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REDWOOD CITY COMPUTER CLUBHOUSE

**Quarterly Report to
The Fitzpatrick Foundation**

Winter/Spring 09

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300 youth aged 9-18 will access the Computer Clubhouse, learn skills and pass proficiency tests in coursework and/or programs ranging from typing and basic computer navigation to digital audio and multi-media production.	Club Tech Skill Tech 1 & 2 Netzsmarts: 30	Complete Winter: 21 members passed. Spring: 9 members passed.	Members had the opportunity to work at their own pace and that helped them complete Club Tech. Club Tech concepts were reinforced in all Computer Clubhouse workshops. www.myclubmylife.org	20 new members of the Computer Clubhouse will complete Club Tech as they enroll for the program.
	Computer Tech: 12	Not Completed	Now that we have all new workstations we didn't have the need to build or upgrade any parts of our systems. Instead, we developed a maintenance crew who are responsible for the functionality and scalability of the Computer Clubhouse workstations.	12 members (6 Girls, 6 Boys) will help maintain the Computer Clubhouse workstations. <u>Maintenance Crew Tasks</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windows Vista Updates and Patches • Defragmentation of Hard Disks • Hard Disk clean up • Clean LCD monitors • Update drivers and software
100 youth will learn to compose, edit and produce their own music using industry standard software and equipment.	Reason 3.0: 15	Complete Winter: 15 members Spring: 4 members	We decided to change the software and hardware that we use to make beats. We changed from Reason 3 to the Yamaha Motif XS6. Members learned how to use this very expensive and professional beat-making workstation alongside Pro Tools Le. We will bring Reason 3 back and use it along with the MotifX56.	12 new members to be introduced to Reason 3 and create two "beats" each.

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	Pro Tools Le: 4	Complete Winter: 5 members Spring: 2 members	7 members are proficient with the Pro Tools Le interface and basic functions. With the mentoring of Victor “Viz da Kid” Arnaldo “Mudo” and Francisco “finesse” we have had a great flow of new members in our music studio.	4 new members to be introduced to Pro Tools Le and basic interface.
	ACID 5.0: 25	Complete Winter: 12 members Spring: 14 members	Members learned the basic interface of Acid Pro 7. This time we used Virtual DJ and this made the Acid Pro workshop more enjoyable for our members. It was easier to transition to the Acid Pro with the members using Virtual DJ first. We will do the same for the summer.	25 members will complete Acid Pro and use their mix with another project. (e.g. Movie Maker , Virtual DJ, BGCP FOREST RADIO)
	Sound Forge 8.0: 5	Complete Winter: 4 members Spring: 3 members	This is a standard in the studio for anyone wanting to encode their .wav to .mp3 or .acc format. The skills acquired are a standard set: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ripping tracks from CD • Adding effects to track (delay, echo, reverb) • Editing tracks (removing sounds & lyrics) • Bit rate (quality of sound) • Tracking a DJ mix 	5 members will complete a project using Sound Forge.

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	Tech Challenge: 1 team of high school members.	Complete 3 high school members participated in our tech challenge team.	We learned a lot by seeing other projects in the test days leading up to the event itself. FUN!! was the first thing we had on the day of the challenge in San Jose. Our Task was to get our hand crafted “blimp” to deliver ping pong balls to the top of a 10 ft tall model volcano that was 20 ft away!! We came a few feet and seconds away from deploying our ping pong balls and we can’t wait for the Challenge next year. We have already signed up 3 teams. We also learned of a connection to SHEP (Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers) at Cañada College, where we can have access to mentors for our teams.	Create 3 teams for the Tech Challenge. Team 1: 10 - 12 yrs old (mixed gender) Team 2: 13 - 18 (girls) Team 3: 13 - 18 (boys) Next year’s challenge is: <i>International Space Station Mission: Space Junk</i> Event date and time TBD

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<p>90 Members will train for and pass in-house certification tests to join "Eyes On You Media Crew" that will document produce multimedia communications on Boys & Girls Clubs events throughout the clubhouse, the organization, and in the community.</p>	<p>Video Camera: 10</p>	<p>Complete Winter/Spring: 10</p>	<p>Our media crew consists of 10 members who have done a great job this winter/spring. They have covered many of our Club's big events. Thanks to their very good footage we can then pass it on to our editors and mastering crew. Then, we have created a nice video within 7 to 10 days of the event. They have learned the following standard skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proper charging of camera battery • Power up/down camera • How to grip the camera in a safe manner • How to transport camera while shooting • Zoom in/Zoom out • Placing/Removing camera from tripod • Insert/Eject Mini-DV tape • Correctly using Microphone/Mic Input Levels 	<p>10 members will pass the video camera test and be certified to use video camera.</p>

