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OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY



Bamboo structure building



Avatar Camp Water Week



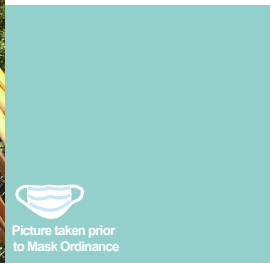
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Clay sculpting & painting



Self-inflating balloons Brain Gain Chemistry experiment



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Paper mache solar system

Fall 2020 Newsletter

A Message from Bob

If being a kid or teenager today wasn't hard enough already - what with incessant and mind-numbing social media presence, intense academic expectations and the usual adolescent awkwardness, throw in a global pandemic, economic turmoil and racially charged social unrest. But rather than retreat, our youth are moving forward. I am impressed and humbled by their strength, conviction, intellect, and determination.

Our young people are hopeful but cautious, anxious and courageous and trusting the adults in their life to make sure that they are "OK."

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Bob Langseth, Executive Director

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I am more determined than ever before to ensure that we, as the guardians of future generations, fulfill our responsibility to do whatever is necessary to ensure their safety, help them reach their potential and achieve their dreams.

It would be disingenuous to declare that I know what our Club will look like 2 months, 12 months or 2 years from today. What I do know is that we will be here for kids and families just as we've done for the past 51 years. It may be an arduous journey but I am optimistic that we as a Club and community will overcome the challenges before us.

To date, BGCSCC has responded to the current crises by:

- Safely opening Clubhouses as quickly as possible to support families of first responders and emergency workers (served 43 youth from 4/13 - 5/29).
- Requiring direct-line staff to participate in 20 hours of social and emotional behavioral training.
- Lending our voice and our influence to the movement underway for true and lasting change for communities of color.
- Completing personal outreach via phone calls to 190 families.
- Creating and operating safe and fun summer camps serving 120 youth each 4-week session.
- Distributing 1,000 free Club-Kits-to-go!

- Offering members 157 hours of virtual learning and programming.
- Working closely with community partners to distribute information, food and support to those in need.

BGCSCC continues to have frequent conversations with school districts across the county to determine the most effective way the Club can help students and families navigate the upcoming school year.

Moving forward the safety and well-being of our Club members remains our foremost priority, and we will continue to share updates with you as quickly and transparently as possible.

We've had incredible support from our donors and corporate and community partners to get us started down our collective new path, but we know there is so much more we need to do for Santa Cruz County's youth. I am certain that with the expertise of our staff and the steadfast support of our community we will emerge stronger than ever before.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to our mission and the families we serve.

Bob Langseth
Executive Director



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Mari & Ed Rossi

Children are our future. Nothing is more important than making sure that our young people are safe, loved, cared for, supported, and appreciated.

How we treat them today has a huge impact on who they will become later in life. I have witnessed first-hand the real difference the Boys & Girls Club is making in our community and in the lives of kids and entire families.

We give to the Boys & Girls Club because they keep kids safe, on-track and feeling confident to take on whatever is placed in their path, helping to move them, and all of us, forward towards a better and more compassionate world.

- Mari Rossi



I am an essential health care worker, mother, provider and freshly minted teacher. Coming home after work, making dinner and catching up on schoolwork was a big daily to do.

The Boys & Girls Club follows CDC guidelines for temperature checks and following up with healthcare questions every time we arrive. My daughters look forward to attending daily.

The Boys & Girls Club has a structured daily schedule of class time, lunch, outdoor playtime as well as arts and crafts. Weekly, they also offered activity bags for the kids, which are always a hit. Boys & Girls Club is a wonderful place that keeps us happy, healthy, and safe. Thank you for being there.

- Jenny



Picture taken prior to Social Distancing & Mask Ordinances

Dear Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Cruz County Family,

Thank you for your generous donations! You helped us surpass our 2020 Spring/Summer fundraising goal of \$50,000 by raising \$73,750!

Because of your financial support we were able to:

- * Serve the community by opening the clubs to the children of essential workers who desperately needed child care.
- * Provide over 70 childcare and summer camp registration scholarships to children of essential workers and high risk youth.
- * Distribute over 1000 free Club-Kits-to-Go!
- * Purchase personal protection equipment for staff and Club members and make adaptations to Clubhouses to meet COVID 19 guidelines.
- * Shore up our resources to help ensure that we are able to sustain and grow our critically needed programs and services.

