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Our Seldovia Boys & Girls Club Is Seeking Matching Funds To Remain In Full

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Seldovia Boys & Girls Club

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October 16, 2009

Dear Seldovia Community,

As some of you may have heard, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Kenai Peninsula is going through a challenging time. While it is true that we are not receiving some of the federal money that we were counting on, it is not true that we are closing any of our 7 sites across the peninsula.

In fact, you should not see too many noticeable changes at most of our sites. We will continue to provide all services that have been offered in the past. We will continue to provide a safe, positive environment for your child at all 7 locations across the peninsula. The safety and well being of your children is our number one goal.

The staff and Board of Directors have worked very hard to make the necessary adjustments to our operating budget with the goal of retaining the majority of our staffing positions as well as keeping all of our Clubs open to serve our members.

In Seldovia, we have had to cut one part-time position out of the budget. We have also cut our janitorial services and are reducing spending on Clubhouse supplies and snacks. Additionally, the Clubhouse will not be open during school district vacations/in-services/parent-teacher conferences, though special activities will still be offered during the Christmas and Spring Breaks.

The Board of Directors for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Kenai Peninsula approved Seldovia's 2010 fiscal year budget contingent on us being able to make up the \$45,000 difference in income that occurred once our Title V State of Alaska grant completed its three-year cycle last June. (The Seldovia Club was not eligible to reapply.)



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Though we are committed to not closing the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club, the Board of Directors has given us until January 1st to find enough funding sources to fill the gap; if not, the budget will be significantly reduced and the Unit Director position will be cut to part-time.

We will continue to pursue other revenue sources and we will keep working with partnering agencies to find potential grants that are applicable for this community's unique demographics. If you have further questions or concerns or would like to learn how you can get involved in our mission, please call James Clark at the Programs Office at 283-2682 or call Laurel Hilts at the Seldovia Clubhouse at 234-7577.

Sincerely,

James Clark, Interim Executive Director
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Kenai Peninsula

Laurel Hilts, Unit Director
Seldovia Boys & Girls Club

