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Boys & Girls Club of Laguna Beach Main Branch has Highest Summer Attendance in Its History

The Boys & Girls Club of Laguna Beach Main Branch broke its record for summer attendance!

The percentage of youth attending the club this summer was up by 12%, demonstrating the impact that the club has had on the community. Over the past three months, club members were engaged in a variety of enriching summer programs.

Dozens of youth participated in the 70 field trips that the club organized over the summer. The excursions included everything from weekly trips to the beach and pool to trips to the Festival of the Arts, Disneyland, Irvine Regional Park, Tanaka Farms, the U. S. Open of Surfing, Wild Rivers, Knott's Berry Farm, and The Getty Museum to name a few. The club also took three camping trips this summer, including Pathfinder Ranch Camp, Catalina Island and an all-boys camping trip to Silverwood Lake for male teens.

Elena Mendoza, branch director at the Boys & Girls Club of Laguna Beach, says the amount of staff and volunteers from the community contributed to the club's successful summer. "We were fortunate enough to be able to provide a higher staff to child ratio this summer. It really allowed the staff and volunteers to bond with the kids as mentors and to help them with any challenges as they took part in many new experiences."

From painting to putting a golf ball, to learning how to cook healthy meals, members had a chance to learn, develop and acquire new passions at any age. They also had the chance to make new friends within the Club and socially interact on a variety of different levels. The community service projects that they participated in such as the beach clean-up and Cancer Awareness day allowed them to learn the importance of civic involvement while providing an educational experience. Club members also had the opportunity to collaborate with professionals and mentors in the

community, such as the Photography Mentorship Program hosted by the Festival of Arts. This year, community volunteers showed their passion for club members by helping to facilitate the annual Club Carnival.

This summer's final act was the annual Club Talent Show, a chance for members of all ages to showcase their many skills, while encouraging them to have confidence in all that they do. The fun and enrichment won't end with the summer!

This Fall, Club Members will have the chance to participate in the exciting, educational and diverse after-school programs. During the school year, the Club is open Monday through Friday after school until 7 pm. The annual membership fee is \$150.

Located at 1085 Laguna Canyon Road Laguna Beach CA 92651, the Boys & Girls Club has served the youth of Laguna Beach and surrounding areas for 58 years. The Club provides programs for more than 1,500 boys and girls in the areas of character and leadership development, educational enhancement, career preparation, health and life skills, the arts and sports, fitness and recreation. For a full schedule of programs and services please call the Boys & Girls Club at (949)494-2535 or visit us at our [new website](http://www.bgclagunabeach.org) www.bgclagunabeach.org.

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