



Boys & Girls Club of Umpqua Valley OREGON

Roseburg, Oregon is a city with approximately 21,000 residents and is the county seat of Douglas County in the Umpqua Valley. This beautiful valley is 25 miles east to west surrounded by mountain ranges on both sides and is 65 miles north to south with beautiful valleys on both sides. The program featured in this report is the Boys & Girls Club of the Umpqua Valley whose mission is to inspire all youth, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as caring, responsible, productive citizens.

Program Overview

One of 12 Boys & Girls Club organizations in Oregon, the Boys & Girls Club of the Umpqua Valley has one site - a 22,000 square foot facility that features a Learning Center with reading area, a Technology Center with 20 computers, a Teen Center, an Arts Studio, two classrooms for prevention and life skills programs, a Kids Café, a full commercial kitchen, a Games Room and a double gym. Outdoor areas include a soccer field, fitness structure, basketball courts and an outdoor eating area.

Programs offered focus on academic success, good character, citizenship and healthy life styles. The Club follows the Boys & Girls Club of America's Key Elements for Effective Youth Development:

- 1 - A Safe, Positive Environment - members feel physically and emotionally safe;**
- 2 - Fun - the Club facility, staff and program offerings create a welcoming, positive environment that allows members to engage in play, enjoy their play time and be happy and eager to come to the Club;**
- 3 - Supportive Relationships - The Club ensures that every young person feels connected to one or more adults and has friendships with peers;**
- 4 - Opportunities and Expectations - Club staff and programs consistently communicate the expectation that every child has the potential to excel, be productive and succeed at the Club and in life; and**
- 5 - Recognition - the Club takes every opportunity to recognize and validate Club members' achievements and accomplishments.**



Fast Facts

- The Club was chartered in 2001 with 100 members and now serves over 2,200 youth annually
- Membership costs \$52 per year and is open to youth in 1st through 12th grades
- The Club serves an average of 275 youth each day during the school year and an average of 160 youth each day during the summer
- The Club is open 2:30pm – 6:30pm Monday - Friday throughout the school year (39 weeks) and from 7:30am – 5:30pm Monday - Friday during the summer session (11 weeks)
- The Club provides a meal every day after-school. Called Snupper, it's a little more than a snack and a little less than supper. During the summer the Club serves breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack.
- Approximately 50% of the funding comes from contributions from community minded individuals, businesses and private foundations. The Club's Board of Directors is actively involved in fundraising through an annual campaign for operating support, two special events and program sponsorships.
- The Roseburg School District provides transportation from all nine elementary schools, both middle schools and the high school; the district also supports staffing for the Power Hour and Project Learn educational support programs

Best Practices

- Programs offered focus on Academic Success which increases engagement in school and learning; Good Character & Citizenship which strengthens positive character traits and civic engagement; and Healthy Lifestyles which helps members develop healthy habits and decision making skills
- The Club has strong relationships with community partners including the local school district, the Mental Health Department, the Child Welfare Program, the Juvenile Department, the Community Action Network and the Commission on Children & Families
- The Club offers Family PLUS programming to support families
- Club staff members participate in monthly in-service training sessions
- The Club conducts an annual program assessment and tracks youth outcomes

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