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Dallas Park and Recreation Department Newsletter



Dallas Advances in the Contest To Secure World Cup Host City Title

The City of Dallas is one of 27 cities selected to advance to the next phase of the United States' bid process for the in 2018 or 2022 FIFA World Cup™. To secure local support for the chance to host the world's most celebrated soccer match, a national campaign to collect more than 500,000 signatures is under way. Locally, 50,000 supporters are needed. Visit www.goUSAbid.com and sign the petition to help bring soccer back to Dallas. In 1994, the historic Cotton Bowl at Fair Park was one of several venues nationwide to host tournament matches. Cape Town, Durban, and Johannesburg are among nine South African that will host the 2010 World Cup. The Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) is an association governed by Swiss law founded in 1904 and based in Zurich. It has 208 member associations and its goal is the constant improvement of soccer.

Exline Recreation Center Hosts First-ever Technology Exhibition and Competition

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For six months, 40 elementary school students learned how to take a computer apart and put it back together at Exline Recreation Center in south Dallas. The students showed off their newly acquired technology skills in an exhibit and demonstration at the first-ever Exline Technology Exhibition and Competition in May. Ten students competed in a timed computer-assembling event, where a team of computer instructors judged them on accuracy in replacing all parts and the computer's working condition.

This event was the culminating activity for ages 6–12 who has participated in classes that taught them how to disassemble and assemble computers and develop proficiency in Windows-based software. To compete, the students had to attend a minimum number of classes and pass a rigorous post-test, said Derrion Castleberry, Exline Recreation Center manager. “This just wasn't your usual computer class. Each student learned basic components of computers, how to identify the parts, how to use and load programs and how to put a dismantled computer back together in correct working condition,” said Castleberry. “It was exciting to watch them learn and grow in their skills.”



Log on to www.dallasparks.org
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Park and Recreation
Department winter
activities!



Park Department Jr. RBI Win in St. Louis

Congratulations to the Dallas Jr. RBI baseball team and park department staffer Greg Williams, who traveled to St. Louis in July to participate in the Jr. RBI Classic Presented by KPMG. The Dallas team won three of four games played in a friendly 32-game tournament, which is part of the 20th anniversary celebration of the Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI) program. Dallas beat Cincinnati, Jackson (Mississippi), and Detroit only to lose to Cleveland.

“The team really enjoyed going to St. Louis and competing during All-Star Week. It was an opportunity these young players will never forget. We had a great time. Jr. RBI in Dallas is a way for urban and inner-city youth to play the game of baseball and learn valuable life lessons,” Williams said.

Jr. RBI is an outreach program for ages 6–12 that increases participation and interest in baseball and softball, encourages academic achievement, and teaches the value of teamwork. It is a Major League Baseball initiative supported here by the Texas Rangers, who provides the junior players with uniforms and equipment. The Dallas team was among 16 other RBI teams from across the U.S. at the event that was held in conjunction with the MLB All-Star game.

In St. Louis, the teams from the Jr. RBI Classic teams participated in several MLB All-Star events, including the MLB Legend clinic, the XM All-Star Futures Game, and the Taco Bell All-Star Legends & Celebrity Softball Game. After the Taco Bell All-Star Legends & Celebrity Softball Game, teams attended a meet-and-greet with rapper Nelly. They also attended a special viewing of the State Farm Home Run Derby at the St. Louis Science Center where Darryl McDaniels, famously known as DMC from the legendary musical group Run-DMC, was the guest speaker. DMC also participate in the tournament as an honorary base coach for some of the teams’ games.

Park Volunteer Recognized For Academics and Community Service

August Worden grew up in the Dallas park and recreation system. He began volunteering with the park department at a young age, thanks to his father, Steve Worden, a 25-year park employee who now manages the Samuell Farm Outdoor Learning Center.

The Richardson High School honor student was recognized on WFAA Channel 8’s Dale Hanson’s Sports Special for his excellence in academics and sports and volunteer service with the park department. Ranked 18th out of 500 students, Gus will attend Texas A&M University in the fall.

“Gus has been a longtime volunteer with us, helping out in the recreation centers and most recently at Samuell Farm Outdoor Learning Center. He is most certainly a student who can multitask at school and still make time to be a city volunteer,” said Connie Roberson, the department’s volunteer coordinator. “His service to our department is invaluable.”

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