



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF TUCSON

May Newsletter

Special Message from our CEO, Denise Watters



Summer is here and so are new beginnings!

As we welcome the sunshine and warmer days, we're also celebrating the incredible achievements of our Staff and Club Members — from graduates of elementary school to those earning advanced degrees. Congratulations to all! Your dedication and success bring brighter futures to life, and we couldn't be prouder.

We're also thrilled to announce that all six of our Clubhouses will open their doors on June 2nd for our exciting Summer Program, available to youth ages 7–17. Get ready for seven weeks packed with fun activities, engaging learning sessions, sports, and unforgettable field trips!

And the wait is finally over — the Holmes Tuttle Clubhouse is back and ready for Summer Camp! Teens ages 13–17 are invited to experience specialized programming including STEAM, Culinary Arts, Digital Media, and our Fitness Center. This summer is all about growth, discovery, and fun — and we can't wait to see you there!


Denise Watters

**Boys & Girls Clubs of America
National Conference**



**KGUN 9 Visits HolmesTuttle
Clubhouse**





Earlier this month, our Leadership Team had the privilege of attending the 2025 Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) National Conference. This year's event centered on the theme "America needs Club Kids", a powerful initiative focused on empowering youth through future-ready programs and enhancing the overall Club experience.

The conference highlighted BGCA's commitment to preparing youth and teens for adulthood by providing access to high-quality programming, particularly in underserved communities. With an emphasis on growth, the organization continues to invest in capable, well-trained staff who are instrumental in helping young people achieve their goals.

A standout moment for our team was an inspiring conversation with Jim Clark, President and CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of America. He reaffirmed his dedication to working alongside BGCT to expand opportunities for youth by opening more Blue Doors and creating brighter futures for all.

We are excited to bring back fresh ideas and renewed energy as we continue supporting and investing in the next generation of leaders.

Construction at a new workforce development center is officially complete at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson's Holmes Tuttle Clubhouse on the city's south side.

The center features hands-on training in technology, culinary arts, and more. Leaders say the goal is to help teens gain real-world job skills and confidence.

"We want them to have fun but also be prepared to re-enter the community with workforce readiness," said Denise Watters, CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson.

The project transformed a previously underused space into a modern facility with a tech lab and commercial kitchen.

Neighborhood leader Willie Blake Jr. said, "The upgrade brings pride to a space that's served generations. Now is a great time for the community."

To see the full story please [click here](#)



BGCT IMPACT

2024



100% of Club members participated in Power Hour Program (homework help)

More than 2,000 members learned about Summer Brain Gain or STEM

Every \$1 invested generates \$9.60 in community impact!

75% of Club 12th graders submitted FAFSA compared to just half of 12th graders nationally

97% of Club teens are expected to graduate from high school

We served more than 4,000 youth in our five Clubhouses



We served more than 42,000 free meals during school-year and summer program

53% of Club youth exercise 5+ hours per week



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Program Highlight: Summer Brain Gain

Kym Adair visits BGCT



Summer Brain Gain is a summer learning-loss prevention program tailored for Boys & Girls Clubs. Through week-long, theme-



We recently hosted an inspiring Master Class with Kym Adair, Executive Director of the Snoop Dogg Arizona Bowl! With over 14 years as a dedicated and esteemed Board

based modules, youth engage in hands-on activities that spark curiosity and foster a love for learning.

Designed for elementary, middle, and high school students, the program helps develop both academic and social-emotional skills.

Summer Brain Gain combats the "use it or lose it" principle by keeping youth engaged, preventing the loss of key skills like math, reading, and stem over the summer months. Expanding summer learning opportunities helps Clubs support youth in staying on track for academic success.

Member, Kym has brought a wealth of experience, powerful stories, and unwavering support to our mission.

The Master Class is a leadership development opportunity provided by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson, where successful women in our community share their journeys and insights. Kym's session was filled with valuable advice and inspiration, and our Club members asked thoughtful questions about building brighter futures.

Thank you, Kym, for your leadership, passion, and continued commitment to empowering youth!

Registration still open for our Summer Camp 2025



The poster features the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson logo at the top center, which consists of two interlocking hands. To the left is a stylized sun icon. The text "BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF TUCSON" is in a bold, sans-serif font. Below this, the words "Summer CAMP" are written in a large, playful, orange and yellow font. A green circle on the left contains the text "Registration Fee \$70". A blue banner in the center reads "Games | Fun | Creative Activities". Below that, the phrase "Come and join us!" is written in a blue, cursive-style font. Two circular photos show children: one on the right shows a girl holding a book, and one at the bottom left shows a group of children. To the right of the bottom photo, an orange circle contains the text "8:30 am to 5:30 pm". At the bottom, a green banner contains the text "From June 2nd to July 18th Monday to Friday" and "For more information or to register please visit: bgctucson.org". A blue circle on the right contains the text "Ages 7-17".

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