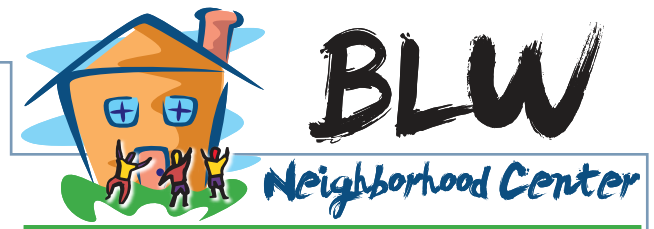


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New Americorps Volunteers

Erica Solis and Caleb Klima

Hi, my name is Erica Solis and I graduated from Northern Illinois University with a degree in education. I enjoy fall weather, playing with my dog and going to concerts. My favorite color is blue. I am very excited to start working as an AmeriCorps member at the center.


Howdy! My name is Caleb Klima and I am very excited to join the BLW team this year as an Ameircorps volunteer. I was born in Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin and have lived in Madison for the last five years. I recently graduated from UW-Madison with degrees in History and Geography and a certificate in Environmental Studies. I love working with youth and making positive impacts in the community. My past experience includes tutoring, mentoring, and working at a summer camp. I love to read, run, bike, cross-country ski, fish, hunt, volunteer, play sports, play music, landscape, and go camping. When you see me around, please say hello, I'm always open to talk just about anything and everything.

Elementary Programs: Summer/Fall 2010



by *Brooke Eichele*

The elementary summer campers were busy during the eight weeks they attended BLW's Summer Camp. Each day of the week had a theme, so the campers



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would begin their day with breakfast and free choice but would quickly transition into small group activities revolving around our daily themes, which included: "Movin' Mondays"; "Tasty Tuesdays"; "Wacky Wednesdays";

"Thoughtful Thursdays"; and "Physical Fridays." These themes gave the campers opportunities to study different cultures, learn about nutri-

tious food choices, get wild and be silly, relax and reflect, and do team building group games.

The campers were also placed in clubs based on age and gender and went for walks, on field trips to local parks, the zoo, and even to the Humane Society. The Club groups also worked on community service projects involving gardening, litter pick-up, and cleaning and organizing. Finally, the summer camp was full of swimming, tennis lessons, field trips to parks and beaches, movies, mini golf, campsites, and pools. They received new orange camp shirts and had an end of the camp carnival and awards ceremony.



As we transition into the school year, we are pleased to have full enrollment with both returning kids and new kids! The school year staff is very excited and have fun and academic activities planned for each day. The children will be here from 1:15-5:00 p.m. on Mondays, and from 3:00-5:00 p.m. every other day.



They will be given snack, free choice time, homework/reading help, interest group activities, and club time with children close in age. Please feel free to contact Brooke at 310-4888 with any questions. We look forward to a rewarding and exciting school year!

The BLW Teen Program

by *Mara McGlynn*

The BLW Teen Program's summer camp provided a safe, fun and educational way for area youth to stay engaged in recreational programming during summer vacation. This year our summer camp was a resounding success—offering both a middle and high school component, we were able to present a wide variety of activities that not only suited our differing age groups but that offered youth a chance to learn outside of the classroom, exercise, express themselves artistically and simply to have fun in a positive and supervised environment.

Middle school youth spent every Tuesday at the Goodman pool, flipping off diving boards, speeding down water slides, playing tips and staying cool on days that sometimes saw heat indexes as high as 95 to 100 degrees Fahrenheit.}

Wednesdays were a source of outdoor exploration, education and entertainment. We were fortunate enough to partner with the Sierra Club, an organization that leads outings for non-profit organizations that work with youth, and under their guidance went on many different excursions throughout the greater Madison area. We hiked through the winding hills and boardwalks of the Cherokee Marsh on the north side, traversed the UW-Madison Arboretum and learned about its flora and fauna, fished at Lake Farm Park, canoed at Wingra Park, trekked through Governor Nelson State Park (wow, those mosquitos!) and then later swam and picnicked on its beach.

