



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
**OF WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI**  
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**‘POWER UP YOUR SUMMER’ With the Boys & Girls Club!**

SEDALIA, MO. – May 24, 2010- The Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri encourages all youth ages 6 to 18 to “POWER UP” their summer during the Club’s 10-week summer program.

“POWER UP YOUR SUMMER” will run from June 7 through Aug. 13, Monday through Friday and from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. This year’s theme will focus on energizing summer with fun, high voltage activities for youth.

The elementary “POWER UP” program is designed for youth in Kindergarten through fourth grade and is scheduled to meet at Parkview Elementary, located at 1401 S New York Ave. in Sedalia. The teen “POWER UP” program is designed for fifth- through 12<sup>th</sup>-graders and is scheduled to meet at the Club’s drop-in facility at 314 S Washington in Sedalia.

“Summer is a time for fun, energy and excitement,” said Brett Barth-Fagan, executive director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri. “Our high energy approach to programming helps prevent the summer brain drain so that youth are prepared for the next school year.”

With field trips, hands-on activities, lunch and snack included, the elementary “POWER UP” program daily cost is \$10 per child. The teen “POWER UP” program is currently 100 percent grant funded which means there is no cost to attend for the teens. Applications are currently available at the Club’s new administrative office at 3100 Aaron Ave in Sedalia, or on the Club’s Web site- [www.bgckids.com](http://www.bgckids.com). A \$10 membership fee may apply for all enrollees.

For in-depth information about the summer program, plan to attend the Boys & Girls Club Summer Program Parent/Member Orientation on June 3, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Parkview Elementary. Staff will be available to answer questions after the short presentation on the summer program plans.

For more info on the Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri or the upcoming summer program, please call 660.826.8331 or find information online at [www.bgckids.com](http://www.bgckids.com).

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### **About the Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri**

*Realizing Potential: Our Children, Our Community, Our Future*

Starting in June 2010, the Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri ([www.bgckids.com](http://www.bgckids.com)) will be celebrating 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 2,220 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).