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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS TO OFFER *EARLY BIRD* PROGRAM FOR SUMMER**

*Registration for Summer Programs Running from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Weekdays Open Now*

*SPOKANE, WASHINGTON* (Thursday, March 25) – The Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County’s Northtown Branch is now accepting applications for their summer *Early Bird* program which will run from June 21 – August 13. *Early Bird* will offer children, ages 6-18, access to the Club from 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. during the summer and will provide activities, two meals and a snack, and programs each day for as little as \$3.00 a day.

“Through the *Early Bird* program, Boys & Girls Club is able to offer affordable and high quality youth development services during the summer,” said Boys & Girls Club of Spokane County Operations Director, Alise Delzell. “This is a great way that your child remains productive, and in a positive place during their months away from school.”

This *Early Bird* program is designed to give a positive option for children of working parents during this difficult economic time. A \$25 application fee will be charged to secure a spot in the *Early Bird* program, which is currently limited to the first 100 paid members and includes Club membership until December 2010. The program will include access to programs such as homework help, Foreign Language Club, fine arts, and athletics, and events such as talent shows and field trips. Parents have two payment options - option one allows for a \$15 payment on a week to week basis or you save \$20 by pre-paying the entire summer for only \$100.

**About The Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County**

Since 2001, The Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County has been a part of a nationwide affiliation of local, autonomous organizations dedicated to helping young people of all backgrounds develop the qualities they need to become responsible citizens and leaders. Founded in the philosophies of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County operates multiple Clubs in order to provide a broad range of programs in five Core Areas: Education and Career Development, Character and

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Currently serving more than 2,400 area youth between the ages of 6 - 18, The Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County operates three Clubs year-round from Friday through Monday. For a yearly membership fee of \$10, youth have access to all of the Clubs: Northtown Branch (Open 3pm – 7pm); the Libby Teen Center (Open 4pm – 8pm) and the Lisa Stiles-Gyllenhammer Mead Branch scheduled to open this spring (Open 3pm – 7pm).

For more information about the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane, visit [www.bgcspokanecounty.org](http://www.bgcspokanecounty.org)

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