

Introduction into College Life

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football players are like celebrity appearances.

"They love it," he said. "They perk up and pay attention." He also says the kids love friendly competition. When they come to camp, they get to play and make friends with kids from all around the city.

Respect, sportsmanship, commitment and dedication are the subjects Frazier places before his campers.

Because many kids arrive at camp without the healthy meals they should be getting at home, they are served a morning breakfast and hot lunches, funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The boys and girls learn to make healthier eating choices thanks to Oregon State University Extension staff who use their own nationally-tested model to teach the campers about nutrition and how to cook healthy meals from scratch.

"We are teaching them how to make a meal from whatever ingredients they might have at home in their cupboards," said Janet Costello of the OSU extension service.

Another program implemented at camp is Gang Resistance and Training or G.R.E.A.T, a skills-based course run by Portland Police officers who bring street smarts and advise on how to say no to gangs and solve conflicts without violence.

Saying no to gangs goes for young girls as well, according to Glynnis Woods, or "Miss Woods" to campers. She has taught at NYSP for 12 years.

"I come here for the kids," said Woods, who works during the year at Roosevelt High School and carries a no B.S. attitude. "To build relationships and try to teach the girls the right way."

The right way for Woods means no fighting, no getting into trouble and no hanging around the wrong group. Her alternative is more sports, fun and friendship.

NYSP guidelines require three hours per week of educational enrichment, but due to lack of funding, PAL cannot support these levels, though they still offer classes in the basics.

Until 2005, the federal government funded NYSP through the Community Action Block Grant. When resources were cut after the county entered the war in Iraq, PAL continued to keep the program running and cover annual shortfalls by raising money through private donors and the city of Portland.

Damon Miller, a former camper and PAL youth member who grew up to be NYSP camp director and PAL's associate director, emphasizes the high need of keeping camp

open for years to come.

After all, he is living proof that the camp can make something and someone of kids who may grow up

thinking they'll never be anything.

At the National Youth Sports Camp, "We want to exude citizenship," Miller said.



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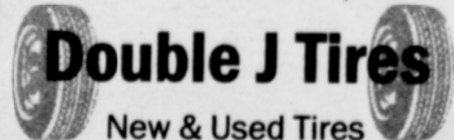
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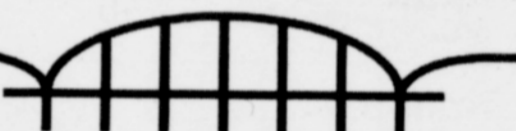


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Households must verify their need for this priority by having a physician or other licensed professional complete a Priority Verification Requiring Unit with Accessible Features form from Home Forward.

The second priority is for households that have a member who has been diagnosed with a terminal illness with a life expectancy of 12 months or less. This priority can be used to apply for Public Housing and Section 8, even when waitlists are closed.

Households must verify their need for this priority by having a physician complete a Priority Verification Due to Health form.

To request the Priority Verification form for either of these priorities for Public Housing please call 503-802-8405.

To request the Priority Verification Due to Health form only for Section 8 please call 503-802-8333, option 7.

Applications will be provided after households have submitted this form and verified that they qualify for the priority.

Applications will be accepted for both of these priorities indefinitely or until further notice from Home Forward. Waiting lists currently remain closed to households that don't qualify for these priorities.

