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BOYS REPUBLIC Report

BR Catering Department Serves the Community

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Boys Republic is continually refining and expanding its programs offering counseling, educational opportunities, and meaningful work experiences to at-risk youth.

Did you know that members of the community can hire Boys Republic for professional catering services?

The Max Scott Center for the Culinary Arts on the main campus in Chino Hills is headquarters for the catering operation.

Catering staff work with customers to create a customized menu for any event with options for breakfast, lunch, appetizers, dinner, and desserts. Table rentals, linens, and decorating services are available as needed.

Catering services are available off-campus and in the Culinary Arts Center bistro, with its floor-to-ceiling etched glass windows.

As was intended when the Max Scott Culinary Arts Center was built in 2019, the multipurpose bistro room is available for rental by businesses, community organizations, and private parties.

BR's catering operation expands classroom learning for culinary students and provides paying jobs for students and program graduates working in apprenticeship positions.

Catering Director Shelly Finneran, says the department's goal is to provide personalized service to the community for an affordable cost.



COOKING FOR A CROWD: Catering Director Shelly Finneran and a Boys Republic student prepare hors d'oeuvres for a catering job.

Professional kitchen staff work side-by-side with students in all aspects of the job. Students working on the front end of a catering job learn how to set up dining table and a buffet table, and use proper etiquette while serving guests at each type of event.

Miss Shelly says some students take to the artistic side of catering, which involves menu planning and decorating for themed events.

The Friends of Steve McQueen Annual Commemorative Car Show Dinner

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is Boys Republic's largest catered event to date.

The gourmet dinner consisting of five courses sells out each year with approximately 800 guests in attendance. To accommodate the large dinner gathering, guests are served inside a giant portable tent that's rented each year using proceeds from the car show.

The Friends of Steve McQueen Car Show Committee has designated proceeds from the car show in June towards the construction of a structure for use by the Culinary Arts Program.

To receive information about Boys Republic catering events and facility rentals, please email Sarah Edens at catering@boysrepublic.org



DOUBLE DECOR: Student Supervisor Rebecca Aguilar decorates for a catered wedding reception inside The Max Scott Culinary Arts Center bistro. Ms. Aguilar and a BR student made all the fresh floral decorations for the reception and a wedding ceremony that took place beforehand in the Boys Republic chapel.

SAFETY FIRST: Kitchen Supervisor and Culinary Instructor Kelly Roth teaches a class on the safe handling and proper use of different types of kitchen knives.

PRESENTING: Pastry Chef and Bakery Instructor Kevin Brown sets out a lightly frosted butter cream wedding cake with fresh flowers for a private reception held in the bistro.



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Students Explore the Universe at Mount Wilson Observatory

On May 13, students ventured to the historical Mount Wilson Observatory in the San Gabriel Mountains. Boys Republic High School Science teacher John Burns organized the trip to the site of key discoveries about the universe.

Students first enjoyed dinner and were led on a private tour of the observatory dome.

Later in the evening, session director Timothy Thompson and telescope operator Geovanni Somoz led the observation



LOOKING UP: Students wait for their turns to peer through the telescope in the observatory dome. The majority of the Boys Republic students do not see neighborhoods outside of their own, so the observatory visit was a novel experience.

session.

Students peered through the 60-inch telescope, once the world's largest, to see the brilliant planets, stars, and other galaxies for themselves.

The exciting evening encouraged students to explore for themselves, which was their teacher, Mr. Burns' goal. "I want to stoke students' curiosity and excitement about our universe," Mr. Burns says.



LET'S PLAY BALL: Honest effort and positive attitudes on the field are markings of success at Boys Republic.

Softball Fever Sweeps Main Campus

Spring brings softball intramurals to Boys Republic's campus, but this year was different. In addition to competing in scheduled games, students practiced and played in the afternoons and weekends.

Ryan Pearce, a caseworker in McCormick cottage, says staff initiated the softball craze. "The kids were bickering and getting into arguments, so, so we took them out to the baseball field," Ryan recalls.

James and Angel had played before. James didn't have a lot of confidence and would be hard on himself.

With each practice, the team came together and worked on their skills. The kids began to support one another and it became infectious to see if they could get better.

At the end of intermual tournament, several students won awards including Most Improved, MVP, and "Silver Slugger" for most balls hit.

Bakery Students Join in Industry Food Tour

Puratos, a bakery ingredients vendor for Boys Republic, recently hosted an annual event for its customers at the Max Scott Culinary Arts Center bistro.

The Puratos 2023 Food Tour included cooking demonstrations by Puratos chefs, information about the latest trends in commercial food products, a food sampling table, and a catered lunch.

Attendees served themselves from a sandwich bar featuring trays of cold cuts and cheeses and an array of fresh breads and desserts.

Boys Republic bakery staff and students introduced themselves and shared information about the student bakery classes and commercial bakery.

Jason Bedford from Puratos said the company had donated products to Boys Republic during the early stages of the pandemic. BR students used the ingredients in muffins and breads that they made for donation to local food banks.

In appreciation, Mr. Bedford presented Bakery Instructor Kevin Brown with several, new, hard-covered, professional bakery cookbooks for his classroom.

