



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI**

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**Outstanding Teens to Compete for Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri Youth of the Year  
Honor**

**\*\*\*Your Coverage is Invited \*\*\***

**What:**

Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri members to compete for the local 2011 Youth of the Year Title on January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at the Fox Theater in Sedalia, Missouri.

Being named Youth of the Year is the highest honor a Boys & Girls Club member can receive. As Boys & Girls Clubs of America's premier youth recognition program, the Youth of the Year title recognizes outstanding contributions to a member's family, school, community and Boys & Girls Club, as well as personal challenges and obstacles overcome. As the national program sponsor, Tupperware Brands awards each state winner a \$1,000 college scholarship and each regional winner a \$10,000 scholarship. The national winner receives an additional scholarship up to \$50,000 from The Rick and Susan Goings Foundation.

The contestants will be evaluated by five judges: Judge Paul Beard, Sheriff Kevin Bond, Cara Canon, Dave Phillips and Robyn Wadley. The judges will select one winner for the Elementary Youth of the Year award for members ages 8 – 13 and one for the teen Youth of the Year award for members ages 14 - 18. The teen Youth of the Year winner will be the only Club member to advance on to the state competition in early April in accordance with Boys & Girls Clubs of America guidelines.

**Who:**

The 2011 Youth of the Year finalists from the Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri's sites in Cole Camp, Green Ridge, La Monte, Leeton, Smithton and Sedalia.

The 2011 Youth of the Year finalists include:

**Elementary:**

Max Brown, 9 years old, Skyline Elementary Program  
Jesse Crawford, 12 years old, Green Ridge Elementary Program  
Alex Esquivel, 11 years old, Sedalia Middle School Program  
Hannah Estes, 9 years old, Parkview Elementary Program  
Madison Fisher, 13 years old, Cole Camp Elementary Program  
Mason Jasper, 10 years old, Smithton Elementary Program  
Tanner Martin, 8 years old, La Monte Elementary Program  
Lyndon North, 10 years old, Heber Hunt Elementary Program  
Jesus Sotelo, 10 years old, Washington Elementary Program  
Erika Tackett, 9 years old, Horace Mann Elementary Program  
Ian Wallen, 9 years old, Sedalia Middle School Program  
Abby Wilson, 11 years old, Leeton Elementary Program

**Teen:**

Liam Buell, 14 years old, Leeton Teen Program  
Alexis McNeal, 16 years old, Smithton Teen Program  
Stephanie Trevino, 16 years old, La Monte Teen Program

**When:**

January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at the Fox Theater Events Center in Sedalia, Missouri