

## National Fine Arts Exhibit

In December 2009, the Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis hosted the Local Exhibit for the National Fine Arts Exhibit. Participants included 86 kids ages kindergarten through high school. Artwork was submitted in the following categories: multicolored drawing, monochromatic drawing, pastels, watercolors, acrylics, mixed media, collage and group project.

We would like to thank our judges, Mario Pastega, Tové Spencer, Sara Swanberg, Ken Johnson, Trish Browning and Joe Mendonca, who selected the 21 pieces of artwork that will go on to the Regional Exhibit.

Selected artists in the National Fine Arts Local Exhibit 2010:

### 9 Years and Younger

- ◆ Multicolored Drawing – Alexis McLean
- ◆ Monochromatic Drawing – Pricilla Rodriguez
- ◆ Pastel – Xia Sireix-Royston
- ◆ Watercolors – Mackenzie Delahunty
- ◆ Acrylics – Alexis McLean
- ◆ Mixed Media – Rachele George

### 10-12 Years

- ◆ Multicolored Drawing – Fiona Hennessy
- ◆ Monochromatic Drawing – Joongwon Ahn
- ◆ Pastel – Chloe Walker
- ◆ Watercolors – Derek Espinoza
- ◆ Acrylics – Fiona Hennessy
- ◆ Mixed Media – Joongwon Ahn

### 13-15 Years

- ◆ Multicolored Drawing – Eliza Jandrasi-Shaughnessy
- ◆ Monochromatic Drawing – Eliza Jandrasi-Shaughnessy
- ◆ Pastel – Eliza Jandrasi-Shaughnessy
- ◆ Acrylics – Jonathan Lopez
- ◆ Watercolors – Jonathan Lopez
- ◆ Mixed Media – Eliza Jandrasi-Shaughnessy
- ◆ Collage – Eliza Jandrasi-Shaughnessy

### 16-18 Years

- ◆ Monochromatic Drawing – McKenzie Harber
- ◆ Group Project – Morgan Kepford, Beda Roll, Cody Davis

## Lion's Den Program Aims to Improve Federal Test Scores

The Lincoln Lion's Den program has added a "Yes We Can" club to its regularly scheduled after-school programs. This club serves as additional test preparation for the Lincoln students. The goal of the Lion's Den program is to help students improve test scores by 60 percent. To encourage more kids to participate, we are offering a discount on spring enrollment if the enrolling students are involved in this program.

### STARS – Super Time for Art, Academics, Recreation & Sports

#### Locations:

Adams  
Garfield  
Hoover  
Jefferson  
Mt View  
Wilson

Registration for the next school year, 2010-2011 begins May 15, 2010

Register online at [www.bgccorvallis.org](http://www.bgccorvallis.org)

### Summer Day Camp

Dates for Summer Day Camp – June 21 through September 3

7:30 am – 6:00 pm  
Monday through Friday

*Eleven weeks of fun, friends & field trips!*

Children and youth 6 – 14 years of age (6 year-olds must have completed kindergarten)

Registration begins April 15

Register online at [www.bgccorvallis.org](http://www.bgccorvallis.org)

### NEED Program (Non-school Extended Education Day)

March 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and April 14, 15, 16

#### NEED Facts:

7:30am - 1:00pm

\$23/child/day

\$46/family/day

Breakfast & lunch provided

Elementary children only

Art, gym activities, computers, games

#### Spring Break Field Trips (Additional fee)

- ◆ Chintimini Wildlife Refuge
- ◆ Dixon Recreation Center
- ◆ Chuck E Cheese (Salem)
- ◆ Calloway Intensive Loop Hike
- ◆ Movie: How to Train Your Dragon

◆ 1:00pm - 6:00pm

◆ Supper provided

◆ Elementary children, middle & high school youth

◆ No charge

Register on-line: [www.bgccorvallis.org](http://www.bgccorvallis.org)



*Mark your calendars!*

*Registration for Summer Day Camp begins April 15!*

*First week of Camp begins June 21!*

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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF CORVALLIS**

# Clubhouse News

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Dear friends,

Spring is a time for new things, for regeneration. It is a time when we remember the hopefulness of youth. When I walk through our Clubhouse and see the excited faces of the 350+ kids that we serve everyday, I know that we have a bright future ahead of us. During this time of year, the Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis especially needs the help of our community to continue to provide the services that our local youth need.

We are currently in full swing of our 2010 annual campaign. Our 2010 fundraising goal is \$700,000, to fund programs that reach out to more than 15,000 Corvallis youth each year.

Two years ago, the Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis adopted the Lion's Den program at Lincoln School, formerly known as CAEC (Community Academic and Enrichment Clubs). This program is designed to help at-risk students achieve grade-level proficiency in all subject areas, and to provide quality adult mentorship after school while parents are still at work. Last school year, Lincoln School met their Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) goals by raising their standardized test scores. Lincoln School principal Oscar Moreno-Gilson and Corvallis School District 509J superintendent Dawn Tarzian attributed the Lincoln Lion's Den program as a main contributor toward this success.

