

2017 Summer Impact Report

A look at the impact of summer programming at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County (BGCMC) made possible by generous donors, sponsors, partners, and volunteers. *Thank you for investing in our youth!*

“Every child deserves a good summer adventure and I trust BGCMC to provide it.”
-Summer Sponsor Maxine B. of Salinas

Summer by the Numbers

- **1,355** Youth participated in Summer programs and activities
- **26,805** nutritious meals and snacks were served
- **510** Youth participated in sports camps including Johnson-Toney Football and Gil Basketball Academy
- **129** Youth received math and literacy intervention to prepare for the upcoming school year
- **50** field trips were offered



A member enjoys his first whale watching excursion during a Club field trip!

Project-Based Learning (learning disguised as fun!)



A 5th grade member shows off her creative Clay Art figures used in her Claymation video

Members gained great skills and had a ton of fun doing hands-on STEAM projects (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics). Each project was tailored towards a specific grade group with the goal of helping them communicate, collaborate, problem solve and adapt. Middle & High Schoolers created interactive “Smart Art Canvases” using electronic paint (wow!), our 4th-5th grades created original clay art to film their own Claymation videos (featured in the photo), while K-3rd grades used the imaginative stories of fairy tales to explore engineering, language arts and teamwork. Every team presented their projects to family, friends, and the community at our end-of-Summer Showcase!

Summer Academy (keeping kids on track to succeed in school!)

- **129** youth were enrolled in special invention programs for reading or math
- **97%** of reading program participants demonstrated improvement, increasing an average of 22.3 words per minute with **18** youth progressing to a new grade level! In all, the reading group completed **856** stories during the program.
- **83%** of math program participants improved nearly half a grade level in just 8 weeks! **16** youth progressed to a new grade level; the math group completed **1,143** lessons during the program.



Summer Academy math program member completing her lessons

“At first I didn’t like going. Then I started to get better. It made me try harder. Now I like it and am glad I was in it!” -Kali, 3rd grade reading participant, improving from 115 to 172 words per minute (and now reading above grade level!)

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“I really like this place. I am having a lot of fun and learning some cool stuff too.”
-Omar, teen member

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) Showcase

- Over 60 hands-on projects challenged our members to improve in key learning skills such as Collaboration & Communication, Initiative & Self-Direction, Critical Thinking & Problem Solving, Flexibility & Adaptability, and Productivity & Accountability.
- 100% of the project teams presented at the **S.T.E.A.M. Fairs** which provided members the opportunity to showcase their projects and share their adventures with the community. Some members even took their showcase on the road presenting to Taylor Farms employees at the Taylor Building in downtown Salinas.
- What did our member have to say about the impact of their summer projects? In Club-wide focus groups, they said the projects helped them improve in collaboration and critical thinking/problem solving.



Presentations at the STEAM Fair impressed Mark Borman, President of Taylor Farms California

“Oh, the places you’ll go!” Summer Field Trips

According to the National Education Association, youth participating in educational trips have better grades, are more likely to graduate from high school and college, and earn a greater income.

Below is a sample of the 50 field trips we enjoyed!

- Tech Museum of Innovation
- San Jose Museum of Art
- Computer History Museum
- Monterey Beach
- Ariel Theater
- Toro Park
- First Tee of Monterey County
- Ventana Wilderness Camp
- Nancy Russell Art Studio & Art Garden
- Children’s Discovery Museum
- Colmo Del Rodeo Parade
- Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk
- Whale Watching
- Kayaking in the Monterey Bay
- Sanctuary Rock Gym
- Dennis the Menace Playground
- Pinnacles National Park



Members enjoyed a lot of outdoor adventures this summer!

“Thank you for all the work you do, I could never provide all of this for my child!”
-Seaside Parent