Each Thursday had a different theme and a special set of activities which kept this particular day as dynamic as it was enjoyable. On one Thursday we played a Jeopardy style quiz game to learn about Ecuador and Lithuania and for dinner feasted on Blynai (Lithuanian style

pancakes, delicious whether sweet or salty!). On another Thursday we learned about New Zealand and Argentina, playing a numbers guessing game (did you know there are more than 40 million sheep in New Zealand?) and then made and ate empanadas, a tasty argentine dish. Throughout the summer we also went bowling at



Dream Lanes, visited the Dane County Fair, grilled out, made bracelets, necklaces and tie-dye bandanas, performed valuable community service and ended the year with a day-long field trip to Mt. Olympus.



Our high school Teen Program component this summer was largely focused around Project CompuLearn, a BLW Neighborhood Center initiative that gives youth hands-on experience in technology. Over the course of the summer we built two computers piece by piece, installed all the necessary software and then turned one computer into a high quality recording studio. Every Friday afternoon teens would come in to use the studio, recording songs and then burning them to CDs to share with their family and friends. One of Project CompuLearn's participants is now in charge of managing and operating the recording studio and we thank him for his persistence and dedication! Towards the end of the summer we celebrated our hard work with an all-day field trip, first stopping at the Madison Media Institute for an informational tour and then swimming and relaxing at the Goodman Pool for the

rest of the afternoon.

The only problem with having so much fun this summer is that the months flew by too quickly. The Teen Program would like to thank everyone who made our summer possible: the Goodman Pool, the Sierra Club and all the hardworking staff at the BLW Neighborhood Center!

Girl Neighborhood Power

GNP

by Rachel Barrington

Girl Neighborhood Power had quite an eventful summer with many recreational and educational opportunities. The girls explored a variety of topics that helped them grow and challenged them to become better and healthier people. The range of aspects included spending time outdoors, participating in a book club, learning about the importance of healthy eating and cooking their own food, discovering the hidden messages in media and enjoying fun active games. The youth even took weekly field trips to various locations that incorporated enjoyable physical activities, fun educational programs, creative opportunities and community service.

Every Monday the girls studied the curriculum *Media Smarts*. They learned about how persuasive the media can be and what kind of stereotypes it promotes. The girls realized that the three main goals of the media are to inform, persuade or entertain, and they understood how to identify the goals of different types of media. The youth even participated in their own pretend TV show! Another state curriculum that GNP thoroughly enjoyed was *Stepping Up to a Healthy Lifestyle*. Every week the girls explored the diverse food groups and why it is so important to eat healthy. They also tried new foods that not only incorporated various food groups but some of which also had their roots in other cultures. The girls were very excited to be their own chefs and create their own food.

The participants of GNP were also encouraged to discover the fun of reading this summer. They read first book of the series *Vet Volunteers*, a kind of mystery adventure book about kids that help out at a vet clinic. They also took a tour of the Monona Library and enjoyed checking out the books there. Another exciting day GNP visited Hinchley's Dairy Farm where the girls learned all about milking cows and saw a variety of animals including chickens, goats, sheep, geese, ducks, cats and cows. Many of the participants had never gone to a farm before so it was an interesting experience! In addition, the GNP girls continue to assist others. This summer they volunteered at the Humane Society and Belmont Nursing Home, and made bracelets for children in the Children's Hospital.

The last experience to share with you is camping, real camping in Wyalusing State Park! Those Girl Neighborhood Power members and some from elementary who were on their best behavior the whole summer received the reward of going camping for 2 nights and 3 days. They really liked the trip and went hiking and swimming, played games and did crafts, made their own meals, and told stories around the campfire. It was a great opportunity!

The GNP girls are looking forward to fall and the start of another school year. There will be lots of exciting events and activities this year! Any girls in grades 3-5 are welcome to join GNP any time!

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Fiesta Dinner on the Beach

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The dinner and silent auction will benefit the after school children's activities, Latino Family Resource Center, teen programs, Girl Neighborhood Power, and the 50+ programs at the center.

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BLW FALL PROGRAMS

The BLW Center works in collaboration with community members and organizations to provide programming that reflects the strength and diversity of our entire community.

