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Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast Opens its Blue Doors During National Boys & Girls Club Week

Fort Walton Beach (March 1, 2016) – Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast invites our community to **‘Open the Door. Take the Tour.’**

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast is joining other Boys & Girls Clubs across the country for the annual celebration of National Boys & Girls Club Week, March 7-12, 2016.

As part of National Boys & Girls Club Week, we will celebrate the positive impact that our Clubs have during out-of-school time by hosting an “Open the Door. Take the Tour.” open house event at each of our Clubs. Clubs will host parents, civic leaders and the media in their facilities to show them firsthand how Boys & Girls Clubs make a difference in our communities.

Between March 7th and March 10th, all 9 Clubs encompassing the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast organization will open their blue doors to the community for visitors to learn how our Clubs help our kids achieve great futures by providing a safe haven after school and during the summer.

Visitors can participate in various activities with our young people and experience some of the ways our Club promotes Academic Success, Good Character and Citizenship, and Healthy Lifestyles.

Boys & Girls Club Week Open House Schedule:

Monday March 7 th , 4-6pm	DeFuniak Springs Club	435 N. Ninth Street, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32433
Monday March 7 th , 4-6pm	Destin Elementary Club	Destin Elementary School, 630 Kelly Street, Destin, FL 32541
Tuesday March 8 th , 3-6pm	Crestview Club	Allen Park, 903 McClelland St Crestview, FL 32536
Wednesday March 9 th , 4:30-6:30pm	South Walton Club	427 Greenway Trail, Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459
Thursday March 10 th , 4-6pm	Fort Walton Beach Club	923 Denton Blvd., Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32547
Thursday March 10 th , 5-7pm	Kenwood Elementary Club	Kenwood Elementary 15 Eagle St NE Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547

We welcome the entire community to experience how The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast is advocating for great futures for our youth.

Club families, club supporters, and community leaders will be in attendance. Local elected officials will be on hand to formally recognize March 7-12, 2016 as Boys & Girls Club Week.



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About Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast

Mission: To inspire and empower all young people to achieve their full potential.

Vision: Improving lives of all Emerald Coast youth as the premier youth development organization.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast serves youth ages 5 to 18 by providing guidance-oriented character development programs conducted by trained, youth development professionals. Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast encompasses 9 Clubs and serves over 2,150 youth across Escambia, Okaloosa, and Walton counties. For more information call 850-862-1616 and visit online at www.EmeraldCoastBGC.org