



## City of Merced Parks & Community Services- Youth Center Activity Report

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<b>Cost or Required In-kind for Participation</b> (Indicate- daily, weekly, monthly, or annually)	
After School Membership	Special Camps
\$20 Annually	\$75 Weekly

<b>Duration Program/Center was Open this Period</b>		
Days Open for Programming	Hours Per Day	Total Hours
35	4 Hours	140 Hours
Special Events/ Camp Hours	180 Camp hours	
Total Hours Open for Service in the Reporting Period	320 Hours	

<b>Participants Served Afterschool (unduplicated)</b>	
At the Youth Center	100 Merced
Outside of Youth Center but in City of Merced (List Location(s) served)	
<b>Participants Served through Special Events/Camps</b>	
At the Youth Center	1
Outside of Youth Center	
<b>Total Number of Service Contacts</b>	
Number of youth x times they were served	

<b>Demographic Information of Youth Served Afterschool (number of youth in each category if available)</b>						
Ages	Preschool age (0-5)		School Age (6-17)		Young Adults (18-24)	
	8		92			
Ethnicity	African American	Asian	Hispanic	White	Mixed	Other/ Unknown
	20	3	39	10	13	15
Zip Code of Participants	95340	95341	95344	95348	Other/ Unknown	
	8	67		2		

<b>Staff Structure to Support Program</b>	
Employed Staff	15 employed staff
Interns	3 Interns
Volunteers	3 Volunteers

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A succes story from one of our program participants is a member by the name of Anthony Lee. Anthony Lee is a 13 year old boy. When he first came to us he was unable to read or write. He had difficulty reading lower level novels and struggled to spell. We have a Literacy Program offered here at The Boys and Girls Club, in which he has been apart of from the very beginning. He attends this literacy program every single day Monday-Friday for 20 minutes. He now can read more confident and can spell words that he wasn't able to. It is such a turn in his deminar and how he presents himself. We are very proud of his progress and how far he has come.

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A barrier that we have faced is the loss of key staff and volunteers. When our Summer program came to an end July 28th, we lost two key staff that were returning back to college. These staff were wonderful with our kids. They were a great addition to our team and we were sad to lose them. However wished them the best in school and the years to come. At the end of summer, we also lost 3 of our wonderful volunteers that were a tremendous help in our literacy program.

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<b>Cost or Required In-kind for Participation</b> (Indicate- daily, weekly, monthly, or annually)	
After School Membership	Special Camps
\$20.00 Yearly	\$75 a wk or Free with contracts from Weaver and MSCD

<b>Duration Program/Center was Open this Period</b>		
Days Open for Programming	Hours Per Day	Total Hours
60	4hr-10.5hr	
Special Events/ Camp Hours	7:30am-5:30pm Winter Camp 7:30-6pm Intersession Camp 7:30pm-5:30 Fall Camp	
Total Hours Open for Service in the Reporting Period	180 Camp Hours 176 Reg ASP Total Hours 356	

<b>Participants Served Afterschool (unduplicated)</b>	
At the Youth Center	251
Outside of Youth Center but in City of Merced (List Location(s) served)	N/A
<b>Participants Served through Special Events/Camps</b>	
At the Youth Center	220
Outside of Youth Center	N/A
<b>Total Number of Service Contacts</b>	
Number of youth x times they were served	

<b>Demographic Information of Youth Served Afterschool (number of youth in each category if available)</b>						
Ages	Preschool age (0-5)		School Age (6-17)		Young Adults (18-24)	
	66		190		N/A	
Ethnicity	African American	Asian	Hispanic	White	Mixed	Other/ Unknown
	55	13	54	51	46	63
Zip Code of Participants	95340	95341	95344	95348	Other/ Unknown	
	57	123	N/A	38	245	

<b>Staff Structure to Support Program</b>	
Employed Staff	17
Interns	4
Volunteers	7

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1. A great success story was when three of our students who participate in Culinary program entered their dessert at the Merced County Nut Festival. They made banana nut bread and won second place at the event.

2. We brought in Break Dancing as a specialty program during the month of December. We had 20 students participate and they learned so many different techniques to perform. We are hoping that we can have this specialty program throughout the year and possibly a Dance competition this Summer with all our students.

3. Another great story is our members had the opportunity to take pool lessons. We have two pool tables that members were not able to use because we wanted to make sure that they knew how play. Some of our members are naturals at it and we look forward to planning a tournament.

4. We had our first cohort of "Character Counts" with Rev. Ramsey. this cohorts mission is "we choose love over violence".

5. We were blessed to receive a donation from Merced County Realtors Association. They continue to be a huge support to our club and it's people like this in our community that make a huge difference.