The center serves those living in the neighborhoods of Bridge- Lake Point, Waunona, Moorland-Rimrock, Indian Springs, Highland Manor, South dale, and other nearby communities.

BLW center hours are 9:30 am to 5 pm., closed week-ends and holidays except for scheduled programs.

Hours may vary to accommodate special activities.

Room rentals are available; for details, call Juan Carlos at 441-6991.



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Youth Programs

Date	Program	Description	Day	Time	
School year	Elementary Program	Everyday after-school program for youth in grades K-12. Children participate in educational and enrichment activities, field trips and more. Limited openings. Extended programming on early release and some no school days.	Monday Tuesday through Friday	1:20-5:00 pm 3:00-5:00 pm	
School year	Girl Neighborhood Power	Programming for girls in 4th through 8th grades. Activities include homework club, leadership, girl council, community service, culture, art, health education, recreation, fitness, field trips and more.	4th-5th graders 6th-8th graders 6th-8th graders Homework Club	Monday Tues. & Thurs. Tuesdays Wednesday Mon., Tue. & Thurs. Wednesday	3:30-5:00 pm 5:00-8:00 pm 5:00-8:00 pm 3:30-6:00 pm 3:00-5:00 pm 2:00-3:30 pm
School year	Teen Program	Programming for teens. Activities include leadership, community service, culture, art, health education, recreation, fitness, field trips and more.	Monday Wednesday Every other Friday	5:00-8:00 pm 3:30-6:00 pm 5:00-9:00 pm	

To sign-up, call the youth center at (608) 410-3888

Adult & Family Programs

Date	Program	Description	Day	Time
School year	Madison College GED/HSED Classes	A drop-in program held at BLW. Prepare for your GED and High School Diploma tests. For adults 18 and older. Taught by an instructor from Madison College. On-going registration takes place at the class. No charge.	Call Madison College at 258-2440 for dates and times	Early afternoons
Year around	Mobile Food Pantry	A service provided by Second Harvest Food Bank. Advanced registration at the BLW front desk with ID is required. For adults in the 53713 area.	Third Wednesday of every month	12:00 noon
Year around	50+ Holiday Friday Luncheons	Holiday luncheons are planned for those 50 and older and their adult guests. The themes for fall will be Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas/Winter Holidays. Reservations are not required. No charge.	October 29 November 19 December 17	12:00 noon – 1:00 pm
Year around	BLW Women's Group	BLW is starting a group where women come together and plan outings, make meals together, go swimming, go out to eat, get spa treatments and lots more. Call Diane at 358-8311 for details.	Days vary	Times vary

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Year around	BLW Jewelry Making Group	BLW is in the planning stages for a group that likes to make jewelry or would like to learn. Email Jim at jstickels@gmail.com if you are interested.	Mondays	12:00-1:30 pm
Year around	Info and Referral	Information and referral about community services for adults living in the neighborhoods served by the center is available at BLW. Ask at the front desk for information.	Monday through Friday	During BLW open hours
Year around	Individual Computer use	Computers are available for adults 18 and older. High school students who are 18 cannot use the computers during school hours. No children other than infants may accompany computer users. Time on the computer may be limited.	Monday through Friday	BLW open hours when no programs are scheduled in the main room.

For more information call the front desk at (608) 441-6991

Latino Adult & Family Programs

Date	Program	Description	Day	Time
Year around	Adult Computer Classes in Spanish	Beginner and Intermediate computer classes taught in Spanish at BLW and Vera Court. Child Care available. Call Baltazar at Vera Court (246-8372) to register	Thursday and Friday evenings; Saturday mornings and afternoons	Times vary
Year around	Latino Family Resource Center	Los Ninos Primeros parent-child program and a variety of other resources classes, translation services and support for Latino community members. Call Juan Carlos at 441-6991 for information.	Days vary	Times vary
Year around	Latino Workforce Development Academy	Training programs to help Latino residents qualify for jobs. Call Juan Carlos at 441-6991 for information.	Days vary	Times vary

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