



Boys & Girls Club of Bloomington-Normal Parent News...



Club updates & Reminders...

March 2006

Executive Director's Note...

We would like to thank all of our Board members for their time and devotion to the Club and our youth

Gregory Parrish, President, Tony Perry, V. Pres. Paul Jefferson Treasurer, Bill Myers, Barb Knapp, Toni Harrison, Tony Jones, Mark Kotte, Francis Irvin, Richard Bates, Terry Irvin, Tony Penn, John Penn and Dr. Robert Bowen

T.G.I.F.F.

(Thank God It's Family Friday!!!)

Our February T.G.I.F.F. was Family Game night. It was held on Thursday, February 23rd since our members did not have school on Friday. Families had a chance to play games and each person earn points for playing and winning. The family with the most points at the end of the evening won! We had prizes for everyone and Ms. Laura made some of her famous punch!

Our winners for the evening were:

First Place - Crayton Family

Second Place - Brewer Family

Third Place - Daniels/Jenkins Family

Don't miss next month's T.G.I.F.F. event!

We will be having the "Family Idol"

Friday, March 24th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.!! So get your songs together and be ready!

March Birthdays!

Jayda Bartholomew, Tammy Vannote, Samantha Brown, C.J. Christian Jr., Camilla Doage, Joseph Faniel, Wanya Franklin, Jarius Linson, D'layja Nicks, Emerial Tutwiler, Mr. Bertram & MS. LAURA

2006 Youth of the Year

We salute Jennifer Matthews, 17, the daughter of Sallee and Marvin Matthews.

Over the years, Jennifer has had to assume a frequent level of responsibility and leadership in her home providing care and supervision to her younger brother in times when mom has had to work longer days or he was not able to attend the Club for various reasons. She and her brother have learned to adapt in a new environment after moving to the Bloomington-Normal community in 1996. They had previously lived on the Westside of Chicago, which held a much more aggressive atmosphere than they would encounter in Bloomington.

Jennifer regularly attends Center for Hope Ministries where she is actively involved in the Youth Impact Programs. In this group they meet monthly to discuss youth related issues and seek support adult leaders who convene the group to share ideas and engage the teens in organized meetings and forums.

She has also participated in teen programs at Western Avenue Community Center and been involved in Cooperative Extension 4-H programs. Where she learned to cook, and participated in other life skills programs. Jennifer is also a participant in Project Oz Westside Youth Enhancement Programs, where she has opportunities to engage in further leadership programs and Life Skills activities including but not limited to drama and expression activities that involve peer facilitation and group forums.

Jennifer is a respected young woman in her school environment. An honor roll student and a member of various organizations, she has learned to apply herself in order to accomplish specific goals while remaining active.

Check us out at WWW.BGCB-N.ORG

Club Schedule for the Upcoming Weeks

March 6 - Open 7:30-5:30

March 8 - MS. LAURA'S BIRTHDAY!!!

March 24 - District 87 early dismissal - Club open regular hours (3:00 - 8:00) - Vans don't pick up at D87

March 24 - T.G.I.F.F.

March 27-31 - Spring Break - open 7:30 - 5:30

April 2-8 National Boys & Girls Club Week

April 14 - Open 7:30-5:30

April 19 Annual Recognition Luncheon

April 24 - Unit 5 - no school - Club open regular

Club Wish List...

Video Camera

10 Headphones

Pool sticks

Pool racks

Pool Table Covers

Karaoke CD's

Portable PA System

Portable Podium

Foosball Table

Bull Horn

Popcorn Maker