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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
OF PHARR

# A HEROIC SUMMER ADVENTURE

MAY-AUGUST 2019



Summer 2019 was one to remember at the Boys & Girls Club of Pharr. Fun was had, memories were created, and the super heroes in all of us were released! Everyday was different for the 1,000 members who attended, but the goal always remained the same: to have a safe, educational, and positive heroic adventure. Lets take a look at some highlights that we will never forget!

## DAILY ACTIVITIES

- Kinder Kamp
- Computer Lab
- Arts & Crafts
- Sports & Rec.
- Teen Programs
- Outdoor Rec.
- Breakfast & Lunch Served Daily

## Club Locations

Main Unit:  
1026 S. Fir St  
Pharr, TX  
956. 781. 5437

San Juan:  
509 E. Earling Rd.  
San Juan, TX  
956. 784. 3504

South Pharr:  
302 E. Las Milpas Rd.  
Pharr, TX  
956. 787. 6869

# End of Summer Bash at South Pharr Unit!



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The last Friday of our 2019 Heroic Adventure called for an epic bash at the South Pharr Unit to celebrate a successful Summer! Our San Juan Unit joined in at South Pharr to collaborate on this fun event. Members started with a morning full of games, face painting, moon jumping, photo taking, and whip cream pie throwing. They then enjoyed a delicious lunch and sweet treats followed by a water afternoon in the sun. To end this special day, members were gifted goodie bags with school essentials to better prepare them for the start of their new year. This event was only possible through the collective efforts of our BGCP team, UTRGV Interns who spent the Summer break with us, and the generosity of local businesses. We send a special thank you to Kemper Insurance, UTRGV, Burger King, Golden Corral, Fazzoli's, Freddy's Steakhouses, Jason's Deli, Starbucks, PSJA, Krispy Kreme, Fun Photo Booth, Lerma's Party Rentals, Planet Fitness, and IBC Bank!

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# Daily Activities

Everyday was full of different and exciting activities at the Club this Summer. Each morning begin with physical fitness activities and a staff led wake up call that allowed members to get in a positive mindset for the day. Daily activities varied according to our Heroic Adventure schedule, but the goal of youth development remained the same. The team at all three units mentored and engaged members with classes that focused on education, technology, health, and the arts. In addition to these core activities, members were quick to start up friendly competitions in the gym and game room. Another favorite was outdoor recreation, where kids were able to enjoy being kids. A healthy and balanced daily breakfast and lunch were provided to keep youth full and happy. Overall, Summer days started and ended with smiles and laughing galore which ensure us that we are doing our job properly. Providing a safe and positive environment that promotes happiness and growth is what the Boys and Girls Club is all about!



# Adventures Outside the Club



Our summer program consisted of weekly field trips separated by age groups. Field trip days were extra special because our team carefully curated adventures that we knew would be destinations to remember. Members visited the International Museum of Arts & Sciences where they learned about space & arts, the movie theatre for cinema and popcorn, Peter Piper Pizza and Gatti's for a day of games, Incredibowl and Flamingo Bowl where kids bowled with friends, and the Pharr Aquatic Center for fun in the sun! Every adventure brought the best memories for our members.



## Special Visitors

A big thank you to all surrounding businesses and local leaders who showed support for our Heroic Summer Adventure by joining our three units for special presentations. Special guests included Pharr Police Department, Pharr Fire Department, Texas A & M Health Center, Rodeo Dental and many others. These visitors gave interactive and educational presentations focusing on topics such as fire safety, health awareness, oral hygiene and issues of the like. We are grateful for such a supportive community!



