

North Portland Boys & Girls Club Needs Members

Director says number of participants is down



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A group of girls smile for the camera during one of The Boys and Girls Club after school days

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Unit Director Matt Heady would like to do more with the Boys & Girls Regence club. The club, located in the New Columbia neighborhood of North Portland, has a lot to offer the community, but fewer kids are show-

ing up this summer which means fewer opportunities for the kids in the neighborhood. Heady describes this situation as a “tight wire act” where volunteers and staff provide opportunities for club members while trying to develop larger proj-

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Camps and Programs Available for Kids This Summer

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With school out of session and hot weather here in force, The Skanner News has compiled a list of activities to keep youth busy during the break.

Free Entrance at Community Centers

Portland Parks & Recreation’s community centers are free for young people up to the age of 15 this summer, thanks to an initiative issued earlier this month by Mayor Charlie Hales. The mayor’s budget includes a \$2 million pledge for youth recreation. “We have to give our young people safe options,” Hales told The Skanner. “That includes sports and other recreation. It includes internships. It includes education and job opportunities. Throughout the city, schools, nonprofits and other governments are rallying behind this. So is the faith community. So is the business community. This is a city-wide initiative.” Matt Dishman Community Center and Pool, located at 77 NE Knott St., was the first to offer free youth admission. Other Portland Parks & Recreation programs in East Port-

land, St. Johns, and Mt. Scott will also be free this summer. To register for free services, bring the following information: address, guardian’s address and phone number, personal phone number and information about health conditions. For more information, go to the Matt Dishman webpage, <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/60406>, or contact the center at (503) 823-3673.

Chuck Lincoln’s Corner Free Boxing Camp Enters Second Year

Keeping up with its tradition of producing world-class boxers like the late A. Halim Rahsaan, Michael Colbert, heavyweight Thad Spencer and Oregon Hall of Fame member Ray Lampkin Jr., Matt Dishman host a free boxing camp for youth ages eight to 18. Chuck Lincoln’s Corner, now in its second year of operation at Matt Dishman, will run from July 6 through July 9. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Monday, July 6 and the boxing clinic runs until 12 p.m. For more information call Chuck Lincoln’s Corner founder Charleen Lincoln at (404) 307-7068. Register at www.chucklincolnscorner.org by June 30.

SUN Schools Offer Full Array of Activities

SUN (Schools Uniting Neighborhoods) Community Schools offer a full array of summer activities. “At SUN Community Schools, the collective efforts of youth, parents, businesses, faith communities, libraries, and community organizations create a network of supports that ensure academic success, family self-sufficiency, and economic prosperity. SUN Community Schools are open to all ages, preschool to seniors, with a focus on students in the immediate school community,” its website reads. Programs run Monday through Friday unless otherwise noted. Contact Hoa Nguyen for more information on programming and costs, at (503) 916-6570 or by email, hnguyen@nhweb.org.

Multnomah County Summer Reading

Kids can earn prizes for reading for fun this summer through the Multnomah County Library’s summer reading program. Babies, elementary school kids and teens alike are all welcome to participate. Read or listen to books and do fun activities on the game board after

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