

Summer athletic camps keep kids active

NKHS sports camps

North Kingstown High School has announced its summer sports camp schedule.

Soccer camp, for ages 6 to 14, will be held June 23 to 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The camp will offer individual instruction on fundamentals and individual and group instruction in all phases and positions. The cost is \$120 and includes a camp T-shirt.

Volleyball camp will run in two sessions. The first session, from June 23 to 27, is for students entering grades 6 through 9 who have not played high school volleyball. The second, for players in grades 10 to 12 who have played at least one year of high school volleyball, will run from July 7 to 11. Each camp costs \$160, run from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily and will include games, tournaments, contests and awards.

Beginner to intermediate boy's lacrosse camp will take place from July 7 to 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$120 and players with no lacrosse experience are welcome. A high school boys lacrosse shooters and stoppers camp will be held for four nights, from July 6 to 9, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. The camp will focus on shooting techniques and ball movement

skills for attack/midfield players and all-around positioning and shot stopping for goalies.

Baseball camp will take place from July 14 to 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Area college coaches will serve as guest lecturers and there will be individual and team videotaping sessions. The cost is \$100.

An all-day basketball camp for players ages 6 to 15 will run from July 21 to July 25, from 8:30 to 3 p.m. The camp will feature free throw, one-on-one, three-on-three and team championships. The cost is \$160 per child.

A camp for serious basketball players, ages 11 to 18, will run from July 28 to Aug. 1. It will include individual instruction in passing, shooting, dribbling, agility training, rebounding and defense. Camp will start at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$120.

A three-day football camp for players 10 to 18 years old will be held July 18 to 20. It will feature equal time for all players, contests and awards. The cost is \$100.

A girl's lacrosse camp for beginner to intermediate skill levels, ages 8 to 14, will take place from July 14 to 18. The camp will run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and include daily scrimmages for \$120 per child.

New for 2008 is a street hockey camp from July 14 to 18. The camp will be held at McGinn Park and costs \$120.

There will be two field hockey camp sessions from Aug. 11 to 15. The morning sessions, for players ages 9 to 14, will run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost for this camp is \$120. The evening session is for players ages 12 to 17 and will include individual instruction on fundamentals. Camp will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. and is \$100 per child.

Multi-camp discounts are available for all of the camps.

For more information on any of the camps, contact Aaron Thomas at 268-6265, or by e-mail at aaron_thomas@nksd.net. Registration and camp information is available at www.nksd.net/schools/nkhs/sportscamps.

British soccer camp

British Challenger will hold a soccer camp at the Lawn Avenue fields in Jamestown from Aug. 18 to 22.

The camp will run Monday through Friday and each child will be coached by a member of Challenger's British coaching staff, who are flown to the USA exclusively to work on these programs. This camp is just one of 1,500

that Challenger Sports are running throughout the US and Canada, for a record breaking 65,000 boys and girls of all ages.

Half-day camps for ages 4 to 14 are \$120, and full day camps for 6 to 14 year olds are \$170. Both sessions include a ball, T-shirt and parting gift. Morning sessions are 9 a.m. to noon, afternoon sessions are 1 to 4 p.m. and full-day sessions are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Those participants who register at least 45 days prior to camp will also receive an exclusive British soccer jersey. Proceeds from the camp will go to the Jamestown schools' athletic teams. For more information or to register, visit www.challengersports.com or call 560-0145. Host families are also needed for the coaches and host families will receive a credit towards camp.

Ocean State soccer camp

Ocean State Soccer in North Kingstown will hold its annual soccer camp from July 14 to 18. The camp is directed by Jamestown resident Kyle Froberg, who is the coach of the state champion NKHS boy's soccer team.

New this year is a full-day competitive training option for players 12 to 15 years old.

Camp will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with half-day options available. It takes place at the Ocean State soccer fields on Stony Lane in North Kingstown.

For more information, visit www.oceanstatesoccer.org, or call John May at 295-1937 or 741-2429.

Be sure to look in next week's Press for a complete listing of Jamestown Parks and Recreation summer offerings.

Islanders help Hendricken and Moses Brown

By Stephanie Heelan Cotsonas

Islander Tom Stacom recently wrapped up his second season playing basketball for Bishop Hendricken High School. Stacom is a sophomore and was a member of the JV team, which made it to the semifinals of the JV Division I playoffs. He also plays on the St. Mark CAL (Catholic Athletic League) team as well as an AAU club team based in Providence.

Playing on three basketball teams simultaneously may sound difficult for some, but Stacom's obvious love for the game made it more fun than anything. "It just kind of worked out," said Stacom. "On Sundays, I have CYO and then on regular school days I play basketball for Hendricken and then on Saturdays and before or after CYO I play AAU."

Stacom does not have a favorite team, but he knows that colleges will be following his work on his high school team. Although he is

still playing on his AAU team, he was happy with his first year on JV at Hendricken. "I thought I really improved this season, it was a good growing season for me," he said.

Being able to play with his old Lawn School and CAL teammates on the weekends was a nice change of pace because this was the first season St. Mark had a high school CAL team.

Moses Brown sophomore Read van der Wal chose an athletic alternative this winter and competed in polo. The six-member team practiced at Glen Farm in Portsmouth. They competed and practiced at indoor arenas, unlike traditional outdoor polo that people are familiar with. Van der Wal's team competed against other high schools with polo teams, many of which are affiliated with universities. They recently competed in the regional championships in Connecticut.

In the fall, van der Wal competed in equestrian as another alternative sport and in the spring she will return to Moses Brown to play lacrosse. Last season, van der Wal was named the MVP on the JV lacrosse team as a freshman. Her younger brother, Billy van der Wal, is a freshman and has also been competing for Moses Brown in soccer, indoor track and lacrosse.

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