

Portage County teens explore nation's capital with Boys & Girls Club

Thirty-six teens from the Boys & Girls Club of Portage County visited Washington, D.C., on a trip funded by Herb Kohl Philanthropies.

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STEVENS POINT – A group of 36 teens from the Boys & Girls Club of Portage County recently traveled to Washington, D.C., for an educational trip, according to a community announcement.

The trip, which took place June 22-26, was funded by Herb Kohl Philanthropies through its Learning Journey program. The program aims to provide Wisconsin students with hands-on civic education, leadership development and personal growth opportunities.



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The teens were joined by members of Boys & Girls Clubs from the Fox Valley and Tri-County areas.

During the five-day trip, the group visited several historic sites, including the Capitol, the Lincoln Memorial, the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial and the World War II Memorial. They also spent time at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and gathered at the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool.

Trip has lasting impact

For many of the teens, it was their first time traveling outside of the state or visiting a major metropolitan area, according to the announcement. The trip provided a real-world classroom for developing independence and leadership skills as the teens navigated the city.

“You gave us an opportunity that many don’t get to have,” one club member said in the announcement.

The Boys & Girls Club of Portage County expressed its gratitude to Herb Kohl Philanthropies and Portage County donors for supporting the trip.