

A PLACE TO BECOME... A BOYS & GIRLS CLUB STAFF.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Saline County believes in dreaming big and working hard. We believe that if you can dream it, no matter who you are you can achieve it. However, at our Club it's not magic that makes dreams come true; it's the support and safety that is provided to our youth every day by our staff. Our Club is more than just a place to dream. It's a place to belong. A place to have fun and learn. It's a place to grow. Our Club is **a place to become...** your greatest self.



The staff at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Saline County are truly making a positive impact on the lives of the Club's members, just ask 8-year-old KK Williams. KK is a member of the Riverside Boys & Girls Club and attends Angie Grant Elementary School in Benton. She and some of her siblings are currently enrolled in the Riverside Club's summer program, and they have all made lasting friendships and memories with the staff of the Riverside Club. In fact, SCBGC staff have impacted KK's life so much that she aspires to become a SCBGC staff herself when she grows up. To help KK become one step closer to achieving her dreams, our Riverside Club staff member Donna Chastain let KK shadow her for a day in the Gina's Catering Kitchen. Mrs. Donna runs the food program at our Riverside Club, and she is responsible for ordering the food, making the menus and prepping/cooking thousands of meals each week for the Club's youth which makes her the perfect staff to shadow! To prepare KK for her day with Donna, SCBGC staff dug a little deeper on why KK wants to become a SCBGC staff when she's older.

Q: *Why do you want to be a Boys & Girls Club staff when you grow up?*

A: *"I love the Boys and Girls Club."*

Q: *What would be the most exciting part about being a Boys & Girls Club staff?*

A: *"Getting to play with all the kids every day."*

Q: *What would be the most difficult part about being a Boys & Girls Club staff?*

A: *"The hardest part would be having to get the kids in trouble. I don't like getting other people in trouble."*

Q: *What do you hope to get out of job shadowing a Boys & Girls Club staff?*

A: *"I am just excited to get to help make food for the other kids."*



On Wednesday, July 11, KK joined Mrs. Donna in the kitchen to help her prepare for the lunch day ahead! Mrs. Donna immediately showed KK how to make sure her hands were squeaky clean, and then gave her a hair net and gloves for cooking! KK surprisingly loved the hair net and her face lit up the moment Mrs. Donna put it over her bun!

After getting geared up, it was time to start making some lunch! On the menu for the day was

corn dogs, carrots, apple sauce, Cheeto Puffs and milk. KK first started by learning how to calculate the internal temperature of the cooked corn dogs, and she also learned how to work the thermometer! Next, KK assisted SCBGC staff Braxton Chumley, while she arranged all the frozen corn dogs on trays to be placed in the oven. KK loved this, and while she worked she was able to talk to Ms. Braxton about her brothers and her Club experience!



While the corn dogs were cooking, KK helped Ms. Donna count up the snacks for the concession stand that day, and she was even able to sign for the order! Mrs. Donna then showed KK the refrigerator and the freezer, where KK said she could hang out all day! Since the kitchen gets pretty crazy at lunch time, and KK was hungry, she chose not to help serve lunch that day. Instead, KK helped work the concession stand which she explained was “the best part of her day.”



The best part of KKs day is coming to the Boys & Girls Club. She loves the staff, the activities and getting to help out whenever she can. Members like KK are a great reminder that the staff of Boys & Girls Clubs of Saline County are changing lives every day and are great mentors to the youth of Saline County. Sometimes growing up kids aspire to become just like their heroes, to KK a hero is a Boys & Girls Club staff, and the staff of the SCBGC is here help KK become like her heroes.

