

Meet our new Program Director-T.J. Andrews



T.J. Andrews - Program Director

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Moultrie/Colquitt County just recently added a new member to their team when T.J. Andrews came aboard in March as the new Program Director. T.J. comes to the club with a great amount of experience in the movement and was most recently the Director of the Elizabeth F. Correll Teen Center in Brunswick, Georgia. T.J. has worked in the Boys & Girls Club movement for over six years. He started with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Georgia as a part time employee as a teenager and worked at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Valdosta while he was in college. Upon graduation from Valdosta State University in 2009 with a degree in Sociology, T.J. took a full time position with the brand new Elizabeth F. Correll Teen Center. When the opportunity to come back to this area became available, T.J.

was more than excited to jump and he did just that. "I have always loved the Valdosta/Moultrie area of Georgia. It is where I went to college and I also was excited about the opportunity to work with Mr. Joseph Matchett again. I really look forward to making Moultrie my home and helping this organization grow and seeing the young people in the community benefit from the services provided by the Boys & Girls Club" says Andrews. We are all truly excited about having T.J. join our team. His experience and dedication is a valuable asset to our organization.

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Youth of the Year-Malijah Jackson

Malijah Jackson, a 12 year old member of the Boys & Girls Club of Moultrie/Colquitt County participated in the annual Youth of the Year celebration in Atlanta, Georgia on March 24-26, 2011. Due to age and membership restrictions, Malijah was not able to be a part of the competition; however, she left a lasting impression with the judges and other participants in the competition. Her willingness to participate with high school students shows a lot of courage and confidence which she displays at the club daily. She did participate in the events and did a tremendous job. There was a large application that Malijah had to complete and she had to write several essays and receive references. At the compe-

tion Malijah had to give a 3 minute speech as well as do an interview with a panel of judges. There was also time for fun and she was able to meet many new people at the event. Most of the members from around the state were high school juniors and seniors, but that didn't seem to phase Malijah. Malijah was chosen as the Youth of the Year for the club by members of the staff at the beginning of the year. She received this honor based on several factors which include club participation, good behavior, grades in school along with other things. Malijah is a 6th grade student at Willie J Williams Middle School. She attends the club every day with her younger siblings and is a



Malijah Jackson

joy to be around. Her big smile and laughter are contagious and she sets a great example for other club members in the building at all times. We are all so proud of Malijah and wish her great success in the future.

All Staff Training in Valdosta, GA

On April 29-30, staff members from the Boys & Girls Club of Moultrie/Colquitt County will participate in an annual All Staff Training that will take place in Valdosta, GA. Other organizations from around the state will be in atten-

dance as well. This yearly training opportunity is one that is very beneficial for the staff and the organization and provides learning opportunities which will ensure that the staff is excellent and providing the best care

and programs possible for our club members. The club will close on Friday, April 29, 2011 for the training. We look forward to bringing a lot of useful knowledge and information home with us!!

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Up Coming Events

- Summer Registration begins May 2, 2011
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Awards Banquet

MLK Day Trip

Martin Luther King Jr. was one of the most important figures in our country's history. Boys & Girls Clubs of America make it a point to ensure that our nation's young people learn about him and what he means to our nation's history. Our club took a trip on January 17, 2011 to Atlanta to participate in the MLK Day Parade. Everyone that attended the parade enjoyed themselves and learned a lot about Dr. King. We hope to be able to continue providing learning opportunities such as this one so that our teens develop an understanding of some of the people who matter most in our nation's history!!!



Membership Enrollment

During the first quarter of 2011, the Boys & Girls Club of Moultrie/Colquitt County had a steady rise in enrollment. While we are only in our second full year of operation, the community continues to learn about the services and programs being offered at the Club. As the word continues to spread, our numbers continue to rise. By the end of the 1st quarter, membership enrollment was **160** with an average daily attendance of **140** which means **88% of members registered attended at least three days a week!** The Boys & Girls Club mission is to have a significant impact on the mem-

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bers that are served. Impact is measured by the frequency of attendance. This is certainly something to be proud of this early in the year and as the year continues, we expect to see a continued increase in membership and frequency of attendance.

"Our membership levels continue to rise and we hope to keep that trend going as we move into the summer months of 2011," says Program Director T.J. Andrews. "The more youth that we can touch in this community the better it will be for everyone living in it," he added. We are all certainly proud of the progress being made at the Boys & Girls Club on several fronts and hope to see that continue!!

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Black History Month Program

Black History Month is celebrated every year across our nation and that is no different at the Boys & Girls Club. It is vital that our young people develop an understanding of the people and events in our nation's history. During the month our members were separated into groups (based upon their ages) and worked to create their own individual presentations for our Black

History Month Program. At the end of the month we held a program where parents were invited to attend and see the presentations by all of our groups. There were skits, power point presentations and much more. All of our members did a tremendous job in preparing for the program and they also learned a lot about famous African Americans from our nation's history!



Spring Break/Boys & Girls Club Week

Spring Break was a huge success and the members who attended had a great time during the week of April 4-8. There were themes each day that members could get involved with as well as two field trips during the week. The club also celebrated Boys & Girls Club Week during Spring Break. There were a great variety of activities taking place each day, Monday through Friday, and there was never a dull moment. The staff did a tremendous job of making each member's Spring Break very memorable and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Schedule of Events/Activities

- Monday-Hat Day
- Tuesday-Pajama Day
- Wednesday-Tacky Day
(Field Trip-Freckle's Skating Center)
- Thursday- When I Grow Up Day
(Field Trip-Movie Theater)
- Friday-Twin Day
(Water Day)



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The Club Walls Get a Fresh New Look!!!

Due to the hard work and dedication of a group of college students from the University of Tennessee, our club recently got a facelift and it turned out great! Several areas of the building were splashed with some new paint. The main lobby area and hallway received new colors while the cafeteria area received the actual Boys & Girls Club blue color on the walls. We are very grateful for the group and the time that they invested in our building!

"We truly appreciate the work that was done by the group from Tennessee. It truly makes a difference in our club and community. It all turned out very nice."-T.J. Andrews

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Teen Nights

Every Tuesday night our club's teens stay at the club an extra hour for a guest speaker and dinner. Our members look forward to this weekly event and they all love being a part of it. This has been a great way for our teens to bond with staff members while also getting the chance to meet some very influential people from our community. During the first quarter of 2011 we have had some tremendous guests which the teens truly enjoyed. Udella

Spicer came out for the teens during Black History Month. Mr. Ben Morris from the GBI came out and talked about Gang Awareness which seemed to really grab the attention of the teens. Also, Mrs. Joanne Jordan came out to discuss Job/



Career Readiness. We would like to thank everyone who does their part to make an impact on the lives of our members. Our teenagers certainly benefit from these weekly meetings!

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