



HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY FROM BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE UPSTATE!

PARK HILLS BOYS & GIRLS CLUB KICKS OFF MAGICAL HISTORY TOUR WITH TRIP TO VA AND D.C.

Park Hills Boys & Girls Club kicked off their summer program with a field trip to Virginia and Washington D.C. June 8th-12th. Sixty 4th & 5th grade Club members, 23 parents, and 10 Club staff explored the birth of our great nation in a five day tour which launched the summer program's *Magical History Tour*. The itinerary included: The University of Virginia, Jefferson's Monticello, Mt. Vernon, The Smithsonian Museum of Natural History, and Colonial Williamsburg. Members created travel diaries with photography, drawing and journal assignments along the road.

The *Magical History Tour* is utilizing field trips and community partnerships to enrich social studies and science learning for summer Club members. Debbie Waldron, Park Hills Principal, said that the plan to connect the trip to summer school learning is working. As they study colonial and revolutionary history, the children who went on the field trip are much quicker to understand the material because they have visited these historical sites. The *Magical History Tour* is funded by **21st Century Community Learning Centers** through the SC Department of Education.



CHEROKEE CO. BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS WIN 2009 UNITED WAY PROGRAM EXCELLENCE AWARD



Boys & Girls Clubs of the Upstate has been awarded The United Way of the Piedmont's 2009 Program Excellence Award for Cherokee County. Congratulations to **Vance Hammond**, our Area Director for Cherokee County and his hard-working staff and club members!

In 2006 we merged into our organization a much older Cherokee County Boys & Girls Clubs. At the time, United Way funding for the Cherokee County Club had been cut off. We are pleased to announce more evidence of this successful merger. Of all the United Way funded programs in Cherokee County, the Boys & Girls Club received the top program ranking and a full restoration of pre-merger United Way funding. We appreciate **United Way of the Piedmont** and all they do to help fund programs that work for our community. Left, Cherokee County Area Director Vance Hammond and club members display their award.

PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS SPONSOR OLYMPICS DAY AT CARVER BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

PricewaterhouseCoopers sponsored Olympics Day at our Carver Boys & Girls Club on June 30th. Club members carried the torch in the opening ceremony for the event and sported olympic wreaths which they created. Ten volunteers from PricewaterhouseCoopers came out to help with this fun filled day of competitions including the sponge relay and three legged race. At the end of the day, Club members and volunteers celebrated with a cookout. Thanks to **Ryan Johnson**, his team from PricewaterhouseCoopers, and our Club Directors **Valerie Scott-Foster** and **Tamika Oden** for making this exciting event possible for our members.



Our summer program at Carver this year is serving over 100 1st -6th grade students from Mary H. Wright and Cleveland Elementary Schools.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS LAUNCH CLAYTECH PROGRAM THIS SUMMER



Boys & Girls Clubs of the Upstate has added Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Claytech Program to its existing line-up of arts and technology programs this summer. Claytech is a fun, hands-on introduction to clay animation, and exposes members to a variety of careers. Over the course of eight missions, members work in groups to create storyboards, build characters and sets, and film and edit their own movies. The program is being facilitated by Club staff Seth Guest. You can check our members' claymation films during our **summer film festival at The Showroom on July 28th at 3pm**. The Showroom is located at 149 S. Daniel Morgan Ave. in Spartanburg.

BE INVOLVED

Volunteer opportunities are available to help out our kids at the Club or in our administrative office.

BE INFLUENTIAL

Join our movement to help all kids BE GREAT. Make an online donation today at www.upstateclubs.org.

BE INSPIRING

Share a talent with a kid. We need volunteers to teach art and music and facilitate sports programs.

Please include **Boys & Girls Clubs of the Upstate** in your estate plan