We are proud to support our community and with your continued financial support we will continue our mission to serve our Santa Cruz County youth who need us the most during and after this current crisis.

Again thank you.

Sincerely,
Joe Torres
President, Board of Directors
Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Cruz County



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Transplanting Marigolds



Avatar Camp Air Week



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DIY Aquabag



Picture taken prior to Mask Ordinance

With the huge changes brought about by the pandemic, summer at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Cruz County (BGCSCC) looked quite a bit different from years past when the Club served up to 400 kids a day, drop-in participation was the norm and team sports ruled the gym and playing fields.

In order to comply with local and state COVID-19 summer camp guidelines, the BGCSCC served 120 kids a day, maintained static groups of 12, and adhered to social distancing rules and cleaning protocols.



Drop Everything And Read!

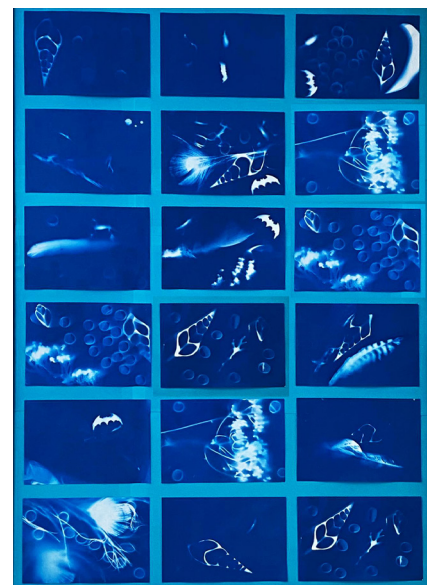
What did not change is BGCSCC's commitment to stopping the summer setback or the summer slide by, once again, making Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.) and other High-Yield Learning Activities (HYLAs) central to daily programming.



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"Our 12-strong classroom groups are discovering that they can experiment more freely in our Art, STEM, Music, Cooking, and of course Play activities and beat the boredom of quarantine!"

-Lauren Benson
Live Oak Creative Arts Director



Object collages on photosensitive paper



Watercolor & Sharpie silhouette

What To Do During The Covid-19 Catastrophe

California R. Contreras
Age 11, Club Member since 2017

What I've noticed during this time is how boring everything is. Half the time I have no idea whatsoever of how to spend my day. So I decided to share some tips on how kids can still have fun.

Number 1: Painting! One of my favorite things to do that helps me pass the time is to paint. Using water colors is my personal favorite. My sister, mom, and I have been watching tutorials from Let's Make Art! (<https://www.letsmakeart.com/>), an awesome website with fun tutorials.

Number 2: Reading! I've been going through books so fast that I'm starting to run out. Some kids might think books can be boring but they're really not. I love to read and I think that you just need to find the right book for you. FYI I'll be including a book review at the end of this article.

Now last but not least, number 3: Baking! Just a few days ago my sister, mom and I made the best crumble ever (<https://www.cookingclassy.com/triple-berry-crisp/>). One of the best parts about baking is you get to eat your art. And it's also really fun. These activities have really helped me out to make this summer fun! And I know that being a kid can either be the most exciting or boring thing ever!

CALI'S CORNER



California R. Contreras

Mini Book Review *The Unicorn Quest*

The Unicorn Quest is the first book of *The Unicorn Quest* series, written by Kamilla Benko. It is about a girl named Clair. Clair and her sister Sofi unlock a whole new world where there is magic, beauty, danger, and UNICORNS! But when Sofi goes missing it is Clair's job to find her.

I think it is a fantastic piece that immerses you in the story. So if you are looking for a good book to read then *The Unicorn Quest* is what I suggest.



Thank you Bookshop Santa Cruz!

Bookshop Santa Cruz Keeps Kids Reading This Summer !

Bookshop Santa Cruz's Summer Reading Program is helping to combat student learning loss by challenging kids to read six books this summer: 3 of their choice and 3 from their recommended reading list.

Using contributions from their Keep Kids Reading fundraising campaign, Bookshop donated three books each to 120 BGCSCC summer program participants.

