

SPORTS

Area Youth Enjoy Summer Sports Camp



Sportsmanship Comes First

Lakeside/Rose City Little League coach Omar Washington of northeast Portland accepts the 2006 Sportsmanship Award on behalf of his team. Washington coached the 9 and 10-year-old girl's softball team, which made it into the Oregon District One All-Stars Tournament.

Police officers make positive connections

The Police Activities League of Greater Portland is celebrating the completion of their annual summer sports camp for youth ages 8-14, drawing approximately 385 participants each day of the week-long event. The campers came from all over the metro area, many from Portland, but as far away as Molalla, Sandy and Vancouver.

There were 14 sports featured: archery, basketball (both boys and girls), baseball, bowling, boxing, cheerleading/dance, fishing, football, golf, martial arts, racquetball, soccer and tennis.

"PAL camp is an amazing opportunity for officers to connect with kids in the community," said Officer Jason Jones from the Portland Police Bureau who has been a coach with the PAL summer camp for three years.

There were 34 coaches from the Portland Police Bureau this year, as well as coaches from other law enforcement agencies



Police Activities League summer camp participants pose for a team photo with their coaches (back row, from left) Jason Jones and Derrick Foxworth Jr. of the Portland Police Bureau and Dave Schmidt, a member of the Gresham Police Department.

throughout the area including Gresham Police Department, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, and the Port of Portland, as well as City of Portland Bureau of Maintenance and Water Bureau employees.

Beth Faulhaber, director of Portland's PAL Youth Center and camp coordinator,

pointed out PAL's focus of connecting law enforcement and youth in a positive way.

"This camp brings kids and cops together, which is what PAL is all about," said Faulhaber. "It gives youth an opportunity to interact with officers outside of

the uniform."

PAL offers opportunities throughout the year for area youth to participate in sports and other activities with law enforcement. Many officers volunteer their time to help with these activities. Visit www.palkids.org or call 503-823-0250.



Congratulations Northside!

The Northside Little League Softball 9 and 10-year-old girls team celebrate a successful season by competing in the Oregon District One All Star Tournament. The team, made up of players from the Peninsula and Interstate-Kenton softball leagues, eventually fell to Scappoose in the championship game on July 14.

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