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	Video Editing: 4	Complete Winter/Spring: 4 members	We are really enjoying the creation of videos now that we have our new equipment. We have created many videos and have received very positive feedback. We strive to higher quality projects, and also develop our members creative and potential with their videos. We now have an ambitious goal of creating a video for 20 alumni of our Clubhouse. We see the number of members involved in video editing doubling in size.	2 new members will learn to edit video with Premiere Pro.
	Digital Camera: 5	Complete Winter/Spring: 5 members	Members used a digital camera for Adobe Photoshop and Movie Maker workshops. Also, 6 members participated in the Image Makers contest this year. They used a digital camera and used Black/White process, and created photo essays. The members learned the following skills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn on a digital camera • Zoom In/Out • Downloading pictures directly from the camera or with the memory card. • Correct naming scheme • Organizing images • Using angles and light to created different shots. • Black/White process • How to charge the camera. • Teamwork 	10 members will learn basic photography thru the use of digital cameras.

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	Reporter: 2	Complete Winter/Spring: 5 members	Initially it was very hard to organize the members' energy and enthusiasm but we learned to channel their energy through hands-on training rather than lecturing. The equipment we have in the Clubhouse is very expensive and members were hesitant to touch or use it. With the liberty to use this equipment the members have felt a sense of empowerment. Our media crew consisted of 10 members; we documented all big club events.	2 new reporters will join Eyes On You media team.

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	Field Trips : 2	<p>Partially Complete</p> <p>Winter: 1</p> <p>Spring: 0</p>	<p>We went to Pixar on February 19th for a very exclusive guided tour. Members were blown away by the creative buzz in the air. Pixar has a relaxed environment and at the same time very professional. Every process is very carefully planned out. We saw the original art work for the movie “UP” before anyone else, which was really cool. Our tour was guided by Randy Nelson, dean of Pixar University. Also, we had the opportunity to showcase some of our Adobe Youth Voices award-winning videos. Randy was very impressed with the work of our members. Our members sent an email to Randy and thanked him for his and Pixar’s hospitality. Finally, thank you to Leila Ganz our volunteer coordinator for putting the field trip together of us.</p> <p>We had a second field trip planned to the Intel Museum on January 22nd but we had to reschedule for this summer or fall.</p>	2 field trips are planned for the summer/fall to Electronic Arts and Intel Museum.

