

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Redlands-Riverside celebrate club's week

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This week, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Redlands-Riverside join more than 4,100 Boys & Girls Clubs across the country and Boys & Girls Clubs of America-affiliated youth centers on U.S. military installations in celebrating National Boys & Girls Club Week.

The week highlights the impact Boys & Girls Clubs have on the lives of 4 million young people each year.

This year's theme — "Open the Door. Take the Tour" — encourages families, friends and supporters of club members and people in the community to experience the clubs firsthand.

Tours are available 4 to 6 p.m. today through Thursday and can be scheduled by calling the Boys & Girls Clubs' administrative offices at 888-822-6535.

"Our youth are the heart of the community and it's our responsibility to provide a place that will positively influence and guide them during critical out-of-school hours," said P.T. McEwen, chief executive officer of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Redlands-Riverside.

"Boys & Girls Club Week is a great time for people to see how we impact the lives of young people through programs aimed to promote academic success, a healthy lifestyle and good character and citizenship," McEwen said.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Redlands-Riverside will celebrate Boys & Girls Club Week with an all-club event at 3:30 p.m. Friday at the Bryn Mawr site in Loma Linda. Members from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Redlands-Riverside locations will participate in contests and games, enter raffles for gift cards, get their faces painted and view presentations connected to Women's History Month and Reader's Theater.

During the weeklong celebration, people can take a virtual tour at bgca.org and enter to win a \$250 Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores gift card.

Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft stores in the Inland Empire are also supporting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Redlands-Riverside with a donation program.

Through April 4, customers at participating Jo-Ann stores can make a donation at checkout to the Boys & Girls Clubs. Participating stores are at 1625 W. Lugonia Ave., Redlands; 3635 Riverside Plaza Drive, Suite 240, Riverside; and 2620 Canyon Springs Parkway, Riverside.

Jo-Ann is also sponsoring “100 Ways to Celebrate Boys & Girls Club Week,” an interactive webpage.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Redlands-Riverside has been serving the Inland Empire since 1967 in Loma Linda, Mentone, Moreno Valley, Redlands, Riverside and San Bernardino. The clubs serve more than 2,800 youth daily in after-school programs and offer winter and summer camps for members.

For more information, visit begreatie.org

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