



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
OF LAKE COUNTY

# Great Futures Start **Here.**

Spring 2014

## Our Mission

"To inspire all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens."

## Coming Up...

The Club's 8 - week Summer Program is just around the corner! Enrollment is now open for everyone!

For details see Club membership clerk or visit [bgclc.com](http://bgclc.com).

## About Genesee Club

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724 S. Genesee St.  
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**After School Hours**  
2:30 pm - 6:30 pm  
Monday thru Friday

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT GENESEE CLUB?



**Club Garden!**



**Payless Shoes Giveaway!**



**Cooking Matters!**

## PASSPORT TO MANHOOD LOCK-IN

On March 14th, 50+ young men ages 8-18 partook in a celebration promoting positive values and responsible behavior. For 8 weeks, three Club sites ran a program called Passport to Manhood. Passport teaches young men about responsibility, good character, responding to authority, developing leadership, working through conflict, self-esteem, relationships, sexuality and future careers. Large and small group activities, mentorship, and positive male role models are at the core of the program, which allows young men to talk about things with people their own age and responsible adult influences as they navigate through life's challenges. While at the event, the young men did team building activities, small group discussions, built model cars, participated in basketball and video game championships, had dinner and enjoyed a larger than life ice cream bar. Additionally, over 40 haircuts were given thanks to a professional barber from the community! The young men left well fed, affirmed and with new found friendships. At a critical and transitional time in their adolescence, Passport encourages them to adopt the character and virtue that will give them a positive head start in their journey to manhood.



## LAKE FOREST HIGH SCHOOL CHEER CLINIC

On January 24th, 15 girls from the Club were given the opportunity to participate in a Poms Clinic at Lake Forest High School, and as one Club member expressed, "it was the best night of my life!!" The event, coordinated by the Lake Forest High School Dance Team, included instructions and drills for a choreographed dance routine, face painting, t-shirts, hair bows and a pizza dinner complete with desert! The highlight of the night was when Club members performed at half time during the school's basketball game. A going away gift included special trinkets that the girls ooh'd and aah'd over all the way home. They were exhausted but pumped full of tired energy that included much shrieking and giggling!



## SMART GIRLS LOCK-IN



On March 7th, the 8-18 year old girls attended a lock-in party at the Genesee site to celebrate the culmination of SMART girls programming. The purpose of the event was to spend time celebrating being girls! The SMART girls program focuses on making better choices pertaining to body image, relationships, social media, and education. The fun filled evening gave girls new ways to take care of their bodies and their souls. At the event the girls had facials, painted nails, and did their hair. They also ate a dinner of Jimmy Johns and participated in a yogurt bar and chocolate fountain. The night was a huge success with every girl leaving with a confident smile!

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - JAIME ROMO

Jaime Romo was selected to attend the Club's annual benefit at the Cuneo Museum in Vernon Hills. Jaime attended the benefit as a speaker, greeter, and auctioneer. Jaime spent most of the night meeting guests of the benefit and speaking on how the Club has benefitted him. Jaime's mother and father joined him at the benefit. Mrs. Romo spoke to guests about her involvement in a Club as a child growing up in the city. She also spoke of the benefits she receives with Jaime being enrolled in the Club today. Jaime and his family were an important addition to the night, helping donors understand the Club's importance.