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Imagination Creations

Readers who complete the challenge to read 6 books before the end of summer will earn:

A \$5 Bookshop Santa Cruz gift card, a free scoop of ice cream from the Penny Ice Creamery, a free slice of pizza from Pizza My Heart, and special prizes from the Santa Cruz Warriors and Coastal Watershed Council.

"For most parents, it's a challenge to keep kids reading during the summer and for a lot of families in our community, access to books is a real challenge. We know that reading is the key to learning and success. Working with our community to provide engaging and age-appropriate books to the Boys & Girls Club kids gives us the opportunity to offer the gifts of knowledge, new worlds, and possibilities,"

- Casey Coonerty Protti
Owner, Bookshop Santa Cruz

Community members have rallied to raise funds for the Keep Kids Reading Fundraiser Campaign, including bestselling author Laurie R. King, Victor Dubin with Stand up (Comedy) for Something, and State Farm Agents Jill and Hal Judd and team members Kyle DeLancey, Cindy Figueroa, and Lauren Vargas.



Paper mache cauldrons


Glow in the dark Patronus Paintings

COVID-19 Relief Strategy CARES Act Changes to Charitable Income Tax Deductions

CARES Act for Nonprofits – Friday, March 27, the Congress passed and the President signed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, a \$2 trillion economic stimulus package legislated to provide immediate relief for nonprofits. Changes include:

CARES Act

\$300 Charitable Deduction & Incentives for Individuals



- ° Creates a temporary universal deduction for charitable contributions with a cap of \$300 for non-itemizers.
- ° Lifts the existing deduction cap on charitable contributions from 60% of Adjusted Gross Income to 100% of AGI for itemizers.

Information from the National Council of Nonprofits

Donors who do not itemize deductions:

The new \$300 deduction from the CARES Act is specifically for those who don't itemize their deductions and would typically not get any tax benefit for donations. Since it's considered an above-the-line deduction, the IRS applies it when calculating your AGI. In plain English, if you donate up to \$300 in cash* to a qualified organization, your AGI will be reduced by up to \$300—and you can still claim the standard deduction. Although not specifically addressed in the CARES Act, it is reasonable to assume that each spouse of a married couple should be allowed to each claim a separate \$300 deduction (for a total of \$600).

Donors who Itemize deductions:

For contributions of cash paid to charitable organizations in calendar year 2020 (and 2020 only), individual taxpayers who itemize are allowed to elect to claim a charitable income tax deduction up to 100% of adjusted gross income (AGI), computed without any net operating loss carryback to the taxable year.

Corporate and Business Donors:

For contributions of cash paid to charitable organizations in calendar year 2020 (and 2020 only), a corporation can claim a charitable income tax deduction up to 25% of the corporation's taxable income. This provision does not apply to contributions to a supporting organization, a donor advised fund, or non-operating private foundations.

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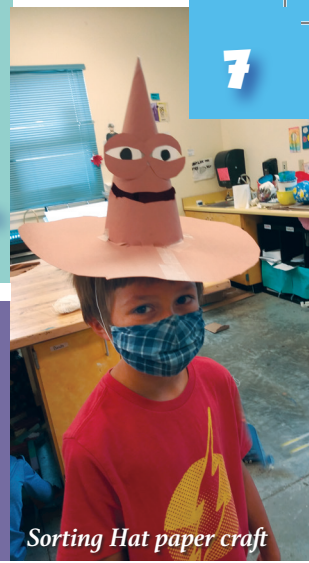
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Sorting Hat paper craft

YOUTH CARE AND SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

The Youth Care and Support Program ensures that Essential Workers can perform critical functions in the response COVID-19 pandemic response effort — knowing that their children are safe, completing their school assignments, spending the day safely with other children and caring staff.

- Programs and activities are delivered by trained and dedicated BGCSCC youth development staff.
- Approved and operating under the strict guidelines of the CDC and local health services agencies.
- Low ratios: 3 Staff to 12 Children
- Start Date: August 17, 2020
- Monday- Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- \$100/week (with current BGCSCC membership)
- Pre-Registration required (to maintain stable groups)

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Glowing Tonic Brain Gain Photochemistry lesson



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