Pastry Chef Kevin says this event was a good opportunity for students to network with professionals from the commercial bakery industry. "It's important that we broaden our students' exposure to different businesses and the jobs that they can do after they graduate," he explains.



BR BAKERY staff and students introduce themselves at the Puratos 2023 Food Tour. The business event was held in the Max Scott Culinary Arts Center bistro.

BR Benefits From Local Demolition Derby Event



SIGNING ON: BR students and staff sign a demolition car that was used in an off-campus fundraiser benefitting Boys Republic and Girls Republic.

BR staff attending the 2023 Chino Challenge Demolition Derby on July 22 roared and cheered as drivers intentionally smashed their cars into one another at the Chino Fairgrounds.

No matter the outcome of the competition, it would be a win for Boys Republic, who was selected by the Chino Fair Association to be the charity beneficiary this year.

Boys Republic was given the derby car from the Fair Association to use in the fundraiser. Friends of Steve McQueen Car Show volunteer Mike Santana, owner of Santana's Auto Body, donated a fresh coat of white paint.

The car was on display from June 2-4 at the Friends of Steve McQueen Car and Motorcycle Show. For a \$20 donation, guests could sign the vehicle and receive two tickets to the 2024 car show. Students and staff signed too, without having to make a donation to do so.

Before the race, the charity derby car was put up for auction.. It sold for \$9,500 to the highest bidder, who speaking over the loudspeaker, identified himself as Harvey Mushman, the pseudonym used by Steve McQueen when he raced cars and motorcycles.

Boys Republic received \$9,500 from the car auction and \$4,031 in sponsorships, including \$1,000 from HDC Construction, raising \$13,531 in total to support its programs for at-risk youth.

The 16th Annual Friends of Steve McQueen Car and Motorcycle Show



LASTING LEGACY: A new street sign has been installed at the center of student activities on Boys Republic’s main campus. The sign marks the intersection of Steve McQueen Drive and Margaret Fowler Court. Famous actor and racer Steve McQueen lived on the campus as a student in 1946. Margaret Fowler founded Boys Republic in 1907.



STRONG AND PROUD: The Norco Cowgirls Rodeo Drill Team rides in unison on June 4 on the Boys Republic campus. The group took part in Sunday’s patriotic opening ceremony at the 2023 Friends of Steve McQueen Car and Motorcycle Show. Later the team performed rope and riding tricks inside a horse arena before an appreciative crowd. This year’s western theme was inspired by the film “The Magnificent Seven”. Photo by Randy Berg



FOUR GENERATIONS OF THE MCQUEEN FAMILY attend the dedication of the Steve McQueen Drive street sign on June 3 at the Annual Car Show Commemorative Dinner. Pictured (from left) are: Mitchell and Madison Carriles (Chad McQueen’s daughter) Neile Adams McQueen (Chad’s mother), Chad McQueen (Steve and Neile’s son), Jeanie McQueen (Chad’s wife), Sarah Greenwald (girlfriend of Chase McQueen) and Chase McQueen (Chad’s son). Chase is standing behind Chino Hills Mayor Peter Rogers (speaking at the podium) and BR Executive Director Chris Burns (far right). Three month old Michael Carriles was brought to the dinner event by his parents Mitchell and Madison Carriles. Michael is the first great-grandchild of Steve and Neile McQueen.



A CAR SHOW FOR ALL: The Annual Friends of Steve McQueen Car and Motorcycle Show offers a unique car show experience for all ages. Displayed with collector cars and motorcycles are vintage planes, trailers, drag boats, nitro race cars, dune buggies, military vehicles, and more. Spectators enjoy raffles, food trucks, merchandise booths, and various activities for the children. The Friends of Steve McQueen Car Show Committee plans the weekend event each year to support Boys Republic, the former school and treatment community of the late actor and professional racer Steve McQueen. This year’s 16th annual show raised \$505,000 total from a Welcome Party, Annual Commemorative Dinner, Car and Motorcycle Show, and a Car Show Rally held in the spring. Photo by Randy Berg

Memorials Honor Special People Through the Lives of Children

A memorial contribution to Boys Republic and Girls Republic is a meaningful way to honor a special person, a special event or the memory of a friend or loved one. Your gift will reap a second benefit as well by contributing directly to the programs of Boys and Girls Republic. In this way, the honor paid to the designee will live on perpetually in the lives of the deserving young people you have helped.

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BR Campus Gets Waterwise



Birds, bees and butterflies are being attracted to the new native plants that are filling out across several areas on the Boys Republic main campus in Chino Hills

Drought tolerant gardens are replacing some lawn areas on campus that are not being used for recreational purposes, says Mike Jones, owner of Pro Landscape Services.

His company will assist with garden planning, removing grass, preparing soil, installing drip irrigation, and planting. Mike is a Boys Republic alumni ('01) who hires program graduates to work in his landscaping business.

Compared to the water used and maintenance required for the lawns, Mike says the native gardens will need significantly less water and upkeep.

To make the gardens more functional for the community, concrete benches and tables will be installed in some areas for staff, students, and family members on weekend visits to the campus.