Each year, the Lion's Den program costs us approximately \$100,000. This year's increased fundraising goal includes the programming cost for Lincoln, as well as the consideration that last year, Club membership increased by 80%, from 2,049 registered members to 3,698. An annual Club membership costs families only \$25 per child: less than 3% of the \$1,000 it costs to provide

programming for each child that we serve. The funding for the remaining 97% comes from the generous contributions of caring individuals, businesses and foundations that support our mission to enable each youth to reach his or her full potential.

Last year, because of the support of our friends, we were able to provide \$30,000 in scholarships to families. No child is turned away from any of our programs because of an inability to pay.

We recently held our annual Youth of the Year competition. Our three contestants – Shelby, McKenzie and Ashlie – are all such a testament to the work that we do for our local youth. These girls have amazing stories

of triumph through tough times, such as going through the foster care system and surviving a house fire. Each of the three girls attributes the staff and fellow kids at the Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis as key people who have helped them to overcome obstacles and grow up as resilient, bright young women who hope to help people and change the world.

THANK YOU to our supporters who help us to provide the youth center of Corvallis. Please consider contributing to our annual campaign, in order to help us to serve our growing membership. Every gift helps! Also, as an extra incentive, all "above and beyond" gifts given before April 1st will be matched by an anonymous donor. For more information about our Club programs or to give online, visit our website at [www.bgccorvallis.org](http://www.bgccorvallis.org).

Thank you,

*Helen Higgins*  
Helen Higgins, CEO,  
Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis



## Volunteer Profile: Steve Simpson

Steve is a senior at OSU studying Physical Education. Since this past October, Steve has been volunteering twice a week in the games room area of the Clubhouse. He originally came to us by a recommendation from a friend in Bend, OR. The reason he keeps coming back, he says, is because he enjoys interacting with the kids and seeing their enthusiasm and honesty in emotions as they play and explore at the Club.

Since Steve started with the Club five months ago, he has introduced six of his friends to the Club, whom now volunteer on a regular basis. Steve says he would highly recommend volunteering at the Club, as he has been able to help provide structure in the lives of kids that may need it the most.



## Thank you coaches!

These individuals donate their time, expertise and talents to help youth gain skills in sports and teamwork. Many of them coach several sports for the Club. Our athletic program is a success because of their time and dedication. We really can't thank them enough!

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## Thank you, winter basketball sponsors!

The following businesses recently sponsored an athletic team. We greatly appreciate their support to ensure that all youth who want to participate in our programs are given the opportunity to do so. Please consider them when you "buy local."

Chris Nordyke State Farm	McDonald's
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## Three Local Youth Honored for Achievement



A sophomore at Corvallis High School was named the Youth of the Year at the Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis this week, and now gets a chance to compete for statewide honors.

Shelby MacCollin, 15, was selected as the winner by a panel of four judges, including Dawn Tarzian, superintendent of the Corvallis School District; Lt. Dave Henslee of the Corvallis Police Department; Michelle Davis, the president of Davis Enterprises and a community volunteer; and Chris Nordyke, a State Farm Insurance agent.

MacCollin has been active in the Boys & Girls Club for eight years. She joined when she was 7, she said, shortly after she was adopted by a foster family. In a speech she delivered Thursday to the annual All Service Club Luncheon at the club, she gave credit to the club and its staff members.

"The club has helped me become who I am now," she said at the luncheon, which attracted some 100 members from a number of Corvallis service clubs.

In particular, she said, a staff member at the Boys & Girls Club was instrumental many years ago in helping turn around her performance at school. In turn, that

has helped her stay focused on her goal: "I want to be a pediatric nurse, because I want to help people," she said.

MacCollin, who is the daughter of Martha MacCollin of Corvallis, also is involved in the club's Keystone leadership group for teenagers.

She will join other club-level winners at the state competition, to be held in April in Salem.

Two other students, both from Corvallis High School, were finalists in the competition this year:

- ◆ McKenzie Harber, a 17-year-old senior, has been a club member for 11 years and has been a member of Keystone for four. The club has helped her endure tough times, she said in her speech, including scoliosis and a herniated disc in her lower back. "I'm a Boys and Girls Club kid," she said. "Making a difference in a kid's life makes all the difference in the world." She said she wants to be a psychologist.
- ◆ Ashlie Mulrooney, a 16-year-old sophomore, has been a club member for 10 years and has been a Keystone member for two. "For the past 10 years, this place has been a second home to me," she said, adding that the club "taught me how to believe in myself." The club was particularly important, she said, after a fire that destroyed many of her family's belongings. "It was during this time that I learned that giving back was the most important thing in life."

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Have fun, keep active,  
make new friends, learn  
teamwork!!

