



## Smart Summer Makes Great Futures

### **SUMMER FUN WITH A PURPOSE**

This summer BGCSCC is taking a holistic approach to summer camp by combining High-Yield Learning Activities (HYLA's) with fun and engaging programming to heighten Club kids skills and confidence and avoid summer learning loss.

Together with program staff Clubhouse Unit Directors, Jennifer Sherry and Katee Freeman have created summer curriculum utilizing Boys & Girls Clubs of America's nationally recognized Project Learn program. Project Learn reinforces and enhances the skills and knowledge young people learn during the school year while they are at the Club. This comprehensive program is based on Dr. Reginald Clark's research that shows students do much better in school when they spend their non-school hours engaged in fun, but academically beneficial activities.

By participating in Project Learn, Club staff use their program area to create opportunities for high-yield learning activities (HYLA) including: leisure reading, writing activities, discussions with knowledgeable adults, helping others, homework help and tutoring, and critical thinking games that develop young people's cognitive skills.

One of the ways BGCSCC is incorporating learning with fun is through Drop Every And Read (DEAR) where for 30-45 mins there is a club wide mandate for everyone to drop everything and read. Even our Executive Director Bob Langseth will participate! This time will be used to strengthen Club kids' reading skills over the summer, and to take a much needed Club wide break during the exciting day.

The Downtown Clubhouse Arts Program is embarking on an "environmental" journey around the world, using a "passport project" that the kids complete throughout the summer. The "environment" theme will be supported each week with a sub-theme, such as personal environment, food and cooking, global perspective, water conservation and philanthropy. Technology program highlights including coding, Minecraft Edu and education-based gaming. Our Athletics program will be busy throughout the day, basing all activity and movement on California State K-12 Physical Education Standards.

Live Oak Clubhouse activities include Summer Brain Gain, Jr. Giants, recording studio classes, cooking classes and a learning garden and a teen "Tinker-Table" that will have a daily mind challenge to encourage the teens to use their critical thinking skills to solve problems.

Both Clubhouses will have a robust teen-centered programs with special activities that focus on job and life skills such as resume building, scholarship and college program research, internship exploration, and engaging in college and career preparation such as mock interviews.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Cruz County believes that no child should ever be turned away because of lack of funds and we are committed to making our camps available to all children. [Donate to the Summer Program Scholarship fund here.](#)



### Summer Day Camp Important Dates:

- \* Tuesday, May 16th 10am - 7pm: Summer Registration (day camp and classes)
- \* Monday, June 5th - Friday, June 9th: Club Closed for Summer Prep Week
- \* Monday, June 12th - Friday, August 18th: Summer Session
- \* Tuesday, July 4th: Club Closed for Independence Day
- \* Monday, August 21st - Friday, August 25th: Club Closed for Summer Cleanup Week

## Summer Camp Information

Monday - Friday June 12th - August 18th  
Program Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Open to youth ages 6 - 18  
\$15/day | \$65/week | \$600/summer  
w/ Annual Boys & Girls Club membership  
(additional fees for special classes and field trips)



[For more information visit our website here.](#)



### **Deirdre Lister, Creative Arts Director at Downtown Clubhouse**

Deirdre has been a teacher for 21 years. Since arriving at BGCSCC, Deirdre has created an extensive art program that involves: a Garden Learning Center with indoor planting and outside gardening as well as cooking classes which utilize the herbs and vegetables we grow in our garden. Deirdre also focuses on painting, illustration, film, music, building a dollhouse, 3-D art, group murals, and sculpture.

"The main idea is to get the kids to invest in something- that's how they will learn. Getting them to go into the garden, grow and harvest their own plants, and cook helps them become invested in healthy living and understand where their food comes from."

Deirdre has a Facebook Group dedicated to art made by Club Kids. You can find the group [here](#).



