



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THURSTON COUNTY

E-NEWSLETTER

Fall 2024

"To inspire and enable all youth to realize their greatness."

BACK² SCHOOL

Our school year is off to a great start! With the opening of our new location at L.P. Brown Elementary, we now have nine Clubs operating across Thurston County. Each Club offers programs that focus on three outcome areas: **Academic Success, Good Character & Leadership**, and **Healthy Lifestyles**. If your child needs homework help, loves to draw, or just wants to be in a safe and fun place after school, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Thurston County can provide that space. We continually look for role models in our community who share our passion for youth development. Is that you? If so, complete the online volunteer application here: <https://tinyurl.com/2uzdvh26>

We are excited to serve our members for the 2024-2025 school year!



BORN ^{to be} WILD

Our Born to be Wild Dinner & Auction was a huge success, raising \$450,000 to support Club youth across Thurston County! Thanks to all our sponsors, attendees, board of directors, and staff for making the night so impactful. A special thank you to Leslie Van Leishout and Danielle Rants. Your amazing words about our Club programs touched the hearts of our audience!

If you were unable to attend the event and would like to donate, please visit www.bgctc.org or scan the QR code on page two.



Learn more about our Clubs, programs, events, and volunteer opportunities at www.bgctc.org

Project Prom Homecoming Shop

October 5, 2024

10am-5pm

Lacey Boys & Girls Club

1105 Tracey Lane SE

Lacey, WA 98503

**Enter via the right side gated area; the shop is in the portable*



Project Prom offers free formal attire to all high school students in Thurston County. We are currently gathering new and gently used formal wear, which includes:

- Dresses
- Suits/Tuxedos
- Shirts, Pants, and Ties
- Men's and Women's Dress Shoes

For more information, contact Emily Sharwark at esharwark@bgctc.org

Summer

WRAP UP

**Now that summer has come to an end,
we look back at some of the highlights:**

- Clubs in Lacey, Tumwater, Yelm, Olympia, and Rochester provided summer programming.
- On average, 295 members were served each day, an increase of 15% from Summer 2023!
- All K-5th graders were able to attend field trips free of charge with support from donors!
- Teen members participated in the annual Summer College tour, visiting the campuses of South Puget Sound Community College, The Evergreen State College, Whatcom Community College, and Western Washington University.



K-5th graders at Point Defiance Zoo



Teens on the Summer College Tour

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