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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF CHAFFEE COUNTY

Summer Highlights Newsletter  
August 2022

## Hot Summer, Cool Clubs, Coolest kids!

Great kids walked through our Club doors 57 days this summer on their way to becoming the problem solvers, innovators, and leaders who shape our world. The place to be? Our Buena Vista and Salida Clubs, of course! These Clubs welcomed 511 different kids that are on their path to a Great Future. Here are just a few of our summer program highlights...

### When school is OUT, Boys & Girls Club is IN!

Summer learning loss? Not at the Club! We hosted summer school in June and July, welcoming teachers who stayed connected to 36 kids who needed a helping hand with reading. ReadCESS, word puzzles, storytelling, vocabulary challenges, and more! Thanks to these great teachers for meeting the



kids at the Club!



## Summer of STEM!

Our Youth of the Year, Kuper Banghart, led biweekly science lessons that featured an egg-drop challenge, buoyancy, density, and a friction class (pictured left). This summer, 2022 Club Hero Greg Justis, plus other great volunteers brought rocketry to our Clubs. It was a blast!



## Bravo!

We welcomed the Butterfly Effect Theatre's stage performance of "Amelia's Big Idea" in Buena Vista and Salida. Our kids were inspired by the play's themes of effort, teamwork, and perseverance.

Special thanks to Grace Community Church of Buena Vista, the William Boddy Passion to Learn Scholarship Program, and our Buena Vista and Salida Parks and Recreation departments.



## Hooper Pool Trip!

While we love being at the



Clubs, our field trips this summer were so much fun! When we went to Hooper Pool, near the Great Sand Dunes National Park, we set a Club record by taking 112 members. Thank you to everyone that helped make this trip possible!

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Congrats to Ryah M., age 8, who came to the Club EVERY day this summer and was recognized as our Kid of the Summer! "The Club is where I belong. I love the Club, I love the staff, I love everything here!"



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Fourteen of our artists from both Clubs were featured in Salida's prestigious **Art Walk**. Thanks to **Fun Street Arcade** for showcasing our talented members!

Memories were also made at Thursday Teen Nights, Water Days, park trips, Salida Hot Springs Pool, mini-golf, Blue Truck Ice Cream Days, Fiber Art Fridays, and so much more.

We also said goodbye, thank you, and good luck to our college-bound staff members **Macey Mazzeo** (off to the University of Wyoming) and **Kuper Banghart** (headed to Montana State University). **Olivia M.**, **Nathan W.**, and **Irene A.** will now step up as High School members to help our Clubs!

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## 2022 Great

# Futures Gala

Wednesday,  
September 28th

Join us to support our  
880+ kids! The event  
will be held at Mt.  
Princeton Hot  
Springs Resort. Learn  
more and purchase  
tickets below!

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COUNTY PRESENT THE 2022

## Great Futures Gala

Dinner, cash bar, live auction,  
fund-a-future, and entertainment by  
comedian Chris Voth

Wednesday	MT PRINCETON HOT SPRINGS PAVILION NATHROP, CO	From
SEPT	TICKETS: AVAILABLE ONLINE \$50 PER PERSON	5:30 PM
28th		TO
		8:30 PM

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit  
bgcgala.eventbrite.com or call 719-539-9500.



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