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Welcome to our monthly eNewsletter! Thank you for staying connected to our Clubs.

Our Clubs are now safer than ever. Come see for yourself! We welcome pre-scheduled visits and Club tours. Contact <u>your local club</u> for more details. Looking for a membership application? Visit our website to join a Club for just \$5 a year!

It truly is a wonderful experience to make a difference in the lives of young people in Fresno County. Give today for your chance to be a part of the BGC Movement. Visit our <u>website</u> to learn more about our mission, values, and programs. Or visit <u>BGCA</u> to see how we're making a difference nationally. Monthly Moments News, Events, and Updates



Grand Slam with Granville: Making Dreams Come True

The 2nd Annual Grand Slam with Granville resulted in thousands of young people reading books this summer. Club members all over Fresno County competed to be a top reader—top 10 readers from every Club saw the Fresno Grizzles play against the Stockton Ports on August 27th.

Jorge, age 9, took this challenge seriously, reading 21 books in just two months. His excitement was contagious and evident throughout the night. Just when things could not get more exciting, he caught a foul ball!

Read about Jorge's experience here.

Several Donors Fund New A/C at Pinedale Club



Several generous donors came together to fill a desperate need at the Pinedale Club—cool air. Summers in Fresno can be unbearably hot for some people. It can be difficult to stay focused, let alone play sports or a game in a room that has no air conditioning. Unfortunately, our Pinedale Club has experienced this difficulty for many years.

Pinedale Unit Director, Onelia Anguiano said, "Members didn't stop coming because the Club is their second home, but it was difficult to keep them cool with how much physical activity they wanted to do. During the summer months, we play many water games and give out popsicles but it is not enough. The rooms would be 96 degrees and kids were sweating while doing homework."

In April of this year, Onelia attended the annual Pinedale Community Cares Luncheon. It was there that she expressed her concern for her members due to lack of cool air in the summer and warm air in the winter. Insufficient air conditioning was something administration and parents were concerned about as well.

Richard Antenucci, insurance representative from DiBuduo & DeFendis Insurance, collaborated with Matt DiBuduo, Mike DeFendis, and another generous donor to fund this major facility project. Cost Less Plumbing Heating & Air Conditioning stepped in and donated labor costs as well several monetary donations that resulted in a brand new air conditioning system at the Pinedale Club.

"I made some calls to my friends who agreed to support this project," said Richard Antenucci, "I'm very blessed to have great friends who always step up to help with special projects and this one was no different."

By the end of the summer, the Club's average daily attendance grew and members were more involved in regular programing.

"I am grateful someone stepped up and fixed a major a problem we were having," said Onelia Anguiano.



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Instagram Post of the Month

The <u>Del Rey Club</u> had a Christmas in September event and the response was incredible. Members were pleasantly surprised to see the Club covered in snow, stockings hung on the wall, lit-up Christmas trees, and a table full of cookies. One young girl walked into the club and immediately started dancing and yelled "It's Christmaaasss!"



bgc_delrey Our Christmas in September event. Members had a fun day filled with early Christmas joy, cookies, milk, paintings, & spending time with friends & staff 🎄 🎅 🎁 days ago



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Clubhouses are modified to support small group learning, temperature checks, parent registration, sanitary practices, and social distancing.

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