

Brent Slater carves out a project in the Boys Club craft shop. Local youngsters find it's a good place to make gifts for the holidays.

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The Boys Club craft shop is popular this season, reports Bret Merha, arts and crafts director.

Youngsters are busy making gifts and seasonal decorations for families and friends. The club features a shop with woodworking, leather, plastic and other special crafts.

Boys Club members are taken through an orientation program and Merha shows them how

to operate such power tools as the band saw, drill press, lathe, grinders and buffers.

For youngsters who are beginners, there are several pre-designed projects available for making, such as bulletin boards, toy cars and boats, bowls and butcher blocks.

Currently, youngsters are building wooden turkeys to enter the club's annual turkey race.