

The Bugle

Summer 2008



The Great Club for Boys Road Trip

by Elizabeth Ruen, Special Events Director

Nine boys anxiously waited outside The Club for Boys doors on a warm morning in July anticipating the adventure that was ahead of them. One boy, Nathan Miller, age 12, upon being asked what he was most excited about exclaimed, "All of it!"

The boys, ranging in age from 12 to 15, all signed up to bike over 100 miles through the Black Hills in four days. Dubbed, the Great Club for Boys Road Trip, the adventure covered the length of the Mickelson Trail, starting at Deadwood on a Monday and ending at Edgemont on a Thursday.

Event organizer, Craig Tieszen, former Rapid City Chief of Police and 38-year-long volunteer at the Club, came up with the idea for the trip. "I have biked on the trail many times," said Tieszen. "I thought it would be a great adventure for me and the kids to say we completed the whole trail."

The boys, Tieszen, and a rotating group of volunteers started each day at a different spot on the trail and biked around 28 miles. Each evening the boys returned to The Club for Boys' cabin near Deerfield Lake for supper, games, relaxation, and to sleep.

Madison Woods, age 14, signed up for the trip because he likes to bike and thought it would be fun. "I have never biked on the Mickelson Trail before," said Woods. "Now I am going to bike the whole thing, over 100 miles!"

The Great Club for Boys Road Trip was offered as part of the Club's outdoor and trips and outings programs. In the summer, boys get to go on trips to the park, swimming at local pools, visits to local attractions,

fishing at different lakes, and hiking in the Black Hills.

"The outdoor program and the trips and outings program are both very important to the boys," said Scott Bader, executive director. "With 58 percent of our boys coming from low-income families, these are opportunities many boys may not otherwise get to experience."



After four days of riding, six boys rode the entire Mickelson Trail from Deadwood to Edgemont. Pictured left to right at the conclusion of the trip are Gordon Little Cloud, board member and ride organizer Craig Tieszen, Madison Woods, Seth Krick, Cameron Fackrell, Derek Bauer, and Tommy Bader.

Ready...Set...Here Come the Holidays

Pre-order your holiday greeting cards and wreaths today!

Why order greeting cards from a catalog or website? Instead order your holiday cards, featuring the work of local artists, through The Club for Boys. A portion of your purchase will be tax deductible!

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company or family name.

New this year, The Club for Boys Thrift Store will be taking pre-orders on wreaths. You can select from four sizes and each comes with a bow.

For additional information and to order cards and wreaths online, visit www.theclubforboys.com.

Foundation Profile: Craig Tieszen



Craig Tieszen, member of both the Club and Foundation boards, is pictured here with his bicycle in front of the Club.

Craig Tieszen met his wife, Deb, by accident. He was a police officer and she was a paramedic and they met at a car accident at the intersection of 5th and Omaha Streets. The Tieszens have two adult daughters: Leslie, 27, and Laura, 25.

Born in Canistota, S.D., Craig was a student at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology when he decided to volunteer at The Club for Boys during the spring semester of 1969. During the summer of 1969, the Club's gym director was drafted and Craig was employed in his place. That summer, Craig worked at Brown Swiss Milk Co. from 3 a.m. until 8 a.m. and then went to work at the Club from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. He interspersed this with taking boys on overnight campouts and fishing trips.

After serving in the Peace Corps in Kenya from 1971-1975, Craig returned to Rapid City and joined the Rapid City Police Department. Almost immediately he reconnected with The Club for Boys. At that time the Club was still temporarily housed at the Rice Cycle Building after the

flood of 1972 made the old Club unusable.

Craig became Chief of the Rapid City Police Department in 2000 and retired in July 2007. He is currently running as a Republican for the SD State Senate from District 34.

For 20 years, Craig has served as a board member of The Club for Boys. When the Club for Boys Foundation was established in 2002, he also agreed to serve on that board. Two other Foundation board members also serve on the Club's board: Rod Meador and Pat Tlustos.

Asked why the Club has remained one of his favorite organizations over so many years, Craig replied, "Because of the things that have changed and the things that haven't changed." He went on to explain, "The core values, program, and the mission of the Club have not changed over the years. What has changed is that we continue to improve. For example, the building is much better than in the early years and the staff is bigger and more well-qualified. On the whole, we just keep progressing. And the Foundation is essential to the Club reaching the next level. The Foundation's vision is above and beyond the day-to-day operation of the Club and this vision is critical for the Club to advance."

For information about The Club for Boys Foundation, contact Sara Gentry at 343-3500.

Club Hosts 5K

The Father's Day 5K was a success with beautiful weather and over 100 adults and children participating. This annual event benefits The Club for Boys summer program. The Club provides a safe, caring, fun and educational environment for boys to spend their summer days.

Thank you to the following sponsors for making the Father's Day 5K a success.

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From the Mouths of Boys

I was out in the games room when a young boy came up to me and asked if he could play heads or tails for a quarter. I do this often with the boys so they have a chance to win a quarter for the snack bar or a video game. I reached into my pocket and told the little boy, "Sorry, I do not have a quarter." The little boy then said, "I asked you last week to play heads or tails and you did not have a quarter then either." And then with a frown on his face and a real serious tone he said, "I think you better get a part-time job!"

-Dave Oyler, Director of Special Projects



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August 11 Holiday Greeting Card Sales Begin
August 25-29 Club Closed for Staff In-Service & Back to School Preparation

September

September 1-5 Club Closed for Staff In-Service & Back to School Preparation
September 8 First Day of School Year Program
September 29 Club Closed for Staff In-Service

October

October 13-14 Club Open 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
October 30 Halloween Party
October 31 Club Closed for Staff In-Service

November

November 10 Club Open 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
November 11 Club Closed for Veteran's Day
November 22 Christmas Tree Sales Begin
November 26 Family Thanksgiving Supper
November 27 Club Closed for Thanksgiving
November 28 Club Closed for Staff In-Service

