

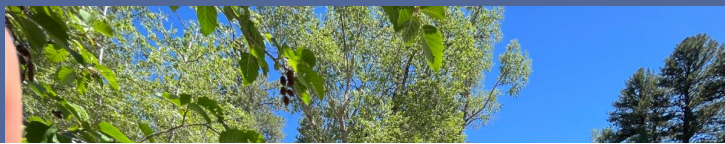
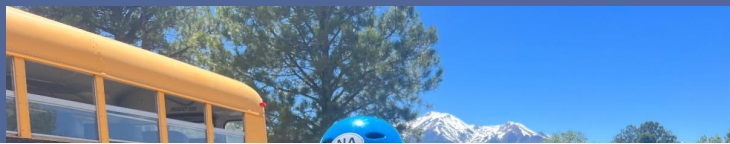
GREAT SUMMERS START HERE



Over 200 Boys & Girls Club Kids Raft the Arkansas River

Over 200 Club kids from across the state enjoyed an awesome day on the river on June 5th. In collaboration with the Arkansas River Outfitters Association, we hosted this kick-off to summer rafting day on the Arkansas. Club kids came from Fremont, Pueblo, High Rockies, San Luis Valley, and Denver. Participating raft companies included: Noah's Ark, Wilderness Aware, Rocky Mt. Outdoor Center, River Runners, The Adventure Company, Arkansas River Tours, Royal Gorge Rafting, Raftmasters, and Echo Canyon River Expeditions. Rafting took place at two different spots on the river, the Milk Run in Buena Vista, and Big Horn Canyon in Fremont County. For many of our kids, and most of the kids from other Clubs, this was their first experience rafting. The weather was warm, water was high, and guides were great! Club kids ended the day by asking when we can go rafting again. We are so appreciative to all of the guides

and companies that showed us down the river, to the El Pomar Foundation for sponsoring this day, and to Wendell Pryor for envisioning this day.





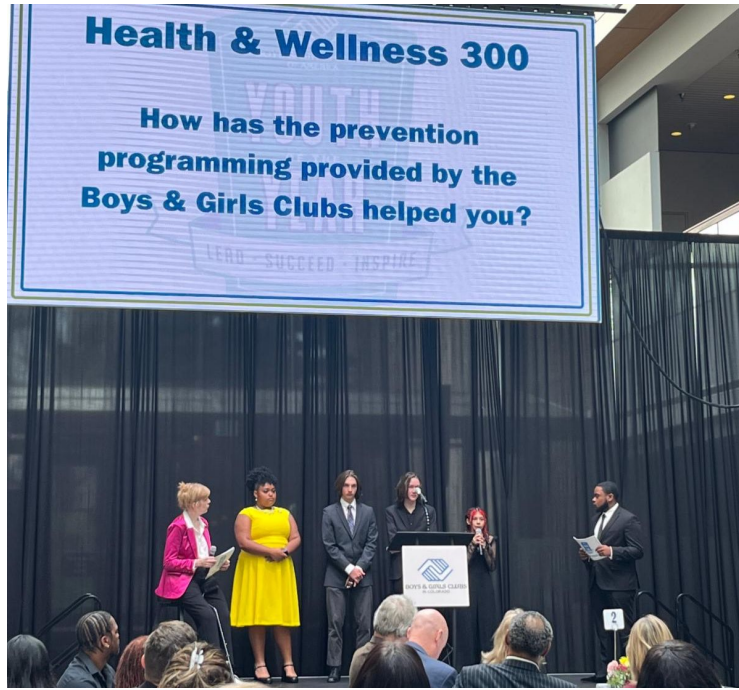
[CLICK HERE TO WATCH A VIDEO FROM OUR RAFTING DAY](#)



Recap on Irene's Youth of the Year Journey

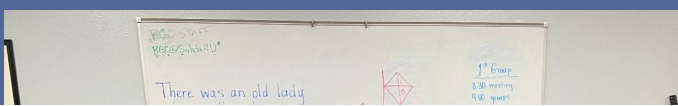
Irene A. (age 18) from the Salida Club was selected to be our 2024 Chaffee County Youth of the Year. She continued her journey at the state competition and completed an action-packed three days that culminated in the annual awards breakfast. Irene completed interviews, gave her speech to a room full of judges, and participated in many group activities and tours throughout her three days in Denver. During the awards breakfast on the final day, Irene answered a question about her passion for harm reduction while she was on stage. Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser was in the room and heard Irene speak and congratulated her and thanked her for her work, pretty cool! Although Irene did not win the state competition, we are so proud of her for how well she represented herself, our Clubs, and our County. She also graduated high school in May, YAY IRENE!





Summer Reading Program at the Club

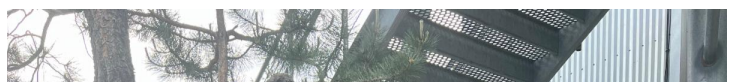
Longfellow Elementary School teachers are once again hosting their Summer Reading and Writing Program at the Club. About 20 young students are working on their reading and writing skills Monday-Thursday mornings. Many of our regular Club Members participate in this program so our hosting makes things much easier on their parents. We are so happy to offer our space for this critical summer school program!





Chaffee Club Kids Travel to the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo

All Club staff and 150 kids made the journey to the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo in Colorado Springs on June 13th. The day, while very hot, was fun and educational! Highlights included feeding the giraffes, seeing the elephants, impersonating the animal statues, and trying the various foods offered around the park. This field trip was sponsored by a STEM-focused grant, and we feel so grateful we were able to provide this "big city" experience for so many of our Chaffee County Club kids.





Save the Date: 2024 Great Futures Gala

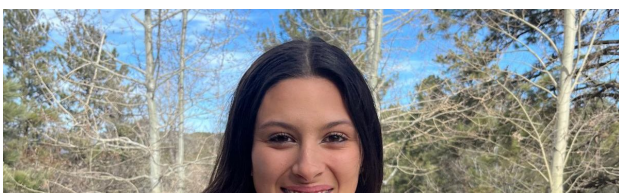
Our annual Great Futures Gala will take place on September 25th at Mt. Princeton Hot Springs Resort Pavilion, tickets available soon. [Click here to become a sponsor!](#)



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