, and other social media. We are also working on making a member's view documentary about our Club!



**A Better World:** A YDP-developed program; members have been on a mission of spreading kindness and serving those who serve. We had a chance to listen to teachers, army officers, EMTs, and police officers. We have also partnered with Scouts to learn more about taking care of our planet.



**Upcycle:** Upcycling is the process of transforming old or discarded materials into something useful. Our members made Lego tables from old end tables, turned board games into Jewelry, coasters, and even into a clock.



**Special Skills:** We have been busy learning with hands on activities from chants and cheerleading to creative writing and the art of storytelling. We are looking forward to more sessions filled with dance and life skills.



**Ultimate Fitness:** Mr. Jase has been leading a full summer of fitness and games; with triple play, baseball, kickball, soccer, wrestling, and kickboxing. Our talented staff have helped students find a way to stay fit through play.



**Art:** Members had the opportunity to visit the Fitton Center in Hamilton, the Cincinnati Art Museum, along with our many creations involving the other programs.



Twice a week we celebrate Club spirit with our Pow Wows, weekly meetings where our different tribes come together for announcements, award ceremonies, and competitions to win Club swag.





## Corporate Partner Spotlight:

A very special thank you to our friends at AstraZeneca in West Chester for stuffing over 225 snack packs for our Club members during their "Power of Us Week"! The AZ "Power of Us Week" is a time for employees to pause from their busy days, come together as teams and donate of their time to make their community better. Not only were these snack packs filled with nutrition they were filled with inspiration as each contained an encouraging message from the employee that assembled it! We were able to distribute these to our members on their last day of school so that they would have nutritious snacks until we opened the doors for our summer session!

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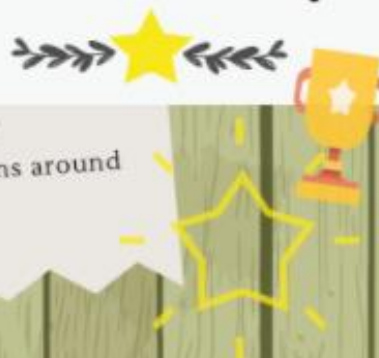
## Volunteer of the Month

A very special shout out to our amazing volunteer handyman, Jack Newman! Jack has been volunteering at the Club for almost a year now and works behind the scenes on the weekends to help out with our building "to do" list! He fixes everything from faucets, hand railings, and door jams to touching up paint! When we asked him why he lends so much of his time and talent to BGCWCL he told us, "The main reason is that I do what I can to help the kids that come to BGCWCL. If I can save the organization money by maintaining and fixing the facility, then that is money that can be used to create a great experience for the children in our community!" My wife and two daughters are also very involved in organizations around the community and they inspired me to do my part!"

*Jack, you are an inspiration to us and we appreciate you!*



Jack Newman, Volunteer Handyman



# THE LION KING



This summer BGScenes is giving Club members the opportunity to work with three different directors: BGC's resident Caleb Redslob, Kings Island performer Katelyn Fox, and Club alumni Imani Armstrong. BGScenes provides youth with a way to channel their energy and emotion into a collaborative, creative process.

Our young actors will perform as your favorite characters from the Lion King, including Simba, Nala, Scar, Timon, and Pumbaa! Our end of summer show, *Spectacular!*, will feature hit songs like "Be Prepared" & "Hakuna Matata", as well as many other Club talents.

Be sure to save seats at *Spectacular!*, Friday, August 2nd.

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## Introducing the BGCWCL



## Superstar Summer Staff



VIP YDPs

Each summer, our part-time staff steps up to work 8 hours per day, instead of their normal 5 hour days, for the Summer Program. Our staff is challenged to learn an additional 50-60 new names, on top of the 100 that they just learned over the school year. They often forego their own vacations and fun, to spend 8-10 hours with non-stop youth ages 7-17. Our YDPs, or Youth Development Professionals, are truly Very Important Persons in our hearts!

So far this summer, 3 of our YDPs have gone above and beyond in their efforts of planning and running programs; stepping into roles that they weren't originally asked to fill, and overall being amazing team players. Congratulations to Mr. Kyler, Ms. Tiana, and Mr. Jase, who all earned our first VIP YDP titles and a special up-front parking spot for a week. High fives to each of them, and to all of our hard working summer staff!