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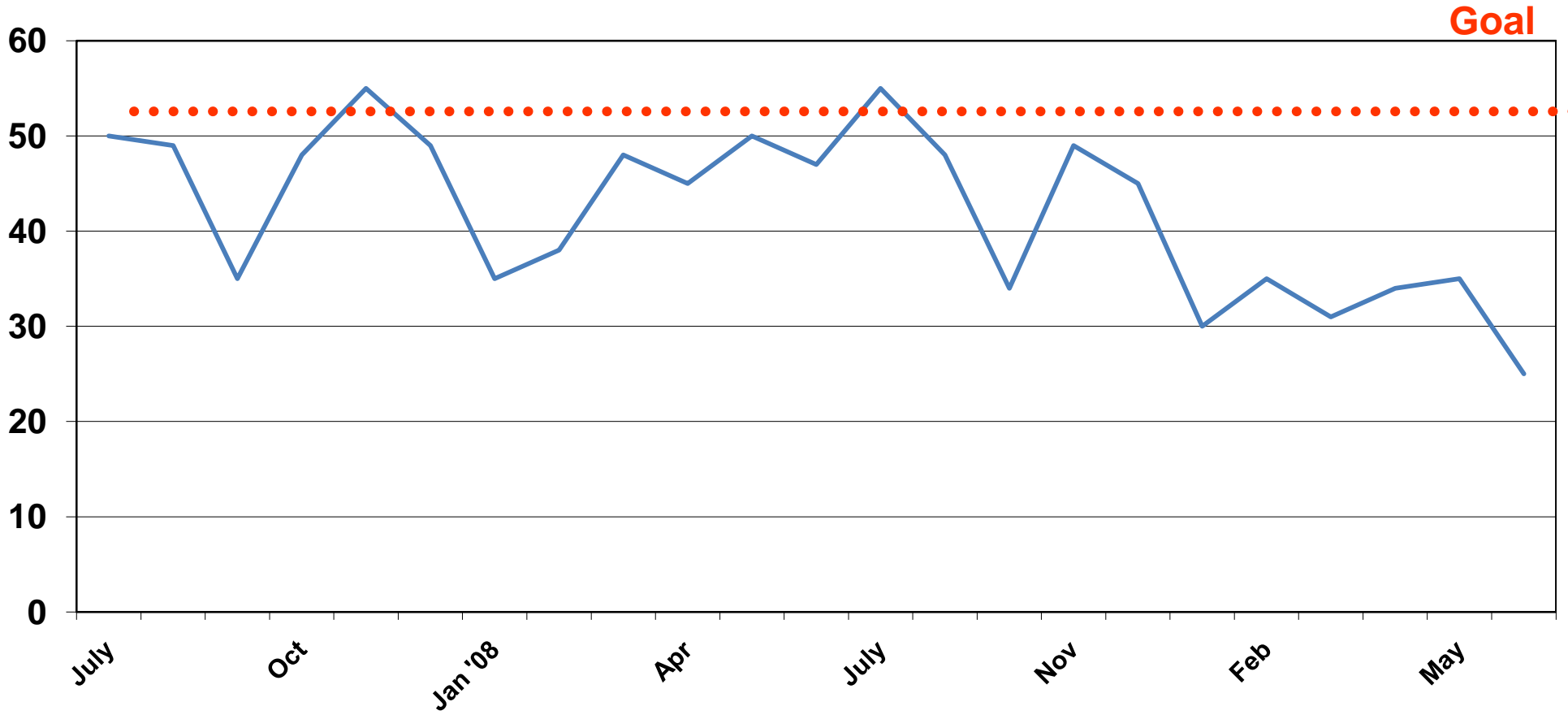
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<p>150 members will learn more about technology industry and /or latest practices by attending 2 or more field trips and/or guest speaker presentations. Members will document what they learned following each experience.</p>	<p>Windows Movie Maker: 11</p>	<p>Complete Winter: 15 members Spring: 10 members</p>	<p>We combined several software titles in the projects created by the members using Virtual DJ for the slideshow music and Adobe Photoshop for creative art of some of their images used in the slideshow. Transitions and video effects were big this time around, and the members also learned the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Importing Media • Movie Maker Interface • Organizing their media folder • Drag and Drop • Transitions • Video Effects • Titles/Credits • Timeline/Storyboard • Layers 	<p>15 members will produce a slideshow/video and showcase it to the rest of the club.</p>

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	Adobe Photoshop: 30	<p>Complete Winter: 18 members Spring: 15 members</p>	<p>Adobe Photoshop is the basic software title in the Computer Clubhouse. All members that participate in the Computer Clubhouse workshops have used Adobe Photoshop at some point. Three teens mentored and ran the class. Members have gained the following skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saving, opening documents • Navigate the “Menu Bar” • Layer concepts (stacking) • Drag-n-drop between windows. • Liquefying images • Saving and organizing images from the internet browser • Adjusting the image Hue • Adjusting brightness/contrast • Keyboard command for “transformation” “save” “print” “copy” “cut” “paste” etc.. 	30 members will create a Photoshop project that will be showcased to the rest of the club.

