



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE GREATER SANTIAM
Serving Lebanon & Sweet Home

The Santiam Express

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Club Kids in Paradise!



With this year's festival theme being Strawberries, our staff and children's minds were full with ideas. The over the top vision of Vickie Lathrop, the resourceful knowhow of Kevin Lathrop, and the eager hands of children helped us create a masterful float. Our float was complete with a handmade strawberry slushy cabana, a functional waterfall, and a volcano with flames roaring from the top! The volcano and cabana were made primarily from recycled wood. The children on the float spent the month of May learning and

practicing the Hawaiian dance known as the Hukilau. Their hard work and effort paid off, they not only looked great but they have a few trophies to show for it.

This year, the Lebanon Club float took 1st place in the Junior Parade, 3rd place in the Grand Parade for Non-Profit/Civic Organization, and most importantly, they won the Mayor's Choice Trophy. All of this would not have been possible without our new sponsor, Central Willamette Community Credit Union! Additionally, Vogt's Nursery was happy to loan us a variety of beautiful plants to complete our float this year.

This is not the first year the Club has received honors in the Strawberry Festival:

- 1999 Grand Parade 1st Place Community and Industry Floats
- 2007 Grand Parade Small Commercial
- 2008 Junior Parade Sweepstakes
- 2009 Junior Parade Queen's Choice
- 2010 Junior Parade Sweepstakes
- 2010 Grand Parade 1st Place Non-Profit/Civic Organization
- 2010 Grand Parade 1st Place Chairperson's Choice

-Ricky Garcia-
Program Director
Lebanon Club

Summer Activities

During the summer our After School Program continues with new hours from 12pm-6pm in Lebanon and 11am-3pm in Sweet Home. Summer Camp is open for members from 7:30am to 12pm in Lebanon and 7am-6pm in Sweet Home for an additional charge of \$10 per kid per day. Camp includes daily and weekly themes, daily lunch and field trips to the Corvallis Aquatic Center, Museums, the Oregon Coast and more. Register today at the Boys & Girls Club!

The Teen Center will also be hosting a variety of summer activities. Teen Center hours will be 10am-6pm Monday-Friday. Activities include Monday night movies every Monday from 4pm-6pm. An Amazing Race scavenger hunt around town, the formation of a bike club, computer literacy classes and themed dances each month. Stop by the Teen Center for a tour and inquire about these activities!

Summer Lunch Program



Summer is upon us, and a lot of parents might be wondering what they are going to do for meals when school is out. This summer the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Greater Santiam are participating in the Summer Food Program. Just stop by any site Monday-Friday and enjoy a nutritious lunch for FREE. This program is available to kids ages 1-18.

For more info call: 541-367-6421.

Here is a list of times and locations:

Site	Program Dates	Time
Lebanon Club - 305 S. 5 th Ave	June 13 th -Sept. 2 nd	12-12:45 pm
Lebanon Teen Center- 626 S. 2 nd St.	June 13 th -Sept. 2 nd	12-12:45 pm
Sweet Home Club- 890 18 th Ave	June 20 th -Sept. 2 nd	11:45- 12:30 pm

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Keystone Hosts the 2011 State Conference

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Greater Santiam is pleased to announce that it was the proud host of the 2011 State Keystone Conference. Eight different Boys & Girls Clubs and over 100 Keystone members from the state of Oregon registered for this conference. The last State Keystone Conference was held at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Roseburg, over three years ago.

Keystone is the Boys & Girls Club's most dynamic teen program. It focuses on three core areas: *Academic Success, Career Exploration* and *Community Service*. This program gives our teens an opportunity to gain valuable leadership and service experience. The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Greater Santiam has over 30 active members currently enrolled in Keystone.

One of our recent projects was the implementation of the National Project (Support Our Soldiers) with the "Dial-A-Troop" project. This project consisted of collecting old and unused cell phones for recycling; the money raised was used to purchase calling cards for the troops overseas.

This year's State Keystone Conference theme was "Higher Learning". Every attendee of the conference received a grab bag from Samaritan Hospital. The contents consisted of a 2011 State Keystone Conference T-Shirt, "OS" and "Powered BY Orange" decals and posters from Oregon State University and a pocket schedule from the Corvallis Knights. We kicked off the

Keystone Conference with a trip over to James Gang Pizza. Participants were treated to a variety of different pizza combinations and unlimited fountain drink options. During their stay at James Gang Pizza they were also given the opportunity to win prizes with our version of trivia night. Our Keystone participants were encouraged to answer pop culture questions along with Boys & Girls Club related trivia. With every correct answer, they were given the opportunity to pick from a variety of prizes.

After our stay at James Gang Pizza we toured our new Teen Center. Not only were the kids amazed by our facility, many of the Keystone Advisors were also inquisitive as to how we procured this facility. We ended the night at the main Club where our attendees were treated to a dance party in the gym, a movie in the Teen Lounge and a 2011 State Keystone Conference t-shirt tying party in the Art Center.

Early the next morning the Kiwanis Club of Lebanon cooked us an amazing pancake breakfast. Our next stop was Oregon State University. We started our tour of campus at Goss Stadium. Bill Brooks from the Corvallis Knights gave the group a brief history of the facility followed by allowing the kids to take the field.

After our tour of Goss Stadium, each Keystone group was handed a disposable camera and a list of clues for a scavenger hunt. The hunt consisted of major icons at Oregon

State University from Reser Stadium to the Kerr Administration Building. Each group was given 90 minutes to find five different iconic locations at the university. At 11:30am we all convened at the MU Quad for a sack snack and a presentation from Cascade Security. Sergeant Allen addressed the kids and presented them with valuable information on what to look out for when they choose a university. Cascade Security covered a variety of topics from public safety to the protection of personal items and getting to know your environment.