### 3RD ANNUAL BOEHNER GOLF CLASSIC & FOUNDERS RAFFLE

"The crowd stood ready as our very own Club member, Shidaa Adjei, sang the National Anthem"

On June 10, twenty-seven foursomes, volunteers, staff and Boys & Girls Club youth gathered at Wetherington Golf & Country Club to kick off our 4th Annual Bohner Classic to benefit the Boys & Girls Club Building, Endowment and Emergency Fund!

Thanks to the generosity of our BGCWCL Board, our attendees and this community, we broke last year's record, and raised a **NET INCOME** of \$129,385 for the Golf Classic; and the Founder's Raffle raised a **Net** of \$13,400, for a combined total of **\$142,785**, nearly \$22,000 more than in 2018.

This would not have happened without the support of the many community donors and volunteers, the purchasers of the raffle tickets, the Live Auction Committee, the Auctioneer, the Board, the Sponsors and our wonderful B&GC Members and Staff.

Winner of the Founder's Raffle 1st Prize for \$10,000 is Tim Marklay, Ticket #85. Second Prize winners of \$2,500 are Carl and Sally Schlotman, Ticket # 60. Thanks to each-and-every one of you who purchased a raffle ticket! Maybe next year, you will be the BIG WINNER. Tim just couldn't believe his luck. He had never won anything EVER in his life....until June 10!

A list of our Sponsors follows: Allgood Home Improvements; Dick & Patti Alderson; Ed & Nellie Adams; Key Bank; Bill McCloy - Ken Anderson Alliance; North Ridge Realty Group; The Carnahan Family; The Dunaway Family; RV Nation; CTI Restaurants; Dave & Jan Cook; Flynn & Company, Inc.; Haglage Construction Company; JK Meurer; Mueller Roofing; TC Rogers, County Commissioner; United Group Services. In Kind Donors: Troy's Catering; Ohio Eagle Distributing; Bill Brinkmann, Kings Chrysler Dodge; Frontgate; Skyline Chili; Grandin Road; Wetherington Golf & Country Club.

### **2019/20 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION**

We're excited to announce that our Registration is now open for the 2019/20 school year

Transportation is provided for Lakota Schools, grades 3-12.

Registration applications can be found on our website ([www.bgcwcl.org](http://www.bgcwcl.org)) and at our front desk.

Your spot is confirmed once a complete payment has been made.

## 2nd Annual Boys & Girls Club Sporting Clays Tournament

The weather was perfect for our 2nd Annual Boys & Girls Club of West Chester/Liberty Sporting Clays Tournament at Sycamore Gun Club. Thanks to all who came out and enjoyed the day with us! Congrats to the winning team of Chip Baumgartner, Donavin Baumgartner, Todd Terry and Sam Reed who each received \$100 gift cards from one of our awesome partners - Jag's Steak & Seafood!



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Every kid deserves a great future. The Boys & Girls Club of West Chester/Liberty depends on financial contributions from our community in order to provide enriching programming and safe havens for the young people in the West Chester/Liberty Township area. Become part of our story and join "Team Blue Door" by making a one-time or recurring donation today to help our youth reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens.

By gifting your one-time or recurring donation you are assuring the sustainability of our Club. Your gift will go far beyond your financial investment to the Club. Club members stay in school, go to college, and contribute to their communities.

The Boys & Girls Club of West Chester/Liberty has an annual budget of \$950,000. It is tough to go back to a small group of donors, year after year, and repeatedly ask them to give another \$10,000, \$25,000, or \$50,000 in order to meet our budget. However, if more households in the community would be willing to step up with a small monthly donation to support the Club, we could reach our goal quite readily. If 3,000 households in our community gave just \$20/month, that would provide \$720,000/year to the Club. That would make our \$950,000 goal well within our reach.

Monthly giving of \$20 or more per month is the best way to sustain our operations and programming. Many non-profits such as St. Jude, military/veteran funds, and pet charities fund their operations through monthly donation programs. Please consider supporting the Club and our members through a monthly donation. Your investment can change a child's future. We thank you, and our Club members thank you as well!

### UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

**August 1st – Summer Bracket Bash**

**August 2nd – *Spectacular!* with BGScenes**

– (Also, last day of Summer Sessions)

**August 15th – First day of the 2019/20 school year  
(we reopen)**

**August 22nd – Team Blue Door Reception/Open House**

**August 29th – Family Game Night and Dinner**

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