# Alumni Spotlight

## Jared De La Cerda, PV2 U. S. Army



**Name:** Jared De La Cerda

**Title:** PV2, U. S. Army

**Base:** Washington State, Fort Lewis

### Jared's Journey with the Boys and Girls Club of Pharr:

Jared's dream was always to serve in the armed forces and at 19 he is doing just that. Returning to his old stomping grounds of the Boys and Girls Club of Pharr this Summer, Jared visited members and presented youth & teens with physical activities that gave a glimpse to army exercises. When Jared was five, his working parents turned to the Boys and Girls Club of Pharr as a way for Jared to have a positive afterschool experience. Jared recalls, "At first, I wasn't necessarily excited to join the club, but I quickly realized everyday was fun, active, and different. There was never a boring day. I then became excited and looked forward to going." Throughout Jared's afternoons and summers spent at the club, he was able to create friendships that would last for years to come. "I grew up at the Boys and Girls Club of Pharr with amazing friends that I've been able to still have today. I wasn't perfect and I did go through issues like most kids, but I learned and grew from amazing staff," Jared added. As he grew into his teen years, Jared was accepted into BGCP's Junior Staff Program where he really flourished in leadership and learning to work with others that would later help him in his career with the army. "Gaining experience through the Jr. Staff Program and being able to work at the Aquatic Center with mentors like, Elizabeth Rivera taught me how to deal with high paced environments, team work, and pressure. Looking back, I was building skills that I'm able to put to use in the army," Jared added. "BGCP prepared me as I am now living my dream. I don't know if I would be where I am today if it wasn't for the Boys and Girls Club of Pharr. I encourage all kids who have the opportunity to come and get involved. Great Futures Start at The Boys and Girls Club of Pharr."



**"It's like handing my child off to another mom. They care. They go the extra mile to make sure my daughter is ok."**



**"My son enjoys staying active during the Summer with kids he usually spends time with outside of the school setting."**



**"The Boys and Girls Club has taught my children so much with lots of values and morals in life."**

# Families Continue to Choose the Boys & Girls Club of Pharr!

Parents are our first heroes! With that in mind we intended for this Summer to include moments for the whole family. At BGCP Pharr, we always want our parents and families to know how valued they are and how grateful we are to have them be a part of our community! This Summer, we hosted various events that celebrated our BGCP families including Father's Day Breakfasts, Family Breakfasts, and Family Dinners. Throughout a morning family breakfast at our Main Unit, we had a conversation with parents who told us why they choose and trust BGCP for the people they love most....

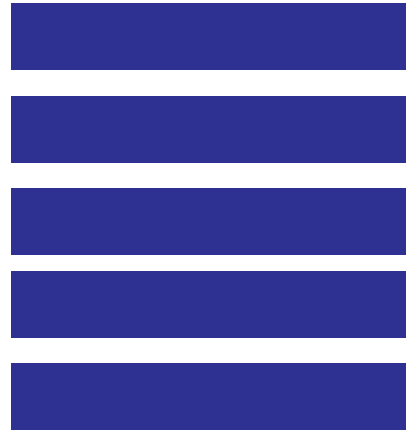


# BGCP IS FUN FOR ALL AGES!

## Kinder Kamp



BGCPharr serves members as young as the Kindergarten grade level. Kinder Kampers had a blast with our enthusiastic program leaders and fun activities targeted towards the little ones. These kampers listened to book readings during story time, socialized, painted, and even engaged in "Lil Chef's Camp" where members made fun treats! Life-long friendships were definitely made this Summer!



## Teen life at the Club



Life at the Club for teens is a great experience that is filled with socializing, recreational fun, and activities that focus on career readiness. From growing produce in our garden to learning photography from Best Buy professionals, Teens grew in developmental skills that will better prepare them for life after the club. Our Youth Advisory Council also had an amazing trip to College Station, TX where they proudly represented the Club at the 2019 Ignite Your Passion Youth Summit. Teens were able to network, learn, and grow their passion for leadership. It was an unforgettable experience that sparked a remarkable motivation in this group. We are proud to have amazing teens at BGCP and are excited to see the success they achieve in the future!

**THANK YOU!**



The Boys and Girls Club of Pharr would like to thank every parent, member, and supporter for joining us on this Heroic Summer Adventure. It is our privilege and honor to provide the youth of Pharr and surrounding communities with a safe and positive environment. To all of our BGCP Team, thank you for working with diligence and pride to make everyday better than the last. Our 2019-2020 Afterschool program is going to be a great one! To support our organization, tour our facilities, or enroll your children for our programs contact us at 956.781.KIDS.



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