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Keystone members embrace the magic in Orlando, Florida!

The 2011 Boys & Girls Clubs of America's National Keystone Conference was held in Orlando Florida from March 3rd to March 6th. Our Keystone Club went across the country to show them the amazing things we are doing in Laguna Beach. On the first day of the trip, the teens received a rundown of what they had to expect for the weekend. Our teens started out by performing their roll call rendition of Michael Jackson's "Billie Jean." Over the next few days the teens experienced many different aspects of Keystone. The conference included seminars and motivational speakers such as Tupperware CEO Rick Goings, professional surfer Brittany Hamilton, and Gabe Salazar, who inspired the teens to do more. Seminars also included celebrities Ashanti, Vanessa and Angela Simmons, daughters of famous Run DMC rapper Reverend Run and creators and owners of Pastry. Both spoke of their ventures and struggles in life and how important it is to chase after your dreams. Keystone members Kelsey and Staci also gave back to the community of Orlando by performing off-site community service projects at a local elementary school that included painting benches, picnic tables, and lines on the playground. They also helped by painting addresses on local homes. Although the conference was about learning and gaining information for Keystone, it wasn't just business; fun and games were also included. There was a night of face painting, balloon animals, laser tag, bounce houses, dancing, talent show, and video games. The teens also enjoyed performances from Rapper J. Cole, Mindless Behavior, the Chicago Bucket Boys, Tiffany Evans, and Ashanti. The trip concluded with an awards ceremony where Laguna Beach Keystone Club Breakers received their first ever nomination for Community Service Club of the year. Next year, the teens plan on working even harder to become Keystone Club of the Year. The awards ceremony was followed by a fun filled night at Disney's Magic Kingdom where you could hear Keystone chants throughout the park. The teens in our Keystone Club learned so much and were able to grow through experiencing all of the new opportunities that Keystone has to offer. Many of them are excited to see what next year's conference in Fort Worth, Texas has to offer.

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