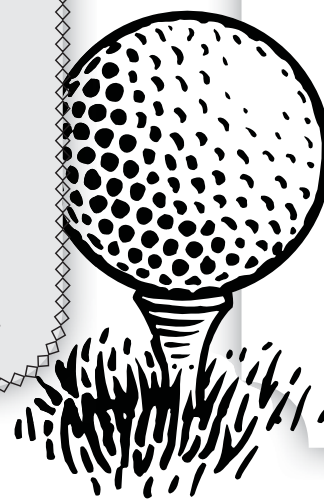
Spring and summer sports teams  
and leagues are forming now!

Space is limited - register early!

Baseball & Softball: Ages 9-14

Summer T-ball/Baseball: Ages 5-8

Register at the front desk or online. See  
[www.bgccorvallis.org](http://www.bgccorvallis.org) for more information.



12th annual Citizens  
Bank Golf Classic  
benefitting the Boys &  
Girls Club of Corvallis

June 25, 2010

8am shotgun start

at Trysting Tree Golf Club!

Call 757-1909 ext. 230 if you  
are interested in sponsorship  
opportunities or would like to play!

## Safety Town Registration Underway!



Registration has begun for 2010 Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis Safety Town. This year marks our 25th year of teaching safety education!

Safety Town is a summer safety program for children entering kindergarten in the fall of 2010. Under the guidance of a teacher and teen instructors, children are introduced to important safety concepts, such as stranger, gun and fire safety. This combined with songs, art projects, safety videos and field trips, provides a fun learning experience for children. This year's Safety Town will be held at Franklin School on NW 18th Street. Sessions run from 9:30 am to 11:30 am, Tuesday through Friday, for two weeks: **June 29 - July 9, July 13 - July 23 or July 27 - August 6.**

Safety Town is also a great opportunity for teens to gain volunteer experience. The Safety Town Teen Volunteer program is designed to help teens reach their full potential as productive, responsible, caring and contributing members of their community. Teens help the children prepare for kindergarten by teaching them how to be safe, follow rules, & work well with other children. Teens must have completed 6th grade in order to apply. Applications will be available online beginning April 1. Qualified candidates will be selected for interviews.

To register for Safety Town or for more information about becoming a teen volunteer, visit our website at [www.bgccorvallis.org](http://www.bgccorvallis.org).

## Torch Club Holds Wheel-A-Thon, Raises Over \$600 for ADA-Accessible Doors

On Saturday, January 31, 11 Club members from the Torch Club middle school leadership group participated in a wheel-a-thon. The event served as a fundraiser to raise additional funds so the Club can purchase ADA-accessible doors. Prior to the wheel-a-thon, the Club had raised 2/3 of the necessary amount for the project, thanks to a \$10,000 gift from a generous donor. The Torch Club students designed the wheel-a-thon fundraiser to help get the Club closer to the financial goal, as well as to raise awareness about wheelchair mobility. Through pledges given from local community members, the students raised over \$600 for the project!

Torch Club would like to thank several community partners for their help with this project: Lincare, OSU and Eastside Christian Church for donating the use of the wheelchairs, and Citizens Bank for keeping a donation box at their 3rd Street location.

## Staff Introductions

### Becca Meskimen, Lincoln Lion's Den Program Director



Becca, previously our Academic & Enrichment Programs Assistant Director, is now serving as our Boys & Girls Club of South Corvallis Lincoln Lion's Den program director. Becca is a proud mother of a Boys & Girls Club member. She graduated from OSU with a BA in Natural Resource Education. She began at the Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis in the Fall of 2000 working with the STARS after-school program as the Program Assistant and later the Asst. Director. At the Club's Summer Day Camp, she has been the Science Director, Computer Tech Coordinator and Asst. Camp Director. Becca has also worked with the Forest Service, Dept. of Forestry, Bureau of Land Management, and OSU leading campground programs, nature walks, teacher workshops, and Outdoor School lessons.

### Monica Schuerkamp, Academic & Enrichment Programs Assistant Director



Monica is our new Academic & Enrichment Programs Assistant Director. She graduated from the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada with a Bachelor's of Education. Prior to moving to Corvallis, Monica taught kindergarten through second grade for twelve years. She is the former Director of Enrollment and Outreach at Corvallis Waldorf School. Most recently, Monica has had experience as a real estate broker and escrow officer. Her two children, Lydia, 11, and Mariah, 9, attend STARS, Summer Day Camp and Clubhouse activities.

### Damon Olsen, Assistant Athletic Director



Damon is our new Assistant Athletic Director. He graduated from OSU with a Bachelor's in Liberal Studies and Education. He has coached football, basketball, track & field, softball and baseball for more than 15 years at the high school, middle school and elementary level. His oldest son is currently in 8th grade. Damon has coached athletics teams at the Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis for seven years. He currently is the Assistant Head Coach and Throwing Coach for Santiam Christian, and also coaches one 7th grade and two 8th grade basketball teams through the Club.



## Thank you donors!

Thank you so much to the following individuals and foundations who have given \$1,000 or more from December 1, 2009 to March 11, 2010:

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