

Newsletter

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Local games, Torch Run on May slate



By Debbie Hall
Happy Spring!

The summer sports training season is in full swing and we are very excited about the upcoming local games. A huge thank you to the many coaches, assistant coaches, families and care providers that help make this training possible. A special thanks to Gymnastics Inc. and Jungle Gym for opening up their space to us each week. Be sure and check out the upcoming events listed in this newsletter to see when each sport will host its local competition.

We are also gearing up for our most important yearly fundraiser, the 2010 Law Enforcement Torch Run, which is

Director's corner

scheduled for Saturday, May 15 at 10 a.m. at the Veterans' Memorial Park in downtown Fairbanks. For the second year in a row, we will join the American Heart Association for the start of our respective events. This year we have eight law enforcement agencies working to raise money for our program:

- Team FPD (Fairbanks Police Department)
- UAF Police Department
- Natural Resources (Nikki Phillips)
- Team Fbks. Airport (Fairbanks International Airport)
- 354th Security Forces (Eielson AFB)
- Corrections/Probation
- Alaska State Troopers (look for Fairbanks)
- North Pole Police Department

These eight teams, and their athlete partners, are competing for top honors in the fundraising race this year. They need your help! There are three ways you can become involved:

- Go to firstgiving.com and next to "Find a Friend's Fundraising Page" type in one of our local teams and make a donation.
- Create your own fundraising page at firstgiving.com and send it out to friends and family. You will see a place where you can designate your funds to our local community.
- Come to the Torch Run. Donate \$25, get a T-shirt and participate in the run with our law enforcement teams and athletes.

At the completion of the run, we will have a picnic on the lawn in front of City Hall for all athletes and families who participated in the Torch Run and for those athletes who participated in the local games. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 474-0568. I hope to see you all at the local games and at the Torch Run.

Upcoming events

May 8
Noon, Big Dipper
2010 summer local games
opening ceremony
Track and Field local games

May 11
7: 15 p.m.
Boileau Hall
Monroe Catholic High School
Basketball local games
Tanana Valley Hawks
vs.
West Valley High School

May 14
7 p.m., Jungle Gym
Powerlifting local games

May 15
10 a.m.
Veterans' Memorial Park
2010 Law Enforcement
Torch Run

May 15
7 p.m., Elks Lodge
Last dance until fall and
yearly awards ceremony

June 11-13
Anchorage
Special Olympics Alaska
Summer Games

June 21
Registration deadline for fall
sports training

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Floor hockey team defeats Nanooks in OT



Members of the Tanana Valley floor hockey team pose for a team picture after their game against members of the Alaska Nanooks men's hockey team. The Tanana Valley team topped the Nanooks by one point in overtime. From left, top row, is Alex Cain, Jonathan Fleeman, Connor Casady, Jack Zachgo, Bill Powell, Steven Laszloffy. Front row, from left Tyler Hill, Andy Bunten and Dan Bunten.

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