



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE UPSTATE

BE GREAT

August 2010

BE ADVENTUROUS.



Sixty-five members along with twenty-eight parents, staff and volunteers from our Park Hills Elementary Boys & Girls Club completed a five day journey to historical Virginia and Washington D.C. earlier this month. The trip was the culmination of *The Magical History Tour* Summer Program at our Park Hills Club which was funded by a grant from the **SC Department of Education 21st Century Community Learning Centers**.



Throughout the six-week summer program, members were engaged in fun, hands-on learning experiences with Park Hills teachers, Boys & Girls Clubs staff and a variety of community partners, including Spartanburg's Historical Association, Science Center, Little Theatre, and Ballet Spartanburg. Before departing for D.C. and Virginia, Club members performed an end of summer showcase for parents and the community which highlighted what they learned throughout the summer.

Highlights of the big trip included: The Capitol, The Supreme Court, The Smithsonian Museums of US and Natural History, Mt. Vernon,

and Colonial Williamsburg. The trip was designed to link local history our Club members studied throughout the summer to our national history. Members earned the trip by meeting attendance and behavior goals throughout the summer, and parents earned the trip by fulfilling a family contract with the Club.

In addition to having a summer full of fun learning experiences, **our Park Hills members exceeded their academic objective for the summer: on average, members gained 47 points from pre to post tests in Math and ELA.**

BE ENGAGED.

BE INSPIRED.

Our Park Hills members weren't the only ones who had a summer filled with educational adventures. Boys & Girls Clubs of the Upstate operated six all day summer programs at Arcadia, Chesnee and Fairforest Elementary Schools, Carver Junior High, our Pecan St. Club in Cherokee County and Mt. Moriah Baptist Church. Programs ranged from 6-8 weeks in duration and served a total of 630 upstate children and youth.



In addition to academic sessions with teachers in Math and ELA, members participated in a variety of enrichment programs including filmmaking, art, dance and educational field studies.



Pictured right and below, members from our Arcadia and Fairforest Clubs visit an exhibit of African Masks at the Spartanburg Art Museum, model the masks they created in their Club art class, explore snakes at the Spartanburg Science Center, and visit the Children's Museum of the Upstate.



BE GENEROUS. BE FUN.



HELP US HELP ALL KIDS BE GREAT!

Please join us for our GREAT Kids Campaign Kick Off this Thursday, August 26th at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall at Morningside Baptist Church and bring along friends you would like to educate about Boys & Girls Clubs. Come enjoy a video Club tour created by our young filmmakers, the WBGC News Team.

adidas Group's Spartanburg Distribution Center has adopted our Boys & Girls Clubs. Our Club members have enjoyed shadowing adidas employees and the nicely stocked bookbags which they donated. We are very thankful for adidas Group's visionary leadership and involvement with our programs! Pictured above, members from our Fairforest Club thank adidas for our partnership.

The campaign runs through October 12th and the goal for 2010 is \$175,000. We will only meet our goal with your support. Help us help ALL kids BE GREAT! **Thank you to our campaign steering committee: Rev. Benjamin Snoddy, BGC Board Chair Tom Eller, BGC Board Secretary JoDee Dailey, and Mr. Clay Keim.**



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