



S p o r t s T a l k

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Happy summer everyone—well, it's hot today while I'm creating this—and, oh, so WINDY! ☺

- **June 3-4**—LETR Torch Run
- **June 4-6**—SOWI State Summer Games Stevens Point
- **June 13**—Bocce Invite Polk Cty (register by June 3—registration attached)
- **June 20**—Bocce & Softball Invite Whitehall (register by June 10—registration attached for bocce—softball invite is filled)
- **June 20**—Breaking Bricks for Bucks
- **June 24**—Entry deadline District Softball, T-ball, Bocce Onalaska-send to Area 6
- **June 24**—Entry deadline District Golf Green Bay-send to Area 5
- **July 1**—**Medical Deadline Outdoor Sports**
- **July 11**—District Softball, T-Ball, Tennis, Bocce Onalaska
- **July 12**—District Golf Green Bay
- **July 13**—**Entry Deadline State Outdoor**-send to Area 3
- **July 19**—Awards Banquet Green Bay
- **Aug. 1**—Intent to play team volleyball due
- **Aug. 7-9**—State Outdoor Tournament Eau Claire
- **Sept. 1**—'Lil Buckshot Carson Park
- **Sept. 5**—27th Annual Buckshot Run Carson Park
- **Sept. 15**—DuRunRun Regis H.S.
- **Oct. 10**—Eau Claire District Bowling Tournament
- **Oct. 17**—Duluth District Bowling Tournament

Certified Coaches Training:

- Remember the Coaching Philosophy Training course available online that, once completed, will count towards recertification in all existing sports.
- June 14—Golf Eau Claire-registration attached
- August TBA—Bowling, Independence
- Summer TBA—Softball, Bocce (if needed)
- TBA—Bowling, Eau Claire or Rice Lake
- TBA—Basketball Eau Claire or Rice Lake

REMEMBER: You can check online to see if your coaches are Class A and certified. Best to do it now and not wait until registration deadline time to find out someone is not registered. If in doubt, phone our office, and we'll look it up.

Young Athletes Program (YAP)

We're very pleased to pilot 2 YAP programs in our area this summer. They are at the Family Resource Center in Eau Claire and River Source in Chippewa Falls. If you know any interested young athletes, please contact one of the centers. Or, if you know someone who would like to volunteer with the program, also have them contact one of the centers. I have attached the athlete and volunteer fliers.

Coming soon....information on our new Butternut agency and other agency changes.

Developing News



Thanks to all of you who helped with the Filling the Dream fundraiser. We raised almost \$18,000 pumping gas at the Mega Holiday stations in April. Remember: support our sponsors, they support us. Fill up at Mega Holiday and shop Mega Foods. I do. Special thanks to Eau Claire Adults, Chippewa Adults, Thorp Adults, Eau Claire School Booster Club and lots of law enforcement for pumping gas.

Eat out on Monday, June 8, from 4 – 9:00 p.m. at Noodles and Company in Eau Claire, and we will receive 10% of the sales. I'm looking for some help: athletes to greet people at the door and hand out info about us. Also we will give away some door prizes!

Breaking Bricks for Bucks will be Saturday, June 20, at the Mega Foods East parking lot. This is a joint venture with One Tree Martial Arts. They'll break the bricks with their hands (ouch). This is a great fundraiser for your agency. Ask your athletes to sell bricks (it's just a form – no they don't carry bricks around) at \$5 each and we'll pay you \$2.00 per brick. These can be sold anywhere in our 18 counties. Call and we'll see you get selling kits to give to your athletes.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run is under way. It will be June 3 & 4 at the usual communities. One exception! The western and northern legs will end at Leinie's Lodge at 3:00 on June 3. We need athletes to be there to greet, thank, and cheer them on as they will then do one lap down Bridge Street before coming back to the lodge for dinner and beverage. I'd like athletes there by 2:00 if possible. If you will have any available, please let me know. They are welcome to stay for dinner. Then June 4 at 7:30 a.m. we'll leave from the Culligan Water Treatment parking lot on Truax Blvd. for the Eau Claire's leg. We would love to have a few athletes there as well. Again, let me know.

Finally, I did not know this but apparently we all should. Local agencies cannot receive United Way monies. It has to be given to the Area instead. I learned this the hard way. If you have someone who wants their United Way money to go to your agency, tell them that's not possible but that by giving it to the Area, it does help your athletes as well as all athletes in the Indianhead Area. Apparently this is in the agency manager's handbook.

Thanks to all of you for a great track and field and aquatics meet. I would have liked to talk to all of you, but alas, if you were not busy, I was. Nevertheless, it is always a great day. I watch our athletes in action and see you coaching and encouraging them, and I know why I like my job! And yes, I will be retiring, but not for a few more years so you will still see my mug around for a while.

Have a great summer,
Andrea

P.S. If Jordan, Leah or Brandon answer the phone, they are our summer interns.



BENCH TALK

- Are your **Summer Games State Fees** paid? Thanks for sending them in timely.
- Are your **quarterly reports** up to date? The next one is due July 31. Thanks for being timely with these too.
- **Where** are those pesky event codes and special needs forms? Check out the Forms for Duplication section in the agency handbook for special needs forms. **ALL** event codes are at the beginning of both Section F & G of the handbook.
- **Bowling Ramps:** Hopefully you read in the Agency Times that ramp bowlers will no longer be able to compete in teams/doubles.

An Interesting Person/Book/Website

If you haven't heard of Quinn Bradlee, he's worth checking out. I saw him on TV a while back. His book is: A Different Life--growing up learning disabled and other adventures. His website is FiendsOfQuinn.com.

And here's a web site sent by Marty Kempf to check out for those hard to fit athletes, The Cast Clothing Co.:

http://www.castclothingco.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=16&Itemid=30

Congratulations to our 2008 Indianhead Area Award Winners:

Rebecca Anderson, Polk Cty, Female Athlete of the Year
 Kent Kohlhepp, Eau Claire, Male Athlete of the Year
 David Fulweber Family, Ashland, Family of the Year
 Todd LaValley, Eau Claire, Agency Manager of the Year
 Andrea Mistelske, Superior, Coach of the Year
 Ed Lenard, Cadott, Volunteer of the Year
 Chuck's On Clairemont, Eau Claire, Organization of the Year
 Park Falls Herald, Park Falls, Media Support of the Year
 Deputy Chief Brad Venaas, LETR Person of the Year

*Award winners will be treated to a banquet at Lambeau Field on July 19.
 If anyone else would like information on attending, please check out the Special Olympics Wisconsin website.*

OFFICE CLOSINGS

May 25

June 5

OUT OF OFFICE

Andrea, May 20-29

Patti, June 16-18

Patti & Andrea, June 24-25



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