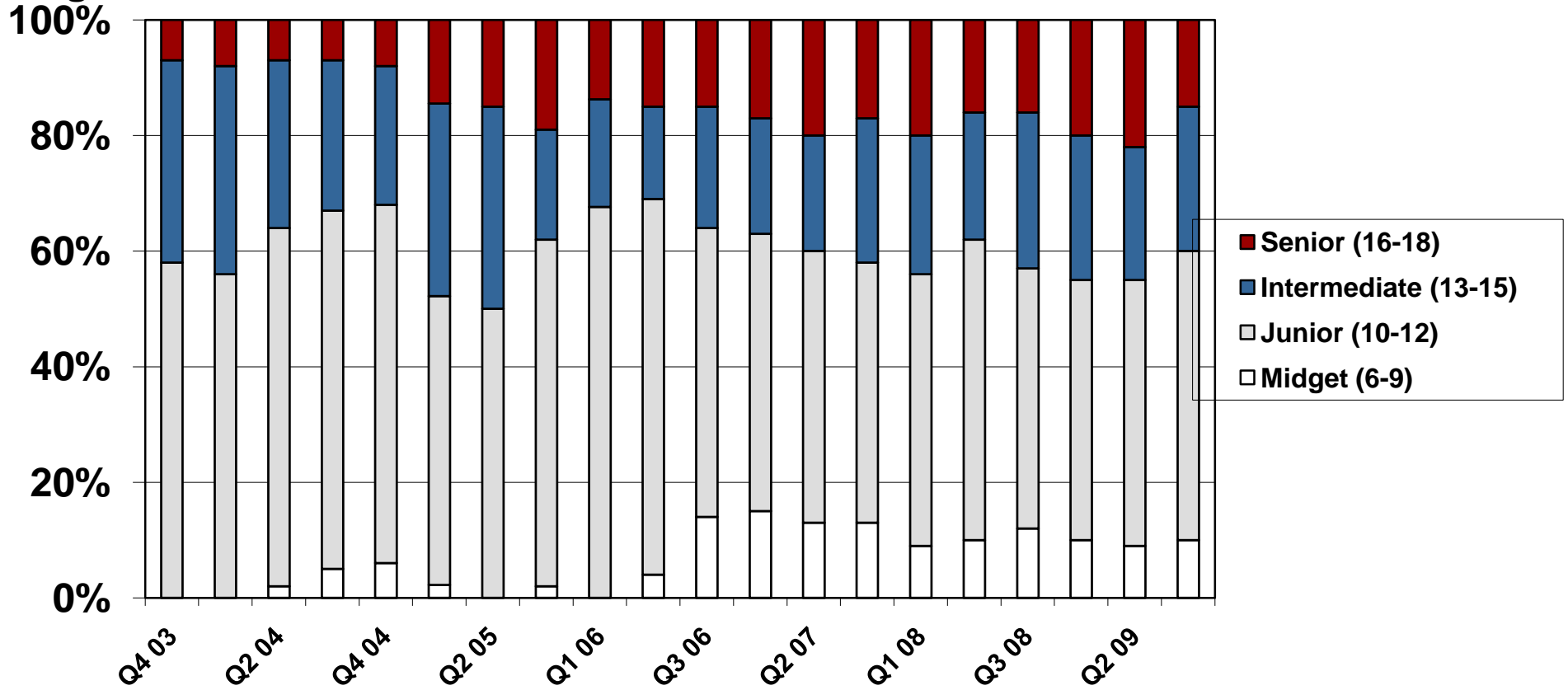
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Average Daily Attendance



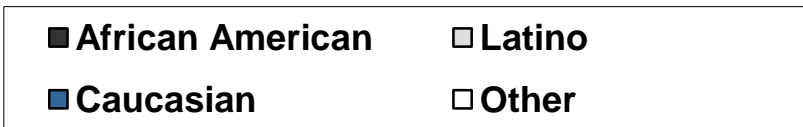
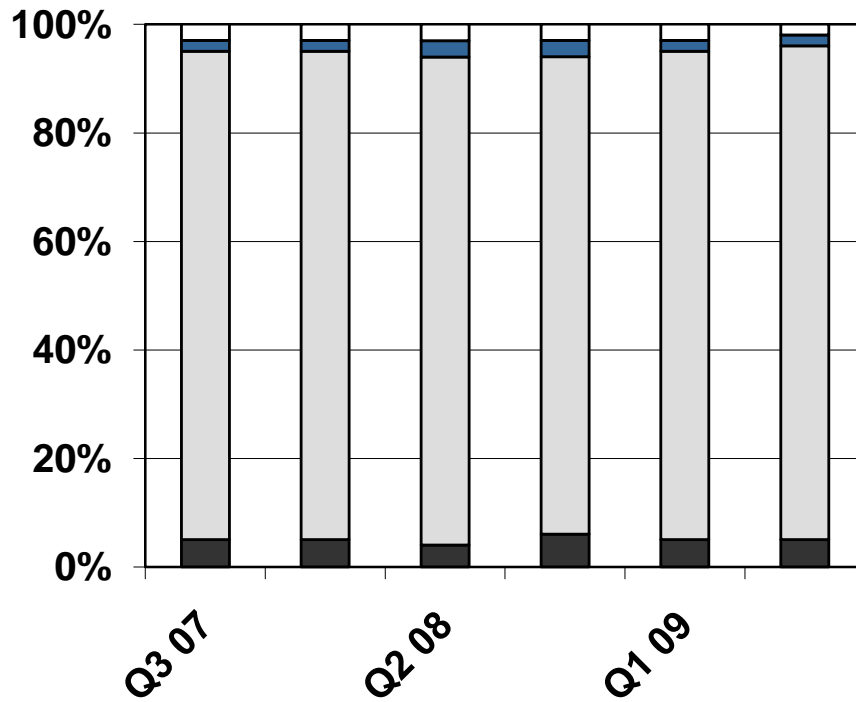
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Age Mix of Attendees