After our stay at OSU, we loaded the busses and headed back to the main Club for a BBQ. We served hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, sodas and sweets for our kids and their chaperones. While the kids ate we had games of pick up basketball and tug of war.

Our final activity was our service project. Brian Vandetta along with Partners in Progress provided us with the opportunity to assist with a clean up project at River Park. The kids and their chaperones divided into groups and cleaned up a section of the park.

Overall the conference was a huge success. We look forward to hosting many other events like this. It was an excellent opportunity for our kids to get involved.

-Manny Lopez-
Teen Services Director
Lebanon Club



Introducing Casey VandenBos

For Casey VandenBos, the new Athletic Director here at the Boys & Girls Club in Lebanon, it's easy to be excited to go to work everyday. After all his job is the perfect combination of two things he is very passionate about in life; sports and kids. Casey was born and raised here in Lebanon and grew up as a Club kid himself. Athletics have always played a major role in his life and it's safe to say that his love for sports began here at the Club. Back before the Lebanon Club building was even built Casey was playing soccer, basketball and baseball at the BGC where he continued to play sports up until high school. In high school he played basketball and football for the Lebanon Warriors and eventually went to Lane Community College to continue playing basketball. After that he transferred to Western Oregon University where he met up with his high school sweetheart and now wife, Jessica. Casey and Jessica have a daughter, 3 year old Ruby, a son, 19 month old Finn and a dog, Fiona. In May he completed his MAT with endorsements in Health and Physical Education through George Fox University in hopes of finding a teaching position. Instead he stumbled upon the A.D. position here where he is still able put his degree to use. We had a chance to put Casey in the "hot

seat" and ask him a brief set of questions.

What do you plan on bringing to the Club as the AD?

Because our mission statement is to reach children with disadvantaged circumstances, I strongly believe you have to meet these families where they are at in life. That requires listening, digging into their lives in an authentic way, and having a servants heart to find ways in which I can serve these children and their families.

How important was the role of athletics in your life growing up?

Athletics played an important role in my life growing up, from club sports to middle school football, then into high school sports and a very short stint in college. I loved the competition, team camaraderie, and discipline it taught me not only in regard to sports, but to life in general.

In your opinion what kind of impact does athletics have on the youth of our community?

Athletics is a very important component and avenue for youth in the community to get involved with because it teaches youth life lessons, accountability, discipline, and selflessness. Also, it gives coaches and

other mentors an opportunity to get involved with the youth in our community in a way that can bring about change and personal growth. In addition, the Club has been able to keep the sports affordable and reasonable, plus families who have financial circumstances hindering their involvement have the option of applying for scholarships which is great. If we can help the youth develop healthy life skills through sports, we not only make them successful athletes and teams, but also successful students, citizens, co-workers, siblings, parents, and contributors to society.

Stop by the Lebanon Club and say hello to Casey. We're excited to have him as a member of our team!

-Linzi Stolsig-
Office Manager
Lebanon Club



Summer and Accidents Go Hand in Hand

Summertime, to most adults, means BBQ's and lemonade. But for kids, summer is the ultimate time to be active. Kids want to be outside playing with friends and experience all that summer has to offer.

As parents, we do our best to prevent injuries by padding every elbow and knee and putting a helmet on every head to guarantee a safe summer. However, despite our best efforts, accidents do happen. One way to ensure our children are protected is to provide them with health coverage. If you currently do not have health coverage for your children, be sure to call or stop by one of the Boys & Girls

Clubs of the Greater Santiam in Lebanon or Sweet Home. We want to make sure all members of Linn County are aware of the Healthy Kids program and that they have convenient access to apply for Healthy Kids.

Healthy Kids has enrolled over 90,000 Oregon children and has relieved families of expensive health care costs related to emergency room and doctor visits. Healthy Kids is a **no-cost (FREE) or low-cost health coverage (\$24-\$54 per month)** that lasts for one full year. Kids cannot be turned away due to preexisting conditions.

Already on the Oregon Health Plan

(OHP) and Healthy Kids? Be sure to bring your renewal application in to one of the Boys & Girls Club locations in Lebanon or Sweet Home for us to review and receive a free *one year membership.

Healthy Kids are Happy Kids!
For more information contact:
Amanda Freeman at [541-401-8704](tel:541-401-8704)
or April McBride at [541-258-7105](tel:541-258-7105)
**after school membership only*





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Robbie Melcher Memorial Golf Tournament

Mark your calendars for the Robbie Melcher Memorial Golf Tournament, presented by Linn-Co Federal Credit Union. The tournament is August 12, 2011 and includes plenty of fun, food and prizes. All proceeds benefit the programs at The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Greater Santiam.

- ◆ Start forming your teams!
- ◆ Contact the Administration Office to enquire about sponsorship opportunities.



Fall Sports Deadlines

Sweet Home Club

Sign-Up Dates: June 15th - July 21st

1st - 4th Soccer	\$50.00
3rd & 4th Volleyball	\$50.00
5th & 6th Volleyball	\$70.00
2nd - 4th Flag Football	\$50.00
5th & 6th Tackle Football	\$100.00

Must have a 2011/2012 membership

***You must register in person, no phone calls please. All youth not registered by July 21st will be placed on a waiting list and added to teams if there is room. ALL outstanding accounts must be paid prior to registering.

Lebanon Club

Open Enrollment Deadline: July 29th

K - 4th Flag Football	\$35.00 - \$55.00
K - 4th Outdoor Soccer	\$55.00
4th - 8th Volleyball	\$55.00 - \$75.00
5th - 8th Cross Country (register by 9/1)	\$30.00
Ages 9 - 14 Fall Baseball (register by 9/2)	\$30.00

Must have a 2011/2012 membership

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