

CHARACTER & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

TORCH CLUB (ages 10-13) | A nationally chartered small-group leadership club serving boys and girls.

YOUTH OF THE YEAR

& MEMBER OF THE MONTH (ages 14-18) | This recognition program is the cornerstone of BGCA's Character and Leadership initiatives. It promotes and celebrates young people's service to the Club, community and family; academic performance; moral character; life goals; and poise and public speaking abilities

YOUTH FOR UNITY / CARING COMMUNITY Helps Club members appreciate themselves as unique individuals; understand our society's diversity; recognize bias and unfairness; and take personal leadership in confronting bias.

KEYSTONE (ages 13-18) | Three focus areas: academic success, career preparation and community service.

SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT (ages 9-18) Youth leaders choose an issue that helps their community make a transformative change.

EDUCATION & CAREER DEVELOPMENT

JUNIOR STAFF (middle & high school) | A practical small-group program that assists Club teens in exploring a career in youth development or other human services.

MONEY MATTERS | Helps teens gain useful knowledge and skills in financial literacy.

POWER HOUR daily | Homework help for Club members; strategies to make homework fun.

READCESS (ages 6-12) | Literacy program featuring Caldecott and Newbury Award-winning stories.

CLUB TECH | Teaches members technical skills and integrates technology into program areas.

WONDERS OF SCIENCE STEM | Hands-on learning through science-based activities and experiments.

KHAN ACADEMY STEM | A highly engaging math tutoring program.

MINECRAFT EDU STEM | An educational version of the popular game Minecraft where participants learn about math, science, art, history, music as well as digital citizenship.

ARDUINO STEM | An open-source electronics platform for interactive projects. It also teaches members to write & understand code.

OJP MENTORING | Staff-led mentoring that places participants in programs that respond to their needs and interests, with weekly check-ins.

KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE CHESS CLUB Instruction provided by staff and experienced community players. Participants engage in monthly tournaments.

PAWS FOR READING (ages 6-12) | Members who have reading challenges are paired with a dog as their book buddy, reading aloud to their furry partner.

HABLA ESPANOL! | Members learn beginning conversational Spanish while absorbing the culture through history, food and games.

HEALTH & LIFE SKILLS

HEALTHY HABITS & HEALTHY HABITS COOKING CLASS | Youth learn the benefits of eating smart and being physically active.

COOKING CLUB | Building on Healthy Habits, this program teaches youth to make healthy snacks and meals.

SMART (Skills, Mastery and Resistance Training) MOVES (ages 6-12) | A nationally acclaimed, comprehensive prevention program that helps young people resist alcohol, tobacco and other drugs and avoid premature sexual activity.

SMART GIRLS (ages 8-17) | A health, fitness, prevention/education and self-esteem enhancement program for girls.

DATE SMART (ages 13-18) | Teens learn to advocate for and achieve mutually supportive relationships free of violence and abuse.

PASSPORT TO MANHOOD (ages 11-14) A program that concentrates on specific aspects of manhood through highly interactive activities.

HEALTHY LUNCH/HEALTHY SNACK | Members receive a healthy afternoon snack to boost their mental and physical energy. During the summer the Club also provides a free breakfast to all members.

GARDEN CLUB | Through a partnership with Guidestone and Salida Middle School, members plan, plant, harvest and sell (at the Club's weekly Farm Stand) their produce.

CAREER TRACK | Area professionals talk about their careers and what it took to get to their position, followed by Q&A and pizza!

LET'S COOK! | Members plan, create and EAT their tasty masterpieces.

NETSMARTZ | (*ages 6-14*) This online program gives members tools to protect themselves and others from cyberbullying and online predators.

THE ARTS

DIGITAL ARTS FESTIVAL | Each festival is the culmination of one of the five Digital Arts Suite (DAS) programs: Music Tech, Photo Tech, Movie Tech, Web Tech and Design Tech.

NATIONAL FINE ARTS EXHIBIT | Members' works are showcased in a county-wide competition with selected winners moving on to regional and national BGCA competitions.

IMAGE MAKERS PHOTOGRAPHY | Members learn and practice photography methods.

FIBER ARTS | Members work with volunteers from the county's vibrant arts community to learn knitting, looming, weaving, and crochet.

ARTS AND CRAFTS | Daily art activities engage all members as they work in media such as watercolor, sculpture and bead making.

GROUNDING IN MUSIC | Introductory guitar, keyboard and drum classes.

TALENT SHOW | Summer program featuring Club members performing solo and in groups.

SALIDA CIRCUS | Area circus professionals teach trapeze, juggling, stilt walking and tumbling, with a showcase for parents and a public audience.

SPORTS, RECREATION & FITNESS

SPARK FITNESS | Increases Club members' knowledge of healthy habits, good nutrition and a love for lifelong physical fitness.

MOUNTAIN CLUB | A summer program where members learn skills in camping, fishing and mountain biking.

BIKE CLUB | A seasonal program focusing on the joy of riding a bike with friends.

PICKLEBALL | The sport emphasizes good sportsmanship and physical fitness.

FLOOR BALL | Similar to floor hockey but with lighter/safer sticks; weekly games for boys and girls.

FUN RUN | Members and community members run together through a one-mile trail; t-shirt provided to members who run 5 or more times.

PICK-UP SPORTS | Weekly games of basketball, flag football, soccer, dodgeball, relay races and more, open to all members.

NINJA CLUB (*ages 6-12*) | Members gain mastery of skills in flexibility, stealth, core strengthening exercises and reflective mind focus meditation.

STACKERS | Sport stacking promotes physical fitness and academic learning.

SPECIALIZED INITIATIVES

CARD CLUB | Members learn social recreation, math and strategy skills through competitions with trading card games.

FIELD TRIPS | Trail hiking trips, mini-golf, zip line, rafting, movies, art museums, Great Sand Dunes, Denver Zoo, Colorado Rockies game, to name a few.

TEEN NIGHTS (*ages 13-18*) | The Club sets aside a regular night to provide programming for teens.

BGCCC partners with other youth organizations throughout the year: Salida and Buena Vista Recreation, Family & Youth Initiatives, our libraries, Salida Circus, Salida Aspen Concerts, Salida Creativity Lab, Guidestone, Alpine Achievers, La Puente AmeriCorps, GARNA, and our Buena Vista and Salida School Districts