



Steamboat Springs Teen Council's September Teen Of The Month

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-Members of the Steamboat Springs Teen Council have selected Luke Borgerding as Teen of the Month for September, 2017. Luke has been selected for this honor by members of the Steamboat Springs Teen Council because he is an outstanding teen in the community and embodies the following values of Teen Council:

- Demonstrates that teens are valuable community assets
- Acts as a leader and/or a positive role model amongst his peers
- Committed to community service

Luke Borgerding, a senior at Steamboat Springs High School, is a very active member in the community. He may be found on the tennis courts or at the local ice arena playing hockey. Hockey has become a two season sport for Luke, where he plays club in the fall and skates on the high school team in the winter. Although he shows strong talent on the court and rink, he is also strongly dedicated to his studies. Luke is a member of the National Honor Society, where he serves as treasurer, and the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA).

One of Luke's greatest accomplishments is his success in hockey. Hockey has taught him more than how to simply skate, but more importantly, how to be a part of a team and work together to create something great. Growing up, Luke's team won two state championships, something that he will always remember.

Asked what motivates him to stay so involved in the community? Luke answers precisely and confidently, "I am motivated to give back to the community that helped raise me." The Steamboat Springs Teen Council is thankful to have teens like Luke in the community to look up to. After high school, Luke plans to attend college, where he hopes to study engineering. He is not sure where his path will take him, but he is eager and excited to see what the future holds.



Luke's role models are his parents. He says, "My parents have always been there and helped shaped me in the person I am today." It's nice to know that our teens have the support they need from close family. One of the challenges Borgerding has faced is his brother and sister leaving for college. He felt it was an adjustment that was not easy to overcome.

When we asked Luke to tell us a little more about himself you could see his true passion for sports and the outdoors emerge. Borgerding seems like a true athlete and feels lucky to have been raised in such a beautiful place with a strong community of support. One of his favorite quotes is, "Use your past to improve your future." Borgerding and the rest of the teens in the community have an exciting road and future ahead of them. Although some people may not think so, Borgerding feels that, "teens do many great things for the community."

Congratulations Luke! He will be awarded a \$25 Amazon gift certificate and will be featured in the Steamboat Today newspaper. Learn more about the SSTC at [facebook.com/ssteencouncil](https://www.facebook.com/ssteencouncil).

About the Steamboat Springs Teen Council: The SSTC, in its 11th consecutive year, works to increase positive leadership development, involve teens in the community at large, and provide substance free and alternative activities for youth. The program is sponsored by the City of Steamboat Springs and Grand Futures Prevention Coalition. The SSTC is funded through a grant from Routt County United Way and Yampa Valley Community Foundation.

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