

Respect in Sports

A monthly newsletter for everyone interested in supporting a positive youth sports experience.



Worldwide Day of Play 2007

Get Ready for the 2007 Worldwide Day of Play!

Saturday, September 29, 2007

The Worldwide Day of Play (WWDOP), sponsored by Nickelodeon and supported by The Outdoor Industry Foundation, is a celebration of a child's right to play. In 2006, OIF and members of the outdoor industry joined together to get kids across the US out enjoying active outdoor recreation.

On Saturday, September 29, 2007, the official Worldwide Day of Play (WWDOP), sponsored by Nickelodeon and its partners, will motivate "indoor" kids to get active outside. In honor of the WWDOP, Nickelodeon will go dark on air to encourage kids to get up, go out and play. The goal is to have kids across America gather in parks and playgrounds to engage in healthy, fun outdoor activities. The WWDOP is the culmination of Nickelodeon's [Lets Just Play Go Healthy Challenge](#).

Bowling Fastest Growing High School Sport

Laugh, if you will, but easily the fastest-growing sport among high schoolers is ... bowling, according to the National Federation of State High School Associations. By last year, it says, roughly 42,000 students were competing in the sport nationwide, and the number of schools sponsoring bowling teams had more than doubled (since 1971) to roughly 2,000,

Why Do Girls Drop Out of Sports?

Despite the fact that participation by girls has increased at all age levels and that society is more accepting than ever of female athleticism, girls continue to drop out of sports at six times the rate of boys. How come?

In Brooke de Lench's excellent book, *Home Team Advantage: The Critical Role of Mothers in Youth Sports*, she explores six possible reasons. View an excerpt at www.momsteam.com.

Ripken Named Special Sports Envoy

Hall of Fame newcomer Cal Ripken Jr. was chosen by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to promote baseball around the world.

On Monday, August 13, Rice made Ripken a Special Sports Envoy to the Department of State, the public relations firm that represents Ripken, Maroon PR, said in a statement Thursday.

The former Baltimore Orioles star will be asked to help the game grow at the grass-roots level. Ripken will reach out to a worldwide audience of young people; his first trip will be to China this fall.

What Are Your Children Learning? The Impact of High School Sports on the Values and Ethics of High School Athletes

Report reveals high school sports can dramatically affect students' ethics on and off the field. National survey reveals good and bad news for parents and school administrators. Are coaches teaching our young athletes the right way to play? [read full story](#)

Bethesda Hospital Launches Concussion Clinic

Bethesda Hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota is launching the first-of-its-kind clinic in the Midwest to treat young people, especially athletes, who are injured with a concussion. Sports related concussions are a primary focus, but the program offers treatment also for auto accident, personal injury and work related head-injuries

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Bethesda Hospital is considered the Midwest expert in Traumatic and Acquired Brain Injury Rehabilitation with its inpatient programs and has outpatient programs in Parkinson's treatment, cognitive and behavioral disorders and brain injury medication management. [Click here to read more about the signs & symptoms of concussions.](#)

Know how to give without hesitation, how to lose without regret, how to acquire without meanness. George Sand, French novelist (1804-1876)

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