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News, Events, and Updates

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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 [your local club](#) 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 [website](#) to learn more about our mission, values, and programs. Or visit [BGCA](#) to see how we're making a difference nationally.



Hometown Heroes: Boxing Champions Visit Club

Jose Ramirez, 2012 USA Olympic Boxer and Unified Light Welterweight World Champion, paid a visit to our Boys & Girls Club on March 22nd. Minimum-weight World Champion Female Boxer Seniesa Estrada and members of our Fresno Police Department were also in attendance. The event was called Hometown Heroes. It was a celebration of the heroes youth can and should have.

Five Clubs joined the fun at the Zimmerman Boys & Girls Club—Zimmerman, Clovis, West Fresno, East Fresno, and Harris Farms Club. The night started with some wise words from the professional boxers. Jose and Seniesa spoke to our members about following their aspirations and always doing things with their entire heart.

"My advice to you is to stay focused... Whatever you do, do it with your heart first. Your mind and body will follow," said Ramirez.

"Find someone positive in your life... that can encourage you and guide you through your young years. Make sure you have someone you can turn to and someone you can trust. I know you have it here at the Boys & Girls Club. There are a lot of people here who care about you and want you to succeed and follow your dreams. Listen to them. Believe in yourself. Always," said Estrada.

Everyone was star struck, and their positive message was well received. Club members also recognized our heroes in blue from the Fresno Police Department, who protect the Club daily. Later Jose and Seniesa autographed shirts and hats for every child and teen at the Club—as well as for some of the adults.

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March Madness: Eleven Organizations Compete in Basketball Tournament with Club Members Leading Teams

The Zimmerman Boys & Girls Club hosted a basketball tournament on Friday, March 24th called March Madness. Eleven teams were assembled amongst local community partners. Each team also included kids and teens who are Boys & Girls Club members. March Madness is a great way for the community to show their support to the Clubs but also a great way for members to connect with even more caring adults. Throughout the night, members were encouraged to give it their all, never give up, display excellent



sportsmanship, and work as a team.

Partners included:

- Fresno Probation Department
- Planet Fitness- Fresno
- Planet Fitness- Merced
- Coca Cola- Reyes
- UPS
- Buffalo Wild Wings- Fresno
- Buffalo Wild Wings- Hanford
- CarMax
- T-Mobile
- Ollie Amireh Real Estate
- San Joaquin Memorial Volunteers & Wildcats Elite Program (AA Team)



Tournament results:

Semi-Finals- AA Team VS Carmax and Coca-Cola VS UPS

Finals- AA Team VS Coca-Cola

Winners- AA Team

[More Photos](#)

Youth of the Year Update

Our 2023 Youth of the Year, Raymond Gonzalez competed in the Northern California Youth of the Year Competition on March 9th.

"I acknowledge the fact that I made it this far. It meant a lot to hear the judges say I did a great job. They were impressed with my academics and my speech. I happened to lose the Northern California Competition but it felt great to tell my story. My story is about change. Ironically, the Youth of the Year Competition really changed me as well," said Raymond.

Raymond is a senior at Coalinga High School, expected to graduate in June. He likes web developing, computer coding, and chess. He also participates in Track & Cross Country at his school. As of today, he has been accepted to five universities, including Cal Poly- San Luis Obispo and UC Santa Barbara.

[Read the full story](#)





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TEENS EMPOWERING EVERYONE NOW

Club members ages 13-18 can participate in our annual Central Valley Teen Conference. Learn more by talking to the Unit Director at your Club. If you'd like to donate to the event, or participate as a community partner, call 559-266-3117. Ask for Richard!

Ken & Muriel Quenzer
Scholarship is now open!

Two \$1,500 Scholarships Available
for Club Members

Deadline
April 27th

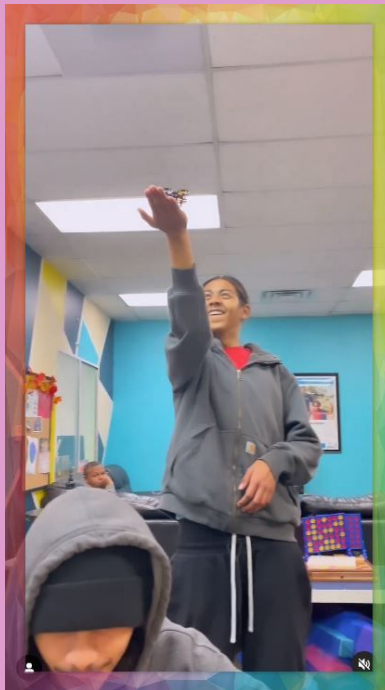


Whether you plan on going to vocational or trade school, community college, or a 4-year university, you can receive financial help from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Fresno County.

[Eligibility & Application](#)

Instagram Post of the Month

The Pinedale Club posted a February Recap Reel highlighting so many fun activities. Members played with drones, danced with Parker, and participated in STEM projects. Wow what a volcano!



[Watch the reel here](#) and don't forget to follow [@pinedalebgc](#) for more!

Happy Birthday Pinedale!

Pinedale turned 100 years old on Saturday, according to the City of Fresno. Thanks to the Pinedale Centennial Committee, Boys & Girls Club members joined in on the celebration by walking in the parade.

Our Pinedale Club is located off Minarets & College Ave across the street from Iglesia La Novia Del Cordero.



WE ARE HIRING!



Whether you have a passion for serving youth in our community or looking to develop your leadership skills, we have a place for you.

SEE OPEN JOBS

Full-time & Part-time positions available throughout Fresno County.
Must be 21 + to apply.



WE ARE OPEN!

Contact a Club to get involved, learn more, and become a member!
Visit our website at www.bgcfresno.org or **visit your nearest Club!**

ZIMMERMAN | EAST FRESNO | WEST FRESNO | CLOVIS | PINEDALE
JUVENILE JUSTICE CAMPUS | SELMA | REEDLEY
SANGER | DEL REY | ORANGE COVE | MENDOTA | FIREBAUGH | HARRIS FARMS

CLUB SAFETY

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

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