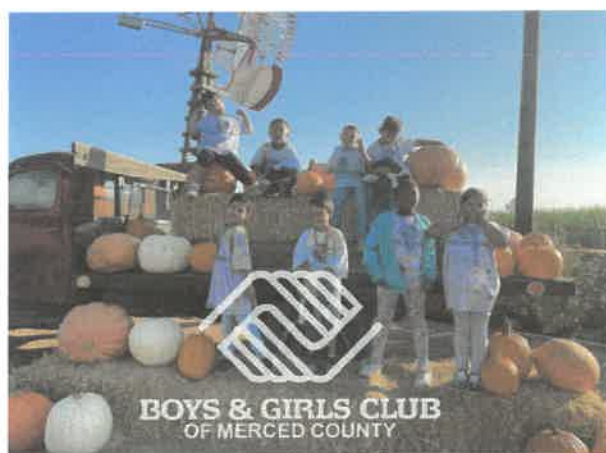
6. Trunk or Treat was a huge success we seen over 2,000 community members and provided a safe place for families to enjoy Halloween.

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One of the barriers we experienced were seasoned staff resigning from the Boys and Girls Club to pursue higher education. We have had to restructure, hire and provide training to new staff. That has been hard for us as a team to say our good byes and welcoming new staff.

Transportation has always been and continue to be a barrier. A bus would be ideal for the club, as we could pickup and drop off members as needed.

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After School Membership	Special Camps
\$20 Annually	\$75/WK or Scholarship

<b>Duration Program/Center was Open this Period</b>		
Days Open for Programming	Hours Per Day	Total Hours
58	4	232
Special Events/ Camp Hours		80
Total Hours Open for Service in the Reporting Period		312

<b>Participants Served Afterschool (unduplicated)</b>	
At the Youth Center	293
Outside of Youth Center but in City of Merced (List Location(s) served)	0
<b>Participants Served through Special Events/Camps</b>	
At the Youth Center	278
Outside of Youth Center	252
<b>Total Number of Service Contacts</b>	
Number of youth x times they were served	530

<b>Demographic Information of Youth Served Afterschool (number of youth in each category if available)</b>						
Ages	Preschool age (0-5)		School Age (6-17)		Young Adults (18-24)	
	16		277		0	
Ethnicity	African American	Asian	Hispanic	White	Mixed	Other/ Unknown
	51	13	109	43	36	41
Zip Code of Participants	95340	95341	95344	95348	Other/ Unknown	
	55	91	0	36	111	

<b>Staff Structure to Support Program</b>	
Employed Staff	Merced=24/All others=32
Interns	
Volunteers	28

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Having the mayor visit the Boys and Girls Club of Merced County to read to the students and then engage in a game of pool with them was truly a memorable and special moment. It's a testament to the strong community support and partnership that the club fosters, as well as the commitment of local leaders to invest in the well-being and development of our youth.

The mayor's presence not only brought excitement and joy to the children but also reinforced the importance of education, literacy, and positive recreational activities in our community. By taking the time to interact with the students in such a meaningful way, the mayor showed that they are valued and supported by their city's leadership.

Moreover, the experience of playing pool together created a unique opportunity for connection and camaraderie between the mayor and the students. It fostered a sense of inclusivity and belonging, highlighting that regardless of one's background or position, everyone can come together to share in the simple joys of play and fellowship.

Overall, the mayor's visit exemplified the spirit of collaboration and community engagement that defines the Boys and Girls Club of Merced County. It left a lasting impression on both the children and the broader community, inspiring a sense of pride and unity as we work together to build a brighter future for our youth.

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As the attendance of children at the Boys and Girls Club of Merced County increases, it's natural to encounter new challenges, particularly regarding issues and employment. Here's how we might address these:

**Staffing Challenges:** With more children attending, there may be a need for additional staff to maintain proper supervision and provide quality programming. To address this, the club could focus on recruitment efforts, seeking out dedicated individuals who are passionate about working with youth. This might involve reaching out to local colleges, universities, and community organizations to attract qualified candidates.

**Training and Development:** As the staff grows, it's essential to ensure that all employees receive adequate training and professional development opportunities. This might include workshops on child development, behavior management techniques, and program implementation. By investing in staff training, the club can maintain high-quality standards of care and programming for its increasing number of attendees.

**Behavioral Issues:** With more children in attendance, there may be an increase in behavioral issues that staff need to address. The club could implement proactive measures to promote positive behavior, such as implementing clear rules and expectations, offering incentives for good behavior, and providing support and guidance to children who may be struggling.

By proactively addressing these barriers, the Boys and Girls Club of Merced County can continue to fulfill its mission of providing a safe, supportive, and enriching environment for children and teenagers in the community, regardless of the challenges that may arise.



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