



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
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Club XTREME Summer Program to Host Methamphetamine Awareness Event

SEDALIA, MO. – July 7, 2011- According to the Drug Enforcement Agency, Missouri accounted for the highest number of nationwide meth drug incidents in 2010.

And, 2011 isn't looking any better.

According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol website, Missouri has already accounted for nearly 30 percent of the nationwide meth incidents reported through April of this year.

In an effort to help educate individuals in the community about the dangers of meth and its byproducts, the Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri will host a meth awareness event on July 11 as part of the XTREME Summer program.

Deputy Don Isaac with the Mid-Missouri Drug Task Force will facilitate the event in accordance with the Club's Meth SMART programming. Deputy Isaac will give two different one-hour presentations. The first presentation is scheduled for 10 a.m. at Skyline Elementary School located at 2505 W. 32nd St. and the second presentation is scheduled for 11:15 a.m. at the teen Club site at 314 S. Washington. Individuals from the community are welcome and encouraged to attend.

"After years of being branded as the nation's 'meth capital,' it's not surprising to hear that Missouri is a frontrunner in the meth problem," said Boys & Girls Club executive director, Brett Barth-Fagan. "But, as

we work together as a community and state to change this trend, our Club's goal is to educate our youth so they become caring and productive citizens and part of the solution."

About the Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri

Realizing Potential: Our Children, Our Community, Our Future

In June 2010, the Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri (www.bgckids.com) celebrated 50 years of providing hope and opportunity to local communities by inspiring all youth to BE GREAT. The Club started in 1960 when a group of local optimists saw the need for positive youth programming and 50 years later the Club continues to positively impact lives by helping youth reach their full potential as productive and caring citizens. The Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri serves youth from 6 to 18 years of age by providing guidance-oriented character development programs conducted by trained, professional staff. Key programs emphasize leadership development; education and career exploration; community service; technology training; financial literacy; health and life skills; the arts; sports, fitness and recreation; and family outreach. The Club currently serves more than 1,700 members in 21 site programs, serving 6 communities and 3 counties in west central Missouri. For more information call 660-826-8331, find the Club online at www.bgckids.com, check out the Club's Facebook page www.facebook.com/pages/Boys-Girls-Clubs-of-West-Central-Missouri/190529020627 or follow the Club on Twitter at bgckids.