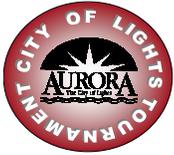




The City of Aurora Youth & Sports Activities



City of Lights Tournaments Winter Sports Round Up

Youth and Sports Activities crowned three Aurora "City of Lights" Champions at the start of the New Year.

WRESTLING

Waldo Middle School won the nine-team wrestling invitational with 222 points. Waldo, finished the year with a dual record of 8-3.

Rounding out the team standing were 2nd place Washington 181 points, third place Granger 174, Jefferson 134, Jewel 120, Still, Bednarcik 107, Simmons 78, and Herget 71. Washington Middle School was the host.



BOYS' BASKETBALL

The 7th grade boys' basketball champion was **Jewel Middle School** with a 45-31 victory over Herget M.S. The third place winner was Aurora Christian with a 25-19 win over Jefferson.



Simmons hosted this 12 team tournament with the finals being played at the Prisco Community Center.

Jewel Middle School also captured the 21st annual 8th grade championship with a 50-22 win over Waldo M.S. Cowherd defeated Washington 35-33

to gain third place honors. Jewel hosted this 10 team tournament with the finals at the Prisco Community Center.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The 7th grade girls' "City of Lights" tournament was held on Thursday, March 6th, at the Prisco Community Center. The 7th grade champion was **St. Rita** with a 25-16 win over Washington. Third place winner was Aurora Christian with a 29-13 victory over Holy Angels.

St. Joseph captured the 16th Annual "City of Lights" eighth grade tournament with a 33-24 victory over Herget. Third place was captured by Aurora Christian with a 17-16 win over Jefferson.

Summer Camp Sites



Lincoln School, Hill School, Hall School, Oak Park School, Johnson School, Dieterich School, Beaupre School, Music Camp, Drama Camp and 501 College Site. Also, please keep in mind that we will not be providing transportation.

Length of Program and Daily Schedule

The program will operate from June 16th through July 25th, 2008 for six weeks from 8:30am-1pm, Monday through Friday at all the sites, except 501 College which operates from 8:30am-4pm. Please contact Ricky Villa in the Youth and Sports Activities office at 630-264-8266.

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The **Aurora Sports Festival** is a multi-sport event for Aurora's seventh and eighth grade students. The

festival is a series of eight team tournaments. To qualify for your team, a student must meet the school's eligibility standards and maintain an A or B in Physical Education. The Festival is held on the third weekend in May. 2008's Festival will be held on Friday, May 16th

at Phillips Park and Saturday, May 17th at East Aurora H.S. starting at 9:00 AM. For more information, contact your school's physical education teacher or call Al Miller, (630) 768-6893.

SPORTS FESTIVAL SUMMER CAMP

The summer camp is for students who will be in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade in August, 2008. The camp emphasizes the ethical and character building aspects of athletic competition based on the theme "Character Counts". Washington Middle School is the site of the camp. The camp is run daily from 8:00 AM—noon for five weeks from June 9th through July

11. 2008's camp will begin registration on May 1st at the following Fox Valley Park District facilities: Prisco / Eola Community Centers and the Vaughan Athletic Center . For more information call Al Miller at (630) 768-6893.

"CITY OF LIGHTS" TRACK MEET

The 14th Annual Aurora "City of Lights" Track Invitational will be run on Wednesday, May 7th at Aurora West High School. Field events begin at 4:30 PM and running events at 5:00 PM. Spectators are welcome. Team information may be obtained from Youth Services Al Miller, (630) 768-6893.



Coming to Aurora is the Hottest Hoops on Fire Three on Three Tournament.

Location: One block east of the Walter Payton Roundhouse in Aurora, at the NW corner of Lincoln and Spring Streets

HOOPS ON FIRE 3 ON 3

Entry Dead line is July 18, 2008

Registration form may be downloaded at www.aurora-il.org

Boys and girls from 4th grade - college

Open division / cash prizes
1st \$600 - 2nd \$400 - 3rd \$200

Plus 3 point Shoot Out & Hot Shot

For more information call Zack Valle at (630) 264-8255.

SPONSORED BY THE CITY OF AURORA YOUTH AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES



AURORA'S YOUTH CO-ED SOFTBALL



Kids will have a great time and make new friends.

Start Date: June 16, 2008

End Date: July 26, 2008

Age divisions include 9-12 & 13-15

No fee required

For more information call Zack Valle at (630) 264-8266.