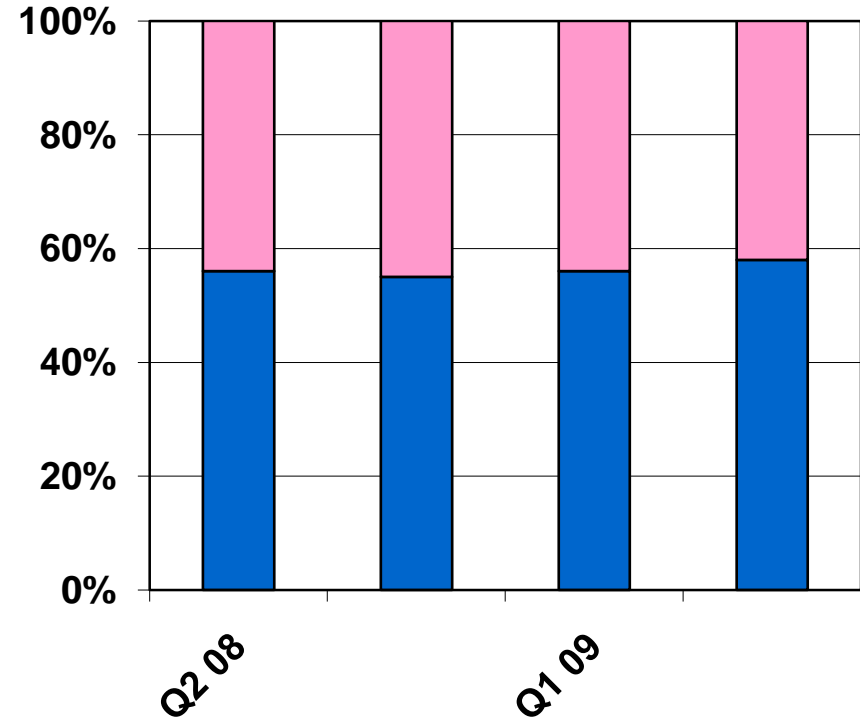


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Ethnic Mix of Attendees



Gender Mix of Attendees



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Highlights

- Adobe Inc. flew Arnaldo Castillo, Francisco Espinoza, Victor Rosas, Jonathan Moreno, and Maria Centeno to a pre-Grammy party hosted by the Peapod Foundation.
- Private tour of Pixar studios in Emeryville!!
- Members' projects were showcased in the Clubhouse Open House.
- Participated in the Image Makers Photo contest
- Learned and had fun in this year's San Jose Tech Museum Tech Challenge
- Keystone Tigers won a BGCA video contest and received a cash award.
- Created our own internet-based radio station -- BGCP FOREST RADIO. ☺
- Jessie & Ulysses performed live for **BE A KID FOR A NIGHT** fundraiser!!

Clubhouse All-Stars and Success Stories



The Club recognized Omar Ruiz as **Member of the Month** for being a superstar in the Computer Clubhouse all year by exhibiting a positive attitude, dedication, and willingness to learn. Ruiz sets an example for other members through his work and conduct in the Computer Clubhouse. He is establishing himself as a leader. Ruiz has maintained impeccable attendance for Adobe Photoshop, Movie Maker and Virtual DJ classes. In doing so, he has shown skills in each of those applications. One would think that Ruiz would stop there, but he also stays busy playing in the Team Up for Youth/BGCP basketball league. He has also been recognized in our Achievement Matters and end of the year celebrations. The Club staff would like to congratulate Ruiz on all of his hard work both in and out of the Computer Clubhouse. ☺

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Parent Computer Class



The Parent Computer Class has been very successful and impactful and we continue to move forward. In January we focused on having every parent create their own GMAIL account. I began instructing them on the basics of an e-mail user interface or using different types of e-mail accounts and understanding the different buttons. The ultimate goal has been for each parent to create their own resume using Microsoft Word. Some of the parents have become so computer savvy, they even pay their bills online now! They say, “it saves us time and money by doing so and we surf the internet with more confidence because of what we have been exposed to in the class.” As the instructor of the class, I feel the content motivates the parents, increases their self-esteem, and allows them to apply the skills they learn to make their lives more efficient because of the time and effort they have invested.

