



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
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Winter Adventures at the Club

February 2026

Our Club kids are on the move this winter—traveling to Denver for “A Christmas Carol,” building strength and stamina in our new CrossFit class, and making new friends with Columbine Manor residents. Looking ahead, we’re planning a dynamic slate of Spring Break and Summer Camp activities and a memorable Youth of the Year celebration on April 2. Above all, we look forward to breaking ground on our new BV Club later this year! To share in our adventures, read on...

New Buena Vista Club: Breaking Ground in 2026!



We’re getting closer to a permanent home in Buena Vista! With a full-sized gym, STEM lab, teen space, art room, and climbing wall, our new Club will be a safe, fun place for kids to learn and grow! Please join us Feb 23 at 5 p.m. for an info session at the Buena Vista Community Center to learn more and support the effort. Please join us Feb 23 at 5pm for an info session at the Buena Vista Community Center to learn more and support the effort.

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A Trip to Remember



Club kids and staff at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts

Club members from Buena Vista and Salida traveled to Denver on Dec. 6 to attend the 30th anniversary production of *A Christmas Carol*. Spirits were high, and a few kids even jumped from their seats when Jacob Marley burst from beneath the floorboards into Scrooge's bedroom. **"It was so much fun—scary and funny,"** said Kylin, 10. Special thanks to our incredible investors who made this holiday trip possible—and so memorable!





Kids practice the entry move for handstands

Club Kids on the Move

CrossFit Kids kicked off in January thanks to volunteers Crystal Miller and Beth Davis. “The kids love it,” said Crystal. “We teach a new skill each week, challenge everyone to strive for their personal best, and have fun.” The program runs every Tuesday.

Kids are getting stronger, building stamina, and becoming more resilient. **“I jumped, like, four feet onto the [foam] tower today!”** said Mason, 6. It was actually closer to two feet—but Mason is only about three feet tall! A future Denver Nugget???



Kids practice headstands before progressing to handstands with support from local CrossFit coaches



Caroling at Columbine Manor

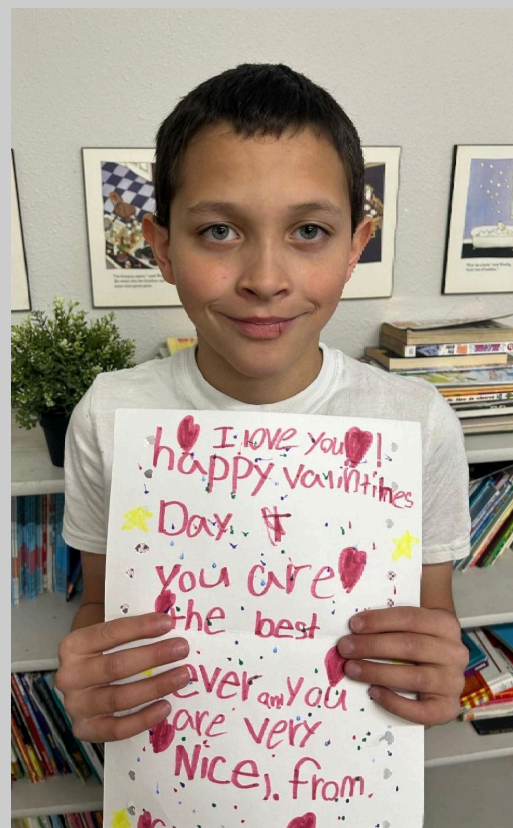
Bridging the Generation Gap

More than 40 Club members traveled to Columbine Manor over the holidays to sing carols for the residents. Sure, some sang a little off-key—but when our Club kids smiled and sang, the older adults smiled back, waved, and cheered!

This month, kids at both Clubs are making Valentine’s cards for older members of our community who are often isolated and alone. Our youth are learning what it means to **build new friendships across the generations** and brighten someone else’s day. And the cards are adorable!



Kids learn proper squatting form



Jacobi 9, shows off his Valentine's Day card

Youth Leader Spotlight



Peer leader, Amiah 11, at the Salida Club

Amiah F. joined the Club in 2024 and quickly made a positive impact. "She's a great peer leader—always smiling, always looking out for others, and putting

their needs ahead of her own,” said Ally Sloan, branch director. “She’s often the first to help staff or fellow Club members who may be shy or afraid to try new things. She makes sure everyone feels included.”

Amiah is a finalist for the Club’s Middle School Youth of the Year Award. “My favorite program is **Healthy Habits Cooking Class**. When Ms. Ally told me I was a finalist for Youth of the Year, I was so excited—I couldn’t believe it!” BGC’s 2026 Youth of the Year awards dinner will be held April 2 at Silver Cliff Ranch in Nathrop.

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