

Festivities, fun, food on tap Saturday for annual 'Day for Kids' at Boys & Girls Club Redlands

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Day for Kids at the Hansberger Clubhouse in Redlands will offer food, fun and games for all children in the community.



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Youngsters will be the spotlight at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Redlands-Riverside's annual "Day for Kids" celebration Sept. 17. The event offers a day of play, music and food and is free to families.

A celebration for children and youth is planned Saturday in Redlands and everyone is invited!

The Boys & Girls and Clubs of Greater Redlands-Riverside is throwing a party from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for all children and families in the community as part of 'Day for Kids.' The free block party-style celebration will be held outside of the Hansberger Clubhouse, 1251 Clay Street.

Day for Kids is a national initiative through the Boys & Girls clubs of America that invites adults and kids alike to take one day to celebrate what it means to be a kid.

For more than a decade, the event is has been held annually in September across the country.

The Hansberger Clubhouse plans to celebrate with an array of hands-on activities including water games, a gaming truck, jumpers, rockwall climbing, crafts provided by Home Depot, opportunities for child I.D. kits, music, and food

from Panda Express. In addition to Day for Kids, the clubhouse is also kicking off it's own celebration — its 50th anniversary.

Youth who attend Day for Kids will receive a limited-edition 50th anniversary coloring book and a flier for the Club's Sept. 25 fundraiser at Chipotle at Mountain Grove shopping center in Redlands, organizers said.

"Day for Kids is an opportunity for everyone in the community to celebrate our youth and help start our 50th year in a big way," said Club vice president Mark Davis, in a news release.

This year's event will also offer several resources for parents and free vision screenings for children. The vision screenings will be provided by Sight for Students, a program through Vision Service Plan that serves low-income, uninsured children. If glasses are recommended, a voucher to purchase eyeglasses will be provided by the organization. Registration is required for screenings and open to children ages 5-18. For registration, call 888-822-6535.



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Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Redlands-Riverside's CEO P.T. McEwen joined in on the fun during last year's "Day for Kids" celebration. This year's event is planned for Sept. 17.