Tourney Brings Top Hoop Stars

For annual Rose City Showcase

The annual Rose City Showcase tips off Friday, June 12 at Lewis and Clark College in southwest Portland.

Before Dwight Howard became an NBA All-Star, before Josh Smith and Gerald Green won the NBA Slam Dunk Contest, before O.J. Mayo, Michael Beasley, and Kevin Love became all All-Americans and before Brandon Rush and Mario Chalmers led Kansas to the 2008 NCAA Championship, they all had one thing in common - they participated in the Rose City Showcase.

The tournament, organized by Portland's Canaan Chatman Inc., is now in its seventh year, serving as the host to the nation's top grassroots basket-



and Courtside Entertainment, Jefferson High School's Terrance Jones, one of the top college prospects in the nation, will participate in the annual Rose City Showcase, kicking off on Friday at Lewis

ball players and future college and NBA stars.

Six of the eight teams competing on opening night will come from the states of Oregon and Washington. But the talent level will stick to tradition as 40 of the top 100 players high school basketball players in the nation will be featured on the main court.

AAU National powers Mississippi Basketball Academy, Seattle Rotary Select and the Derrick Rose All-Stars will blend a crop of blue chippers with a crew of local blue collar programs such as I-5 Elite, Friends of Hoop Seattle, Team A.C.C.E.S.S, Team Oregon and Emerald City Basketball Acad-

Four power-packed, super 17 match-ups will feature the top players in the country from the classes of 2010 and 2011. The intensity continues through Sunday evening when the 2009 Rose City Showcase champion will be crowned.

Divisional tournaments will RoseCityShowcase.net. be held at Inner City Players Practice Facility, Beaverton Hoop, Warner Pacific College, and Benson High School, (8 a.m. - 8 p.m.) on Saturday and

For maps and detailed schedules,

Proceeds will benefit Inner City Players Athletics, a local non-profit "Providing a foundation for student athletes to succeed personally, academically and athletically."

For more information on ICP, visit visit InnerCityPlayers.org.

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Juneteenth Parade, Festival Coming

land will be celebrating "Juneteenth" with a freedom parade and festival.

The parade starts at 11 a.m. at Northeast Martin Luther play area for children, and much King Jr. Boulevard and Jarrett more. Street and will head south down and ends at Jefferson High School.

12:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., featur- meant to rejoice freedom and A special ceremony will be ing delicious food, musical art-remind African-Americans that held at 1 pm at the statue, and ists, special guest speakers, their ancestors endured one of arts and craft vendors, prizes, a

MLK to Knott Street, return on though President Abraham Lin- joined the Oregon Lincoln Bi-MLK to Killingsworth Street, coln signed the Emancipation centennial Committee to mark Jefferson is also the site of 1865 -- more than two years later Lincoln with a re-dedication

the worst slave experiences in human history.

As an added event this What is Juneteenth? Al- year, Juneteenth organizers Proclamation in September the 200th anniversary of the 1862, it was not until June 19, birth of President Abraham the annual Juneteenth Festival -- that freedom came to the last of the Lincoln statue in down-

On Saturday, June 20, Port- taking place the same day from slaves in Texas. Juneteenth is town Portland's Park Blocks. feature an appearance by Miss Black Oregon 2009 and well-known Lincoln impersonator, Steve Holgate.

For more information, contact Tim Hall at 503-381-0056 or visit juneteenthpdx.org.

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Offenders Support Group Meets

Individuals, community service groups, churches, non-profits and faithbased organizations who are interested in providing support to female juvenile offenders are invited to a free volunteer training ses-

The meeting is scheduled Saturday, June 13 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Northeast Police Precinct and sponsored by Chrysalis Ministries, Services for Humanity Inc., the Oak Creek Youth Correctional Facility, the Oregon Youth Authority's Office of Minority Services and the



Portland Police Bureau's North/Northeast Crisis Response Team.

Information will be presented on guidelines to volunteer at Oak Creek, an Oregon Youth Authority facility located in Albany. Light refreshments will be provided.

Contact Rev. Renee' Ward at 503-548-7537 or via email

revreneeward@hotmail.com to register. Seating is limited.

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