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Image Makers Photography Contest



To be a photographer is to see life in your own way through photography. It brings together imagination and reality. I see life and love on this earth. I want to show you that life and love can all come together as one. With this flower I make a wish: I wish to keep my loved ones in my life.

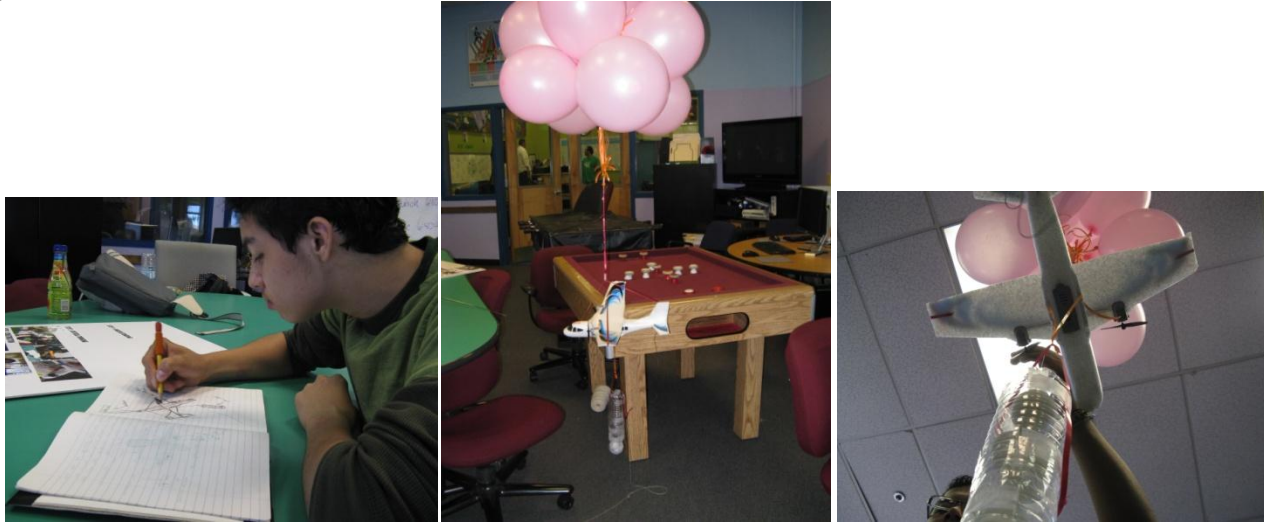
What do you wish for?
Photo by
Rosa Ramon, Age 15
Mervin G. Morris Clubhouse



Image Makers 2009 was a real success for our members in the Redwood City Computer Clubhouse. They learned to use digital cameras and were exposed to black/white processing, digital images and photo essays. In total 6 members completed their projects from our clubhouse. East Palo Alto, Menlo Park and Redwood City Clubhouses displayed their members' projects, and members and parents enjoyed the art work. Parents voted on the art work and selected one winner per age group, per category. With the wonderful help of Sarah and Berenice we held a successful Image Makers Gala in the Menlo Park multipurpose room. We look forward to hearing if any of our art is selected to move on to the national level.

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Tech Challenge 2009: EXPLORE THE VOLCANO



Let's just start off with our team's name this year: "Palmalottalava" ☺

We had FUN!! During this whole process and I must say the teens were very creative and followed through with their commitment. This year's challenge was to find a practical and inexpensive, yet effective, method to deliver expensive scientific equipment to the top of a volcano. How do we do it? The team hand-crafted a blimp to drop the ping pong balls into the top of the 10ft tall volcano. Our blimp was one-half RC-controlled foam airplane and one-half 13 helium balloons. We lifted off and came just a few feet and seconds away from dropping the ping pong balls (ping pong balls represented the scientific equipment) into the top of the volcano. It was a great team-building experience, from the first days of thinking of a team name to dropping ping pong balls everywhere during the test of the blimp. We look forward to next year's challenge, and adding more teams.