

BE GREAT



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE UPSTATE

August 2011



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SUMMER CLUBS ARE AN ADVENTURE IN LEARNING

Ten Boys & Girls Club of the Upstate summer programs kept over 700 children a day safe and engaged in fun learning all summer. Members participated in fun, hands on academic enrichment with teachers, Club staff and volunteers. A significant component of our summer enrichment are field studies where members engage in science and social studies lessons first hand.

In partnership with the **SC Department of Education 21st Century Community Learning Centers**, our summer was filled with exciting field studies. Our Spartanburg District 7 Summer Club enjoyed a Tour de Carolina which included: The Cradle of Forestry; Biltmore House and Grovewood Galleries; Lake Lure & Chimney Rock; Spartanburg's own Chapman Cultural Center and Historical Association sites; Kings' Mountain; and a 3 day trip to Charleston, Orangeburg and Fort Jackson. We canoed on the swamp at Cypress Gardens, performed science experiments aboard the USS Yorktown, and took a cruise to Fort Sumter. We went fishing at the National Fish Hatchery in Orangeburg, and had a blast visiting our Boys & Girls Club at Fort Jackson where we joined them in celebrating the base's birthday by rock climbing, dancing and a visit to their water park. Other summer field trips included Discovery Place, Children's Museum of the Upstate and the SC State Museum.

A great big THANK YOU to: our amazingly talented and hard-working Boys & Girls Club staff who put in long hours this summer to provide great experiences for our members; to our great partners at Mount Moriah Baptist Church, Spartanburg Districts One, Three, Six, and Seven and Cherokee County Schools for providing space, academic enrichment and many other resources; and to all of our other wonderful community partners.

In its first year our family plus (parents leading, uniting, serving) initiative generated over **7,000 hours of parent involvement in Clubs and host schools and \$21,000 towards sustaining Club operations.** Family Plus helped us increase our total annual volunteer hours tenfold and doubled parents' financial contributions to Clubs.

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BE GENEROUS. BE GREAT.

Our 2011 Great Kids campaign kicks off Thursday, September 1st at Carver Middle School and will wrap up with a celebration on September 27th at Morningside Baptist Church. The Great Kids Campaign helps us fund operations at 11 Boys & Girls Clubs. **Please help us help all kids BE GREAT** and contact Heidi at heidi@bgcusc.org 583-4867 ext. 115 to volunteer for or donate to the campaign!

SHOP THIS WEEKEND TO SUPPORT OUR CLUBS!



Old Navy of Spartanburg is donating 5% of its profits this Saturday and Sunday August 6th and 7th to Boys & Girls Clubs of the Upstate. Don't miss the chance to shop for a great cause at a great store this weekend. **Thanks Old Navy for helping us help kids BE GREAT!**



This Saturday August 6th Costco of Spartanburg is hosting a *Stuff the Bus* for Boys & Girls Clubs to provide kids in need with school supplies. Costco has already donated 250 book bags for our members. **Thanks to Costco, over 1,000 kids will be sure to have what they need to BE GREAT in school this year!**

