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Steamboat Springs to open Boys and Girls Club for summer 2009

Members of the Steamboat Springs community have worked with the Boys and Girls Club of Craig to open a new unit in Steamboat Springs. Beginning June 8, the summer program for youth in Steamboat Springs will begin. The club will be housed in the 8th Street Gym at _The George P. Sauer Human Services Building _on the corner of 8th and Aspen in Steamboat.___.

The hours are weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Breakfast is included. The cost to participate is \$1.00 an hour, \$10.00 a day, or \$300.00 for the entire summer. The club programs are geared for youth between the ages of 6-16, with volunteer opportunities for pre-teens and teens ages 11-16.

When the school year restarts in the fall, the club will offer an after school program from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The cost of the after school program will be covered by a \$10.00 annual membership fee.

The Steamboat Springs unit will be partnering with the Boys and Girls Club of Craig allowing the club to open quickly and meet the needs of the community this summer.

For more than 100 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of America (www.bgca.org) has helped kids "Be Great," providing hope and opportunity for those who need it most. Today, more than 4,300 Clubs serve some 4.5 million young people through Club membership and community outreach. Known as The Positive Place for Kids, Boys & Girls Clubs can be found throughout the country and on U.S. military bases worldwide, providing young people 6-18 years old with guidance-oriented character development programs conducted by trained, professional staff.

Boys and Girls Club of America considers its organization a movement. The mission is:

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

The programs of Boys and Girls Clubs are designed around

- Character and leadership
- Education and career
- Health and life skills
- The arts
- Sports, fitness and recreation
- Specialized initiatives.

Steamboat Springs unit director, Heather Martyn, says that “the time is right for a Boys and Girls Club in Steamboat. Our youth need a safe, positive, affordable place to go and grow.” Martyn says that the club is seeking financial support and donations of furniture and equipment. Items, such as tables, chairs, desks, sports equipment, pool tables, rec room furniture, games and the like would be greatly appreciated. The club is a qualified non-profit so all donations are tax deductible. The club is also looking for program volunteers and interested board members.

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