 Mountaineer Boys and Girls Club Newsletter

**Dates to Remember**

**November:**

**11th – No School, Club hours from 7:30A.M. – 6:00P.M.**

**13th – Bowling at Mountainlair with Middle School students from 4:00P.M. to 6:00P.M. ($6)**

**14th – Meet and Greet! Mentor/Mentee trip to the WVU Arboretum and Pizza at the Club!**

**21st – Star Student trip: Antiques Museum at 11:00A.M.**

**Sign up at the front desk for trips over Thanksgiving Break:**

**23rd – Rec Center ($6)**

**24th – Movies ($5)**

**25th – Ice Skating ($2)**

**December:**

**MBGC is starting to compile a list of families with the most need for assistance. If your family wishes to be added to the list, please contact Malina with the following information:**

* **Number of children in the family**
* **Age and gender for each child**
* **Shirt/Pants/Shoe size of each child**
* **Books/Toy for each child**
* **Favorite color**

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**Education Corner**

The month of October brought with it an increase in attendance rates for Power Hour at the Mountaineer Boys and Girls Club. We were pleased to see so many children eager to accomplish their day’s assignments. Accompanying this eagerness was a sense of determination which was apparent in each classroom and supported by decreased rates of misbehavior. Star Students of October were rewarded with a trip to RMU Island Sport Arena in Pittsburgh where they enjoyed a day of mini-golf and ice skating, many of which were experiencing both for the very first time. Several of the Club’s Power Hour group leaders attended an academic workshop which was jam-packed with information such as general homework tips to pass along to parents, reading prompts which support the use of specific strategies, and various components of the UCSMP math curriculum used in grades K-6. The report cards we have received thus far are a testimony to the success of our education program as we’ve seen lengths of progress made by a great deal of our members. Acting synonymously with, and providing a support system for the children’s classroom teachers, has proved to be our greatest weapon against failure.

*“A mind once stretched by a new idea never regains its original dimensions.” - Anonymous*

**Knock for the Needy**

Knock for the Needy is a program designed to both benefit the children at Mountaineer Boys and Girls Club and the community. This event took place at West Run Apartments; children went from door to door trick-or-treating and collecting canned goods that were provided. By donating canned goods to food pantries around Morgantown we were able to assist families with meals and upcoming holidays. Along with contributions made from residents at West Run Apartments, the Greek community at West Virginia University also excelled in the collecting canned goods. There were over 3,600 canned goods collected during Homecoming Activities! We were able to provide canned goods to three local food pantries. This was also an opportunity for the children at MBGC to help contribute to those who are less fortunate. Knock for the Needy took place on October 30th and was a very successful event!

**Community Service Overview**

*Caritas House* - flyers will be made for the Caritas House Candle Light Vigil, which promotes AIDS Awareness and remembrance of those that have died of AIDS.

*Letters to the Veterans* - to help celebrate Veteran’s Day this year, the MBGC will be sending letters of support to our local veterans at the Louis A. Jackson Veterans Hospital on November 11th.

*Letters to the Soldiers* - with the Holiday season coming up, the MBGC has decided to write letters to our troops over seas.

*Blood Drive* - the middle school and teens will be helping out with a Blood Drive at The Shack on November 18th.

\**Relay for Life* - planning has begun for a Mini Relay for Life event in spring. The MBGC will be selling t-shirts to raise funds for the event over the next couple of months.

**Mentoring**

**Community Service Reminders**

**Green Club – come learn about recycling through sorting recycled goods and taking them to the Recycling Center! Meetings every Tuesday from 5:00P.M. to 6:00P.M.**

**Friends of the Trees – club for South Middle School and Morgantown High School students; Club will water trees that were planted by the members last Spring! Meetings every Wednesday from 3:00P.M. to 4:00P.M.**

[](http://images.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://www4.samford.edu/gogreen/images/recycleworld.jpg&imgrefurl=http://www4.samford.edu/gogreen/locations.html&usg=__fNgxKw-dfJBERvK9AxcZ5FBvBt0=&h=355&w=290&sz=18&hl=en&start=61&um=1&tbnid=TrjYD0zu4GI7OM:&tbnh=121&tbnw=99&prev=/images?q=recycling&ndsp=20&hl=en&sa=N&start=60&um=1)

Now that many of the mentors have been trained, we are pleased to see the mentoring program taking off. Many matches have been made, and we hope that some great relationships come from them.

Mentor Meet and Greet - November 14th, the Mentors/Mentees and their family will all be coming together for an official introduction to each other. We will be hiking at the Arboretum during the morning, then returning to the club for lunch along with a ceremony to commemorate the mentors and mentees.

**Nutrition**

\*After such a successful response from our first Super Market Sweep, we will be holding the event sometime in January. It is our hope to make the event even more successful this year. This event is designed for families to go through a scavenger hunt through the grocery store to find healthy food items which correspond to a recipe. All the families that participated last year received a basket of food for free!

**Job Opportunities**

* **Fall Cleaning – Getting Ready for the Holidays! Uniontown resident needs an experienced painter to paint garage floor and basement.** Job also includes washing the outside siding of the home. All paint and supplies will be provided. This is a Saturday job from 9 am – 5 pm. You must provide your own transportation. The rate of pay is $15.00 per hour. Please call 724-322-0668 and leave a message with your name and phone number.
* **Want a fun environment to work? Carvel Ice Cream/ Nathan’s Hotdogs on South High Street is looking for a student worker to fill evening and weekend shifts.**  
  Job requirements are as follows:   
  -Have terrific customer service skills  
  -Must be extremely reliable  
  -Must be positive and enthusiastic  
  -Have a great work ethic  
  -Be able to work independently  
  To apply please send a cover letter and resume by email to: [bshiflett@roundtablecorp.com](mailto:bshiflett@roundtablecorp.com) or FAX to: 304-598-9005
* **Servers** needed for **morning and day shifts** at the **Kenyan Cafe** in Chelsea Square on the Van Voorhis Road (next to Woofs). Servers are paid **$7.25 an hour plus tips**. Please speak with Denis Gekara at 1137 Van Voorhis Road, Suite 20, or contact him by phone at 304-598-3044 or by email at [dgekara@kenyancafe.com](mailto:dgekara@kenyancafe.com)
* The **Lakehouse Restaurant** is recruiting dining staff. Check out the great atmosphere on Cheat Lake just 5 miles from campus. The Lakehouse needs: **Servers, Cooks, and Dishwashers.** Better than average wages. Rate of pay is based upon experience and performance. Call for an appointment at 304.594.0088 and ask for Suzie or Shane.

