NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY

The Club partnered with the Bangor Public Library and hosted the first annual, "Night at the Library" which was a fundraiser for both the Club and the Library.

Attendees enjoyed dinner and special activities, including; an animal show presented by the Discovery Museum, mini golf, ring toss, karaoke, crafts and more. Participants then set up their sleeping bags throughout the stacks. Breakfast was served the next morning, complimentary of Chick-Fil-A.

The Boys & Girls Club staff volunteered their time to help run activities throughout the night along with several other volunteers including: Suchari & David Rutledge, Tiffani Lindsey, Morgan Sickles, Brittney Toner, Angie Norwood and several members of the Bangor Key Clubs and more. Thank you to everyone who helped!

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Members of North Star Lodge #22 in Bangor provided several HUGE Thanksgiving baskets to our families over Thanksgiving break. The Brothers who belong to this organization are constantly helping our community in more ways than one. Not only do they volunteer, but they help raise money for different charitable organizations, and they donate food and household supplies to families in need. These gentlemen and their families have helped the Club in very impactful ways over the last couple of years and we are very grateful for each and every one of them!
The Club partners with Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Mid-Maine every year. Our Club members are matched with "Bigs" from Husson University. Matches generally work on homework together, do arts & crafts activities, play board games and chat about life.

If you’re interested in getting your child on the waiting list to become a "little," call Hannah at 992-0739.

Reading Tips (for parents):
- Set a routine
- Read at home
- Make a special reading spot
- Bring books everywhere you go
- Set a good example; be caught in the act!

Blake is in his second year at Husson University, studying business with the goal of becoming an entrepreneur. He plays on the golf team, enjoys skiing, hanging out with friends and family, and fun fact: he can juggle!

His goal is to inspire youth and be someone they can go to for advice and a listening ear. Blake works mostly in the gym during Triple Play.
FAMILIES FORWARD FEATURE:

Families Forward is a two generation program at Bangor Housing, designed to help put families on the path to a better future. Families Forward participants work one on one with a coach who will help support them as they work towards their goals, and connect them with services and partners who can help them achieve these goals. Each participant is expected to meet with their Families Forward Coach at least once a month so that they can help identify needs, set goals, and track the families progress.

To learn more about this wonderful program, call Bangor Housing at 942-6365 and ask to speak to someone on the Families Forward Team!

CHALLENGER LEARNING CENTER: PAPER ROCKETS

We were invited to the Challenger Learning Center again in November to participate in a paper rocket unit. Members learned about rocket engineering, made their own paper rockets, and then tested their prototypes! At the end of the day, they got to go through the space station simulation.

“When students arrive at the Challenger Learning Center, a short briefing is held in which they will review their mission objectives. The group is then divided in two with one half taking their work stations in Mission Control and the other half “launching” to the Space Lab to work as astronauts. Each member is assigned to one of the teams that comprise the crew, such as: Medical, Life Support, Robotic, HazMat, Aeronautical Engineering, Navigation, and Communication. Halfway through the mission, the students exchange places so everyone has an opportunity to experience both Mission Control and the Space Lab.”

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

We would like to recognize the following community members, organizations, and businesses for the contributions they made. THANK YOU!

DEB RISINGER: BOOKS
MELISSA RHODES: GAMES FOR TEENS
KAREY HATCH: SETS OF LEGOS
WARREN CARUSO & FAMILY: CLOTHES, HATS, COMIC BOOKS, CLUBHOUSE SUPPLIES AND MORE!
What do you like to do for fun?
"I like to draw. I draw realistic drawings and cartoons."

If you could be any animal, what would you be and why?
"A dog - because they are a person's best friend."

What is your favorite Thanksgiving food?
Mashed potatoes with a lot of gravy.

What is your favorite thing about the Boys & Girls Club?
"I like the gym games the best and I really like knock-out."

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