

Valencia County Report

ScOutreach Juvenile Diversion Program

Month: May 2015

- Current number of participants: 42
- New referrals: 3
- Recent graduates:1
- Number of participant who exited the program: 3
- Total number of activity hours: 183.25
- Volunteer In-Kind hours: 72.25
- Parent Project hours: 57.0

ScOutreach - Valencia County May 2015 – Youth Activities

May 2 – TNT Boxing

ScOutreach youth met at TNT Boxing gym in Los Lunas at 2pm and leader David Adame was ready for them! He began with a warm-up for all the youth in the ring. He explained how important it is to warm up your muscles and stretch them once they are loosened up a bit. After pushups, jumping jacks, and other warm-up moves, David taught the youth some basic boxing moves and explained to them their purposes. He did a great job modeling the moves for them and assisting those that needed a little extra help. Finally, our teens got to use their new moves on the punching bags while others chose to spar with David or some of their peers. Working with David at the gym teaches our youth about a positive activity that they can be involved in, as well as self-discipline and motivation. David spoke to the youth and reminded them that they can do anything they set their minds to. One of the volunteers at the gym was a previous ScOutreach graduate and it was so wonderful to hear how great she is doing and to see her interacting with our current youth while encouraging them to do well in life and staying on the right track. A few youth were interested in coming to the gym regularly on their own, which was great to see!

May 6 – UNM Valencia Tour

We worked with Danny Bustos at UNM-Valencia to take a tour of their campus and see many of the different departments. Throughout our tour, which parents were invited to join in on, we met the librarian, the student success workers, and others who explained to our families what their departments offer. After our tour, Danny took the group into a real college lecture hall to give them information on different programs that are offered at the campus. He spoke to them about Upward Bound, which is a program that they can get involved in while still in middle and high

school. Danny also shared with them about enrolling in dual-credit, where they can earn college credit for free while still in high school. He shared his own experiences with higher education and stressed how important it is to get some type of education. He acknowledged that college is not for everyone, but that there are other programs and trade schools so everyone is able to find something that suits them. The parents and youth reported that the information they received was very valuable. We look forward to bringing our next group to the campus.

May 8 and May 9 – Blue Star Mothers

Youth assisted the Blue Star Mothers of Valencia County with their packing for the troops. On May 8, we assisted with bringing boxes down from upstairs and unloading the contents to their respective places to prepare for the actual packing on May 9. On packing day, youth got to take boxes along the line and pack them with items to be sent to troops overseas. Blue Star Mothers was very thankful for our help and the teens had a great time interacting with some of the older generations that were also there to help. Some of our parents were there for both days and helped as well.

May 13 – Leadership and Teamwork

For this youth meeting, ScOutreach invited Judge John Chavez to teach our youth about leadership and teamwork. Mr. Chavez introduced the topics by discussing leaders in our community and why teamwork is important. He prepared an awesome game to engage the youth while still learning about the two topics. He split the group into teams and they went through stages of building paper airplanes. The catch was, each time around there was a different assigned leader. At the end of each round, the airplanes were tested to see which team built the best one. Progressively, the teams received more and more instruction, making their planes better each time. At the end, they had full instructions on how to build a model airplane out of one piece of paper. The process taught them about working with different types of leaders as well as teamwork. It was a very fun yet informational class and the youth enjoyed it and learned a lot! We are honored to have Judge Chavez as a partner and look forward to inviting him back to teach the class again, he did a wonderful job.

Success Stories:

The numbers of referrals received continues to increase which is helping us in achieving the program's goal of serving 120 youth and their families. Thank you to UNM Valencia Coampus for the awesome tour. ScOutreach is very happy that we are able to have this opportunity in giving our families these so important resources that are available in THEIR community.

What major activities are planned for the next month?

ScOutreach has many exciting activities happening for the month of June. We will have Patricia Rael come out and present and educate our participant and parents on the effects of alcohol. Jennifer Weiss will give a presentation on the effect of heroin and prescribed drugs. We will be part of the 2nd Annual Children's Fun Fair being held on June 30th at the Daniel Fernandez Park.

