



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI**

Straight from the Source

What the Clubs Mean to Teens

*"Thank God for putting
me in this wonderful Club.*

*It helps me become a
better person."*



These are actual quotes from members of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Mississippi. Names have been omitted to protect the anonymity of our youth. Survey conducted in June of 2009.

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"(If not for the Club) I would just be at home bored the whole summer. I'm glad I'm in the Club because it gives me something positive to do besides be at home all day with nothing to do. It helps me make good choices on how I should live my life."

"It helps keep me out of trouble and I learn new things."

"It allows me to practice social skills that help me treat people well and trust people. I like being aware of current issues, how to be aware when it comes to sex education and discipline."

"(If not for the Club) I would be at home playing video games. The Boys and Girls Club keeps you active."

"It helps by keeping me educated and having fun being educated. I'm learning new things about friendship, abstinence, and finances."

"(If not for the Club) I would be sitting at home doing nothing. It helps me become a better person. It helps me learn to keep my community clean."

"I meet new people. They teach us lessons about things we don't know, about how not to do drugs."

"(If not for the Club) I would be at home asleep or playing Xbox 360. I meet new people here. It teaches me not to do drugs."

"I learn about why not to have sex before marriage. I learn to become a better teenager. (If not for the Club) I would be in the street."

"It helps me become a better leader. I learn to be who I am and not something I am not. Ms. Tonya is a role-model to me."

"I love the new Teen Center. It gives me a good place to go. We learn not to rush into relationships."

"It gives me something to do during the week and helps me make better decisions. I am learning how to be more comfortable talking in front of a large number of people. (If not for the Club) I would be at home watching tv, something less educational than the Boys and Girls Club."



"This is the best place I thought of going to. (If not for the Club) I would be at home bored to death. I have something to do over the summer."

"(If not for the Club) I would be doing drugs. I stay out of trouble. I learn how to be book and street smart."

"I'm glad to be a member at the Boys and Girls Club. It helps me become more of a team leader. We learn about the hazards of alcohol and drugs."

"I'm learning to respect myself, the teacher, and other students at all times."

"The Club has had a positive impact on me. It helps me maintain a positive attitude and do my daily tasks. I'm learning about money matters and things about life. (If not for the Club) I would be letting my summer go to waste and not learning anything new."

"It gives me something to do and keeps me out of trouble. (If not for the Club) I would probably be just sitting at home or running from police."

"It's a wonderful place to be and it's positive for children and teens. The Club helps me to learn to talk to people and I learn about history. I am learning about positive things and goals, like don't give up and always finish what you started."

"(If not for the Club) I would be sitting around the house or outside walking to get things off my mind. The Club helps keep you out of trouble with most of the activities that we have here like art or drawing by expressing your feelings."

"(If not for the Club) I would be in jail or doing drugs. The Boys and Girls Club helps me out a lot. I learn new stuff everyday. It helps me stay out of trouble. I learn how to set goals."

"Even though it's fun, it keeps me educated. I learned that you should set short-term, mid-term, and long-term goals. (If not for the Club) I would be at home watching tv or texting."

"My summer is going well. I learned how I can reach my goals. They teach me stuff that I didn't know."

"I am going to succeed in learning how to swim this summer."

"I want to keep coming here. It helps me because I get to talk about things and let things out without worrying about what anyone thinks. I learned about how to manage money."

