



## **Congratulations Chavis Jones, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Upstate's 2009 Youth of the Year!**

Chavis Jones, a senior at Spartanburg High School, has been named Boys & Girls Clubs of the Upstate's 2009 Youth of the Year. Chavis has been a member of Boys & Girls Clubs since his fifth grade year at Park Hills Elementary. He currently serves as Boys & Girls Clubs' Viking Keystone Club Vice President at Spartanburg High School and is an active leader at Spartan High where he serves as Student Body Treasurer, Key Club President, and JROTC chaplain. Chavis attributes his successes in large part to his experiences at his Boys & Girls Clubs: "The Club was my outlet to showcase my talents in a setting where I was allowed to be more creative. I came out of my shell. Power Hour, the studying time provided at the Club, supported a better work ethic for me." Chavis will represent Boys & Girls Clubs of the Upstate at the Statewide Youth of the Year Competition in Columbia March 26th -27th. Best of luck Chavis. We are so proud of you!



## **Cleveland and Park Hills Elementary Boys & Girls Clubs to Play Baseball at Wofford College on March 9th**



The Cleveland Boys & Girls Club will play Park Hills Boys & Girls Club on Monday, March 9th at Wofford's Russel C. King Field at 4:00 p.m. We thank vounteers **Lenny Mathis and Mark Line of Wofford College and Mike Cunningham of Proaxis** for coaching learning leagues at these Clubs. Please come out, enjoy the game, and cheer for our vounteers and Club members! Left, Daron Mullins, 6th grader at our Park Hills Club, plays 3rd base.

## **Over 100 Boys & Girls Clubs Members See the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus**

Over 100 Boys & Girls Clubs members saw The Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus at the Bi-Lo Center on February 4th. Members from Carver Jr. high, pictured right, enjoyed photographing the performance as part of thier Boys & Girls Club photography class. Thank you to **Mr. Fred Dent** for sponsoring this field trip for our Club members. A great time was had by all.



## **Club Members Participate in Kids in the Woods Program at the Glendale Outdoor Leadership School**



Members of the Chesnee and Mary H. Wright Elementary Boys & Girls Clubs are participating in the Kids in the Woods program at the Glendale Outdoor Leadership School. The mission of the Kids in the Woods Program is to help children discover how to play and interact safely in the outdoors. This includes a multi-faceted approach of environmental science, Leave No Trace practices, and adventure education. The program meets for an hour and a half for six consecutive weeks. Left, first grade members from Mary H. Wright Elementary practice their climbing skills and 5th and 6th grade members from Cleveland Elementary learn about photographing nature as they hike along the trails at the Outdoor School. Thanks to all the folks out at the Glendale Outdoor Leadership School for making this exciting program available for our members.

## **Boys & Girls Clubs of the Upstate's Documentary Film Festival at The Showroom**

On February 17th, Boys & Girls Club members joined members of the community to watch the documentaries they created in their Club film class. In this year's film projects, members explored the relationship between nature and community. Thanks to Hub-Bub for hosting our film festival and to all of the community members who were interviewed for the documentaries. Right, Keyasia Wade sports her Hollywood shades in front of the big screen.



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

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### **BE INSPIRING**

**Share a talent with a kid. We need volunteers to help out with homework, teach art and music and facilitate sports programs.**

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

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