Youth & Sports Activities Aurora Children's Theatre (ACT I) Drama Program

AURORA'S CITY WIDE FISHING DERBY

If your child wants or likes to fish, this event is right for you. Sign up for the City Wide Fishing Derby. There will be awards, prizes and food.

Date of event: July 12, 2008

Start time: 10:00 AM

End Time: 3:00 PM

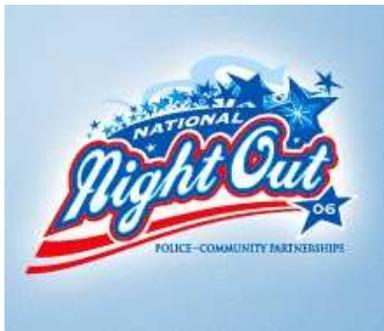
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ACT I Theatre games workshops and drama clubs are held at various District 131 and 129 schools throughout the school year. The ACT I drama program offers an 8-9 week Theatre Games Workshop. The workshop is open to all third-fifth grade students in elementary school, and all grade levels in middle school. Most of the ACT I drama clubs perform in the spring; however, a few have performances in both fall

and spring. As a part of the Youth & Sports Activities Positive Peer Summer Camp Program, ACT I holds a six week theatre camp each summer. This camp is open to all Aurora youth from kindergarten through high school. For more information call ACT I Coordinator Ree Kline at (630) 264-8200 or (630) 880-9570.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



National Night Out is on August 7, 2008. The MISSION is to heighten awareness and strengthen participation in local anticrime efforts along with the traditional display of outdoor lights and front porch vigils.

Free: \$0.00

Food, Entertainment, Prizes and Rides for the kids. The Aurora Community Center parking lot on 501 College Ave is one of many sites throughout the city hosting National Night Out.

For more information call Zack Valle at (630) 264-8266.

AURORA'S AMERICAN YOUTH CHARACTER AWARDS

If you know of any child in Aurora that shows good character you can nominate him or her for an American Youth Character Award. Deadline for all nominations is April 4, 2008 and can be sent to 44 E. Downer Place, Aurora, IL 60505.

For more information call Zack Valle at (630) 264-8266.

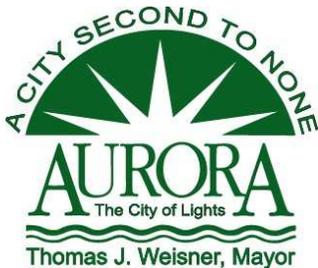


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The City of Aurora Youth & Sports Activities was formed as part of the city government in 1985. The City of Aurora Youth & Sports Activities mission is to provide positive programs and activities designed to enhance the quality of life for the community's youth, and be educational, recreational and cultural in nature. These programs place strong emphasis on developing life skills, and help to deter gang and drug involvement. Over the past 20 years, the City of Aurora has provided a number of youth service programs and continues to develop new ways to be of service to the city's youth, their families, and the community as a whole. Please feel free to call me at (630)264-8265, if you need to speak with me directly. On behalf of all of the staff, we hope you have enjoyed reading about the exciting programs and activities in this newsletter.

Sincerely,

Fred Rodgers, Director of Youth & Sports Activities

BREAKING THE CHAIN

Breaking the Chain is a monthly ACTV television program sponsored by the City of Aurora Youth and Sports Activities. The emphasis of Breaking the Chain is to educate and inform the community about events, programs and activities that will enhance the quality of life for our youth, and will encourage positive life choices. Featured programs have been Stepping Into the Arts, Positive Peer Summer Camp, Youth Court and agency programs of Red Ribbon Task Force members. If you would like to recommend a program for Breaking the Chain, please contact Cheryl Maraffio in the Youth and Sports Activities office at (630) 264-8319



RED RIBBON TASK FORCE



In 1997, a group of community youth agencies came together to plan Red Ribbon Week Activities in memory of Kiki Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Officer, who was slain while on duty fighting drug trafficking. The group consisted of six agencies. After a successful Red Ribbon Week, the group decided that it could have an impact on reducing drug use/abuse past the Red Ribbon Week. The group became the Red Ribbon Task Force. Today, The Red Ribbon Task Force is comprised of over 30 members

with a mission to serve the community by heightening the awareness and prevention of substance abuse and its impact on Aurora's youth by: reducing substance abuse within the community; educate youth and adults about drug prevention; provide training for school personnel and youth workers in substance abuse prevention strategies; assist and collaborate with members of the community-at-large in promoting public awareness to prevent drug and alcohol abuse. For more information contact Ann McBride at (630) 264-8268.