



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

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**Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri Modules to Host Club Expos**

SEDALIA, MO. – April 14, 2011-The Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri’s sites in Cole Camp, Green Ridge, La Monte, Leeton, Sedalia and Smithton will host their end of the school year Club Expos in crime scene investigation, photography, video production, marketing and theatre.

Club Expo Information:

- April 18, 2011 – Smithton Club Expo
  - Location: Smithton School Multipurpose Room
  - Time: 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. with an awards presentation at 5:00 p.m.
- April 26, 2011 – Leeton Club Expo
  - Location: Leeton School Cafeteria
  - Time: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. with an awards presentation at 5:30 p.m.
- April 27 – Cole Camp Club Expo
  - Location: Cole Camp School Cafeteria
  - Time: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. with an awards presentation at 5:00 p.m.
- April 28 – Green Ridge Club Expo
  - Location: Green Ridge School Cafeteria
  - Time: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. with an awards presentation at 4:30 p.m.
- May 3 – La Monte Club Expo
  - Location: La Monte School Cafeteria
  - Time: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. with an awards presentation at 5:30 p.m.

- May 5 – Sedalia Middle School Club Expo
  - Location: Sedalia Middle School Gym
  - Time: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. with an awards presentation at 5:30 p.m.

Each Club Expo event will be a tradeshow style celebration of the skills the teen Club members learned during their participation in the Club's teen career exploration modules.

Since expanding the after school program to include teens in 2007, the Boys & Girls Club has done so with a unique platform of curriculum. During the school year, the Club has rotated five, six-week after school programs in crime scene investigation, photography, video production, marketing and theatre for sixth- through 12<sup>th</sup>- grade Club members. These programs have been offered to teens in Cole Camp, Green Ridge, La Monte, Leeton, Sedalia and Smithton.

The CSI Module curriculum is based upon giving Club members the opportunity to explore forensics and have fun with science. For past year, teen Club members have learned how to work a crime scene, take fingerprints, dust for fingerprints, draw crime scene sketches, identify blood spatters, photograph a mock crime scene, analyze materials under a microscope, cast shoe prints and tool marks and discover the world of science in a unique and interactive way.

The Photography Module curriculum provides members with the opportunity to learn digital photography techniques. This year Club members have been working on the mastery of light painting, the rule of thirds and basic Photoshop manipulation. This module encourages members to build their photographic skills as they look through the work from a different perspective.

The Video Production Module curriculum focuses on the basics of video production to provide teens with a better appreciation of how films and videos are constructed. This year Club members have learned about developing a storyboard, creating a script, the process for coordinating the video shoot location, video camera operation and the editing process. This module gives members access to cutting-edge technology and the ability to express how they see the world.

The Marketing Module curriculum is targeted at developing the creativity of Club members. This year Club members have been working on a wide variety of projects including a TV commercial, event planning, radio liners and event posters. This module gives Club members a creative outlet for developing critical thinking skills so they can see the big picture of marketing a brand.

The BrickHouse Theater Module curriculum gives members the chance to find their place onstage, backstage and in the spotlight. This year Club members have been learning the fundamentals of acting, improvisation, storytelling, reader's theatre, public speaking, stage combat and even juggling. This is just one more way for Club members to learn new life skills in a fun and exciting environment.

"We have some amazing teens in the Boys & Girls Club programs," said Brett Barth-Fagan, Boys & Girls Club executive director. "Every time I see the examples of the skills our members are learning I am blown away."

This summer, elementary and teen Club members will also have the opportunity to experience some features of the modules during the Boys & Girls Club's "XTREME Summer" program. The Club's summer program will last from June 6 through Aug. 12, with exciting opportunities planned for all youth ages 5

to 18. A parent/member orientation will be held June 2, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Skyline Elementary and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the downtown teen site at 314 S. Washington in Sedalia. Staff will be available to answer questions about the summer program plans.

For more information about the Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri or the upcoming culminating events and summer program, please call 660-826-8331 or toll-free 877-242-9260.

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**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](http://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 22 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](http://www.bgckids.com), check out the Club's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/pages/Boys-Girls-Clubs-of-West-Central-Missouri/190529020627](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Boys-Girls-Clubs-of-West-Central-Missouri/190529020627) or follow the Club on Twitter at [bgckids](https://twitter.com/bgckids).