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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF TRUCKEE MEADOWS AND RENO TAHOE WINTER GAMES COALITION HOST OLYMPIC DAY WITH GAMES FOR AREA KIDS

Guest appearances by Seven Olympians and Paralympians

RENO, Nev. (June 20, 2017) – The Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows and the Reno Tahoe Winter Games Coalition will host a day of Olympic-style games for more than 1,100 local youth in celebration of International Olympic Day. **The Olympic Day event is Friday, June 23, from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Foster Field at Reno High School** with the closing ceremony across the street at the Club's William N. Pennington Facility (1300 Foster Drive, Reno).

Event participants from the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows, Boys & Girls Clubs of Western Nevada, Boys & Girls Clubs of Mason Valley, and City of Sparks and City of Reno Summer programs, will compete in more than 15 different games and activities such as: high jump, long jump, pole vault, curling, hurdles, track, golf, judo, basketball, kickball, dodgeball. The participants will partake in an 'Athletes Parade' to kick-off the event and receive Olympic-style medals during a closing ceremony to end the day.

The Reno Tahoe Winter Games Coalition (RTWGC), dedicated to promoting the Olympic Movement throughout the region, has hosted an Olympic Day Sports Festival for each of the past seven years.

"Our organizational mission, in part, is to promote the Olympic Movement and its core values throughout the region and we are thrilled to partner with the Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows to provide youth with opportunities to try sports and connect with amazing Olympians and Paralympians to share the Olympic Values of Friendship, Respect and Excellence," said, Jon Killoran, CEO of the Reno Tahoe Winter Games Coalition.

This year RTWGC has secured seven Olympians and Paralympians to make guest appearances at Olympic Day. These extraordinary athletes will meet and greet the kids and light the "Olympic Torch" to start the 2017 games.

List of Olympic Day 2017 Olympians and Paralympians:

Bob Beamon (1968, Summer Games, Athletics): Made the "Leap Seen Round the World" when he shattered the then Long Jump world record by twenty-two inches. His mark of 29 feet 2 1/2 inches stood as a world record for 23 years and remains the Olympic Games record to this day, making it the only event record to stand for close to a half century.

Dean Willeford (1968 Summer Games, Water Polo): Was a member of the U.S. Men's team that competed during the Games in Mexico City. Willeford is currently the President of the Nevada Chapter of the U.S. Olympians and Paralympians Association

Phoebe Mills (1988 Summer Games, Gymnastics): Became the first United States woman to win an individual medal at a fully attended Olympic Games when she earned a bronze medal in the balance beam during the Games in Seoul, South Korea.

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Jill Savery (1996 Summer Games, Synchronized Swimming): Was a member of the U.S. Women's team that scored the first-ever "Perfect 10" in Olympic competition capturing the gold medal during the Games in Atlanta. Savery is currently a Vice President of the Nevada Chapter of the U.S. Olympians and Paralympians Association.

Torrey Palmer (2000 Summer Games, Rowing): Was a member of Team USA's 8+ Women's crew which finished sixth during the Games in Sydney, Australia. Palmer is currently a Vice President for the Nevada Chapter of the U.S. Olympians and Paralympians Association.

Ricci Kilgore (2010 Winter Paralympic Games, Alpine Skiing): The Reno High grad overcame injuries sustained in a vehicle accident that dashed her Olympic dreams by taking up Para-skiing and competing for Team USA during the 2010 Vancouver Paralympic Games.

Will Lachenauer (2016 Summer Paralympic Games, Hand Cycling): Our region's newest Paralympian, he competed during last summer's games in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. Lachenauer earned a silver medal along with his teammates in a hand cycling relay race.

The Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows event is one of more than 2,000 events taking place nationwide this summer. The events, designed to engage youth and promote the ideals of the Olympic movement, feature athlete appearances, family-friendly activities and interactive learning experiences.

"Olympic Day teaches local kids how to compete as individuals and as teammates. It's a truly unique day of learning, fun and exercise," said Mike Wurm, Executive Director, Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows. "We are so fortunate to partner with the Reno Tahoe Winter Games Coalition and we are grateful for Granite Construction providing the 2017 Olympic Day shirts for all of the staff, volunteers and over 1,100 kids. Lastly, thank you to Amerigroup for sponsoring Olympic Day and to the City of Reno Parks and Recreation for donating to this event."



For more information about Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows Olympic Day celebration, please contact Steve George, Athletic Director at (775) 360-2414 or sgeorge@bgctm.org. For more information about the Reno Tahoe Winter Games Coalition please contact Jon Killoran, CEO at (775) 622-3345 or jon.killoran@renotahowintergames.org.

The Reno Tahoe Winter Games Coalition (RTWGC) A non-profit corporation, established in 2003, dedicated to promoting the region as a world-class elite sports competition and event destination and to advance the Olympic Movement throughout the area. The RTWGC hosts, facilitates and supports competitions and events throughout the State of Nevada in support of these objectives. The Coalition includes board members and volunteers from the public and private sectors of Nevada and California

The Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows is the leading non-profit youth services agency in northern Nevada. Its mission is to enhance the quality of life for children, ages 0 to 18, in the Truckee Meadows through afterschool, summer and school break programming and services. The Club is committed to creating healthy children, in body and mind, with a sense of competence, usefulness, responsibility, belonging and influence, through diverse programs and community involvement. Founded in 1976, the Club now serves more than 14,500 children at 22 sites throughout the Truckee Meadows. At all of its sites, the Boys & Girls Club strives to provide kids with positive and productive outlets for their energy with programs such as afterschool tutoring, character and leadership development, healthy lifestyles, athletics and art. And while the Club invests more than \$2,500 annually into each of its members, memberships cost just \$20 per year, providing equal opportunity to all children in the community. Connect with the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows on Facebook, www.facebook.com/PositivePlace, Twitter, www.twitter.com/PositivePlace and Instagram, www.instagram.com/ThePositivePlace.