### **Melissa Herzog, Technology Director at Live Oak Clubhouse**

With a background in fashion design and technology, she's made her mark at Live Oak by creating and teaching various programs such as Fashion Design, Builders/Markers, Computer Science Pathways, and Animation. She has also developed the robust S.T.E.A.M. program at the Live Oak Clubhouse. Melissa's programs are aimed at keeping kids creative and engaged in their interactions with media and technology. This summer, Melissa is excited about the Teen "Tinker-Table" that will have a daily mind challenge and encourage the teens to use their critical thinking skills to solve problems.



## Highlighted Members: Youth of the Year

**Lesley Barreto**, Live Oak Clubhouse Youth of the Year  
**Deshaun Myles**, Downtown Clubhouse Youth of the Year

Read more about our Youth of the Year Banquet and other members who received awards [here](#).



Board President Jeff Moise, Lesley Barreto, Deshaun Myles, Executive Director Bob Langseth

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### Live Oak Clubhouse First Year Anniversary

On Thursday, March 30th BGCSCC celebrated our Live Oak Clubhouses First Year Anniversary with an Open House event. There were family friendly games, including bike activities on the Basketball court, making pillows in the art room, and learning center fun! During the event, we had a special dedication ceremony where we named the Live Oak kitchen "Kathy's Kitchen" in memory of Kathy Ruiz-Goldenkranz. We also unveiled the second phase of our Donor Recognition Wall and heard from families who supported our youth with their touching donations.

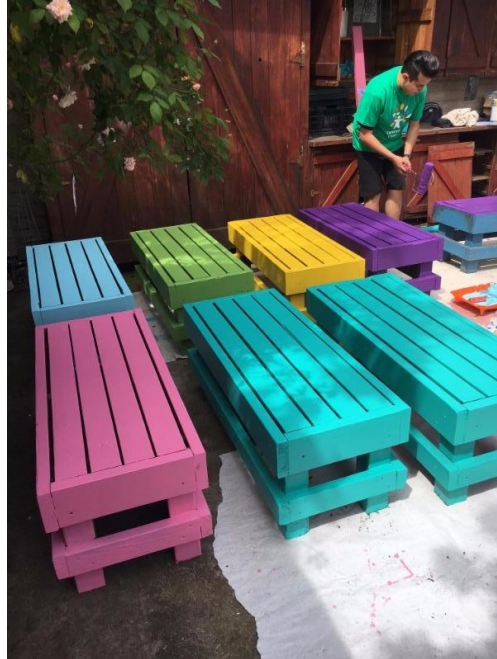
Thanks to our great community partners, donors, staff, parents, families and Club members, our first year at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Cruz County's Live Oak Clubhouse has been a success! We've built a lot of impactful relationships already, and we're looking forward to strengthening them even further. Thanks for enabling all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.



### Comcast Cares Day

On Earth Day, April 22, Comcast Cares Day came back our Downtown Clubhouse armed with supplies to beautify and refurbish our outside area and garden space. Thanks to caring volunteers, Comcast employees, and our staff we had a successful day! We were able to plant new plants in the garden, including vegetables and flowers, while also hanging the "correct" sign on above our entrance. We are so grateful for the support and kindness of Comcast on such a special day!





## Calendar of Events

### [Human Race on May 13th West Cliff Drive:](#)

Stop by our booth after participating in the Human Race, Santa Cruz County's largest fundraising event. Our staff and Club Kids will be around after the run for some fun!

### [47th Annual Swing Into Great Futures Golf Tournament](#)



Join us for a beautiful day of golf at DeLaveage Golf Course in Santa Cruz, benefiting the youth programs of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Cruz County.

See more at: <http://boysandgirlsclub.info/golf/>

## [Fun Run: TBA](#)



### Wish List Highlights

Live Oak Clubhouse is looking for:

- \* picnic tables
- \* benches
- \* umbrellas
- \* large canvas pop-ups for this summer

So that we can supply our kids with shade during outdoor activities!

To visit our complete wishlist go [here](#).

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Note to Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Cruz County Community, we have modified our newsletter schedule so that we will be sending out newsletter's once a quarter. Expect newsletters in February, May, August, and November.



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