



# Newsletter

*"Active Youth Today for Brighter Youth Tomorrow"*

## Black Diamond Community Foundation

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### Active Youth Day Summer Session Loading....

Get ready for our Active Youth Day Summer Session happening this June! We're gearing up to bring youth an exciting lineup of sports experiences designed to help them get active, try something new, and discover what they enjoy most. While we're finalizing the full lineup, participants can expect a variety of engaging sports opportunities in a fun and supportive environment. No matter their skill level, every child will have the chance to explore, learn, and grow through movement and play.

With support from partners like Every Kid Sports, we'll also be helping families with registration fees and providing equipment removing barriers so every child can participate.

Come ready to try, play, and find your sport this summer!

Stay tuned for more details...this is one you won't want to miss!

Happening in the community:

- Characters in the Park - May 16 at 10AM - Laurel Park
- Sebastian Bear Joins the Orchestra - May 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM-11:30AM - Windgate Center for Fine Performing Arts
- Water Pie Taste Test Kitchen - May 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30PM- Faulkner County Library

### Every sideline holds a child who wants in.

### Don't let cost silence a child's passion to play.



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## Needing help with college?



Planning for college can feel overwhelming, but you don't have to do it alone. We're happy to support students and families navigate the path to higher education.

Our team provides hands-on support with:

- Finding and applying for scholarships
- Completing college applications
- Identifying the right college fit

We're here to help make the process easier, more accessible, and less stressful, so students can focus on their future with confidence.

✉ Need assistance? Contact us today to get started and take the next step toward college success!



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## Youth Sports Access – The Reality

Arkansas ranks near the bottom nationally in youth sports participation (around 44th), showing lower access compared to other states.

Cost is the #1 barrier—about 42% of kids don't play because families can't afford it. The average family now spends about \$1,000 per year per child just for one sport. 60% of parents say they can't afford fees over \$100 per season. Because of these barriers, 70% of kids quit sports by age 13.

## Why This Matters

- Kids need 60 minutes of activity daily for healthy development
- Sports improve:
  - Confidence
  - Mental health
  - Academic success
  - Teamwork and leadership skills

**WE PAY. KIDS PLAY**

