

SUMMER

FUN 2007



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF MCALLEN

EDUCATION AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT



LIBRARY

By Katie Reckley

Throughout the week in the Library, members were able to write stories, do a little arts and crafts, and play games that were all related to the theme of the week. Every week, a contest was held that allowed the winner to choose a prize from a HUGE prize box that Sara and Claudia, Library coaches, stocked full of great things which included candy and toys! Sara or Claudia read a story to the 6-7s and in the 8-9 groups a member was picked to read the story to the class. Members enjoyed the book fair and were able to buy posters, pencil sets and books. At the end of June, the book fair was restocked with an even bigger selection than before.



Science

By Lydia Torres

In Science, Amanda and Tommy had several interesting lectures for students to learn from and apply that knowledge to the activities in the class. Experiments and small exams were given to members to earn prizes and candy from a prize box that the coaches had ready for the kids. Topics were based on the theme of the week and had members looking forward to going to Science class, especially the 6-7 groups and the 8-9s.

LITTLE CHEFS

By Kennedy Shriner

Little Chefs instructors Marisol and Adriana took on a timeless approach to cooking up some of the tastiest foods for members to enjoy this summer. Every week the ladies incorporated a hands on approach to teaching members how to cook foods related to this summers weekly themes. Some scrumptious dishes included Kickin Cowboy Stew, Diner Dash Burgers, and the world famous Campfire S'mores! Fellow member, in the 8-9 category, Marco Uribe, said that one of his favorite dishes was homemade pizza. One taste of Adriana's pizza was all it took to say 'bye, bye Pizza Hut.'



THE ARTS

Photography / Journalism

By Liam Reckley

In Photography and Journalism, Steve, the Computer coach, gave lessons that introduced members to the history of photography and the many stages that the pictures they take today, developed from. Steve sent members out to take pictures on site of the different activities that members enjoyed at the Boys and Girls Club. Maritza, the Journalism coach, taught members how to write like journalists and held auditions every week for a chance to be part of the BGCM New Chasers TEAM, where members would conduct interviews and write reports to present at the weekly presentations held every Friday afternoon.



Music

By Marcelo Barredo

Matt and Sergio, Music coaches, had a lot of melodic harmonies sailing through the halls of the Boys and Girls Club. Members could be found plucking the strings of a 6-string acoustic guitar or sharing their voices while harmonizing with Matt on piano or Sergio on electric guitar. This summer, members practiced learning notes of the music alphabet and learning scales that included all the basic notes that went with them. Matt and Sergio accompanied the kids during their weekly performances which included songs like, "I Wanna Be Like You", "Take Me Out To The Ball Game", "Blue Shadows"



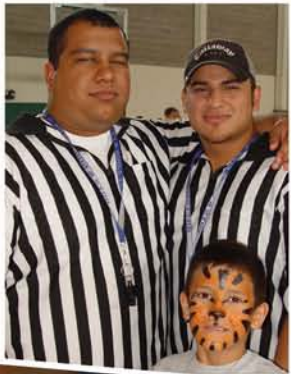
Arts & Crafts

By Patricio Barredo

Members enjoyed learning about different art techniques that included painting, sketching and drawing and contests that were held on a weekly basis with prizes for the winner. Lisa and Cassie, the A&C coaches also used their amazing skills to provide stage props every week for the background of every weeks presentations. Every week members provided a sketch or a picture to the coaches and if their sketch passed a test, their work was going to be painted on a canvas. During the last week of the Boys and Girls Club, an art show will be set up with all the 1st place art pieces.



PERFORMANCES & THEMES



Aerobics
By Katie Reckley

In Aerobics, Jessica and Rebecca had everyone showing off their athletic skills this summer learning how to do several aerobic dances, cheers, and learning how to work together to complete a routine. Every week, Jessica and Rebecca had a new song and dance for the morning warm-up and everyone, including all coaches, joined in to dance to the routines. Different movements were learned through these exercises for better flexibility and safety.





Dance

By Alizza M. Gonzalez

The Dance class has been using their dancing shoes non-stop this summer! Members in the 8-9 groups said that Rosa, the Dance coach, had different dances and songs for them to dance every week! Hip-Hop was the favorite type of music this summer and everyone had a great time learning the different dances that Rosa had ready for everyone. Members enjoyed a good stretch first before learning the new steps. "I love dancing! Dancing is my life!" Rosa said and all members in her class agreed in loud agreement!



Drama

By Patricio Barredo

Cesar and Gus, Drama coaches, have taught members the basics of how to act using four points of concentration and understanding body movements this summer. Every week, Cesar held auditions for weekly plays that were performed in front of the entire Boys and Girls Club. Every performance allowed members to practice projecting their voices for large audiences and defeating their nemesis: stage fright. The shows that were performed were inspired from past experiences that Cesar had as a child when he was a member of the BGC.



SPORTS FITNESS & RECREATION



Karate by Liam Reckley

In Karate this summer, members learned basic Tae Kwon Do techniques from their coaches, David and Mario. David and Mario taught students how to use their tae kwon doe techniques to disarm and defend themselves against potential attackers. Students certainly learned a lot because their performances every week were well choreographed and included students in the 8-9 and 10-12 groups. Members learned, with GREAT CARE, basic techniques and defenses using fighting tools like nunchucks, the boe(staff) and eskrima sticks. Members also learned basic rolls and flips which were also used to defend or evade attackers.

Gym By Marcelo Barredo

In GYM this summer, Cesar, Dominique and Romeo, the gym coaches, taught students how to catch and throw and play a variety of different sports that included football, basketball, kickball and dodgeball all while teaching good sportsmanship and teamwork. The coaches put a strong emphasis by saying it's okay to lose but it's not something you want to get used to. Every age group enjoyed their gym class and stayed very busy with several tournaments, one including a club wide kickball tournament!



GAMEROOM By Lydia Torres

This summer, John in the Gameroom, had all kinds of events ready for the members to play! The kids had fun playing games like air hockey, ping-pong, foosball and pool. During the course of the summer, John had the great idea of holding a foosball tournament which had members running all over looking to sign up! There was a winner from each class (7) and allowed everyone from every age group to participate. Winners were rewarded with a variety of prizes which included designer pencils and toys.



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