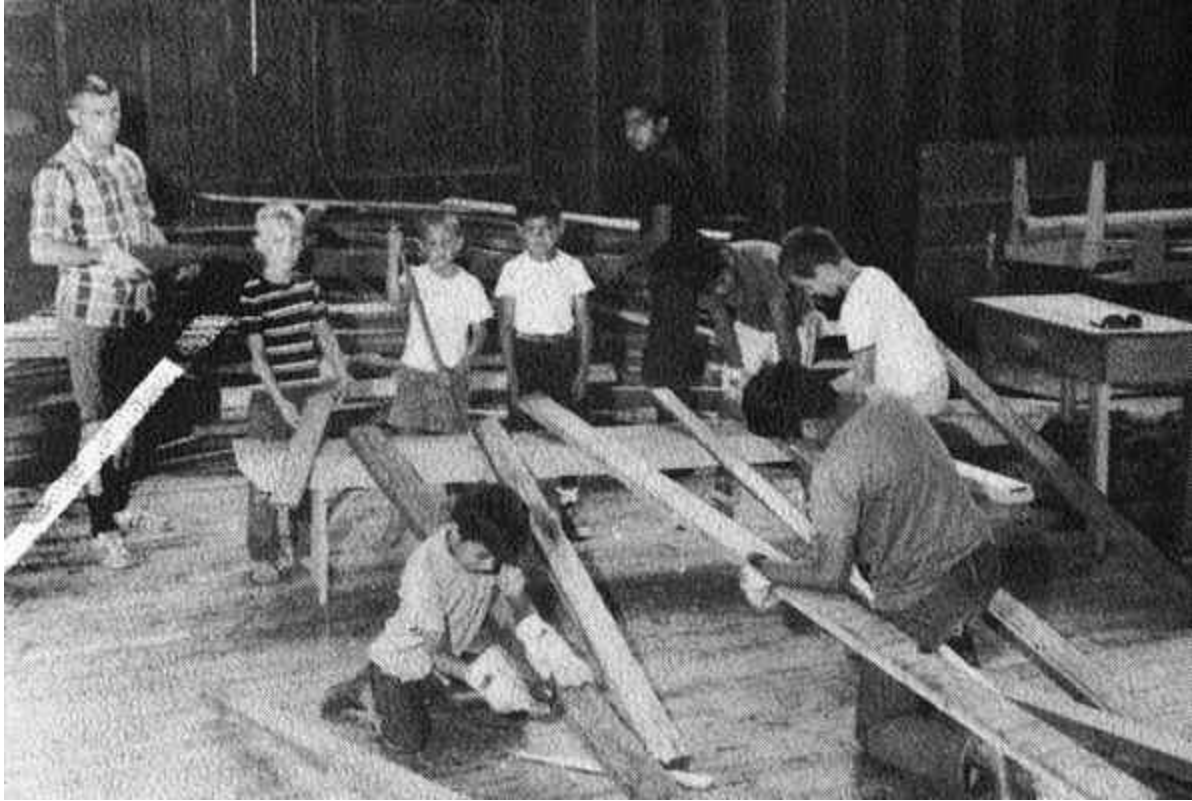


How you can celebrate the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Redlands-Riverside



Boys help celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Boys' Club of Redlands, now Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Redlands-Riverside, in 1982. (Photo courtesy of Jim Bice)

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Boys help renovate the packinghouse at 1125 N. Sixth St. that became the first home of the Boys' Club of Redlands, now Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Redlands-Riverside, in 1967. (Photo from the Redlands Daily Facts)

Redlands Daily Facts

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Redlands-Riverside will celebrate its 50th anniversary at 7 p.m. May 6 on the University of Redlands quad.

The event will highlight the organization's history and its impact on the community.

Local youth and former members, staff members and board members will talk about how the club changed their lives. The evening will end with fireworks over the quad.

The event is open to the public. Tickets are \$90 and include appetizers, dinner and drinks.

There will also be a raffle for two tickets to "La La Land in Concert" at the Hollywood Bowl. Raffle tickets are one for \$5, three for \$20, eight for \$20 and 22 for \$50. The raffle will benefit the club's scholarship fund.

For information, call the club at 909-798-4599, or go to www.BeGreatIE.org.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Redlands-Riverside began as the Boys' Club of Redlands in 1967, and its first location was an old packinghouse on Sixth Street.

It moved several times over the decades and was in danger of closing a few times. The community rallied and raised money each time and found ways for club programs to continue.

Club members even got involved in fundraising, at one time operating a newspaper recycling enterprise and screenprinting business.

The organization's first permanent clubhouse opened on Clay Street about 10 year ago after a multimillion-dollar capital campaign.

Today, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Redlands-Riverside has service locations in Redlands, Mentone, Loma Linda, Alta Loma, Corona, Moreno Valley, Rancho Cucamonga, Rialto, Riverside, San Bernardino and Victorville and serves more than 3,000 youth a day in after-school programs.

Source: Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Redlands-Riverside