Adopt-A-Team: Welcome Back!
Promoting Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math through Softball

In 2015, PFX Athletics launched the Adopt-A-Team program. In partnership with local elementary, recreational, and developmental schools and programs, the program is designed to introduce children of all backgrounds to the sport of softball and the opportunities it provides to its participants.

Essentially, local classrooms “adopt” a Spring Games team participant while the team, in return, “adopts” the classroom. The relationship starts with a video from the classroom to the school, where the kids welcome the team to Clermont. After that, it’s really up to the participants on how they develop their relationship. We receive dozens of videos from the classrooms and the schools where they shared their stories of life in the snow and compared them with stories of life in elementary school. Our offices were filled with letters, swag, and messages (electronic and paper) between the kids and the schools. Last year, over 85 teams participated in the program.

The idea of the program is for the children to be exposed to collegiate athletics and the idea that if you work hard, you can earn your college education through sport. Teachers involved in the program are encouraged to tie it to the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) topics they regularly cover in their classroom.

If you would like to register your school, team, or classroom to participate in the program, please go online and complete the registration form via our Facebook Page: THE Spring Games. On that page, you can see videos from last year’s Adopt-A-Team program and get ideas for how you want to be involved.

As with any community outreach program, sponsors are welcome to participate too!


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Celebrating 95 years of Women’s Right to Vote
Supporting the Mission

Make a vacation of your vacation
Enjoy the arts while you are in Clermont this Spring

Submit your 2016 Logo Design
Last year, we had over 30 teams submit logo designs for the 2015 Spring Games. This year, we are looking forward to seeing what you have in mind! Follow the instructions in the flyer posted on our Facebook Group (THE Spring Games) and submit your design to ThESpringGames@PFXAthletics.com by December 1.
95 looking forward to 100!

We’re celebrating the 95th anniversary of women’s right to vote – how did you celebrate?

On August 26, 1920, the Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby proclaimed an amendment to the United States Constitution that would read:

The right of citizens in the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

The battle for equality began long before that fateful day in 1920. The first women’s rights convention was held in Seneca Falls, New York on July 20, 1848 (worth mentioning is that Ithaca College, one of our 2016 Spring Games participants, is located less than 50 miles from Seneca Falls). It was at Seneca Falls that the “Declaration of Sentiments” was signed. Over 300 women were in attendance to witness the historical event. Of those 300, only one would live to see the Declaration reach Proclamation. Tennessee was the 36th State to ratify the amendment and the final needed for the Constitutional amendment to pass. Within hours of the arrival of the Susan B. Anthony Amendment from Tennessee, Secretary Colby signed the proclamation using a single steel pen and before only two witnesses. The speedy execution of the proclamation was intended to circumvent the threat of anti-suffragists of obtaining an injunction against him and officially made the Susan B. Anthony Amendment the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America.

The photo, above, was taken this August by President of PFX Athletics, Alison Strange, at the Tennessee Women’s Suffrage Memorial in Knoxville, Tennessee. Abigail Scott Duniway (1834-1915), the quoted suffragette and author of Oregon’s Women’s Suffrage Proclamation (1912), is sometimes referred to as the Northwest’s “Mother of Equal Suffrage.” Encouraged by her mentor, Susan B. Anthony, she helped form the National American Woman Suffrage Association, in part, through her human-rights newspaper The New Northwest.

JOIN OUR GROUP ON FACEBOOK

If you have not already, join our new “THE Spring Games” group on Facebook. Be sure to tell your parents and fans!

FACEBOOK.COM THE SPRING GAMES (Public Group)

Celebrate your Seniors!

We are VERY excited to announce that this year we will have a media book available for purchase. The book will include information about the teams, the Games, the local activities and things to do, and, of course, a few well-deserved shout-outs!

If you have a senior you want to celebrate in our inaugural media book, you can order a ¼ page ad in the media book. Other than senior shout-outs, we will not have any paid advertising in the media book. Instead, we are opening the book up to local businesses who want to give you, the participants, great deals and discounts while you are here.

Senior shout-out orders must be placed by January 5, 2016 with delivery of artwork (.jpeg format) and payment of $250 due by that date.

Parents or coaches who order a senior shout-out will get a FREE media book at registration/ticket pick up. With over $250 in coupons and discounts in the book... it more than pays for itself!

Email your artwork to THESpringGames@PFXAthletics.com to order your shout-out. Payment instructions will be provided upon receipt of your order.
PHOTO CONTEST!!!
If you are like us, you have TONS of awesome photos from your years in Clermont for THE Spring Games. We want you to share those photos! Better yet: we’re having a CONTEST to see who can post the BEST Spring Games photos.

The Prize: $25.00 Gift Certificate to Clermont Waterfront Bikes & Boards!

How to enter: Submit your Spring Games photo to our Facebook Group by September 25 for a chance to win. The winner will be announced in our October Newsletter.

What you need to know
Spring is just around the corner!

FAST FACTS

October 1
Regular registration deadline

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The number of teams currently registered for the 2016 Spring Games. It looks like a lot of teams are registering earlier than last year (thank you!) and we even have a few newcomers for 2016.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

You can always reach us on Facebook (@PFX Athletics) or via email. For Spring Games information, you can reach out to:

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Clermont Waterfront Bikes & Boards
Have you had a chance to take bike ride along the Coast-to-Coast trail or paddleboard at sunset on Lake Minnehaha? Enter our photo contest for a chance to win one of these awesome experiences.

Supporting the Arts.
South Lake supports more than just softball!

Let’s face it: we all love softball but we can only spend so much time at the ballpark! While you are here, consider taking in a show at the new Clermont Performing Arts Center! Acquired in 2013, the CPAC is the largest performance hall and conference center in Lake County. Even better: it’s less than 10 minutes from Legends Way.

This Spring, the CPAC is offering two incredible programs in the 1,000 seat Performance Hall. When planning your days and evenings off, plan on taking in a show (or two) and get out of the sun.

Tickets are available now so grab them while you can. As with all large groups, advance purchase and reservations are recommended to ensure you have the best experience possible. Make sure to tell them you are here for THE Spring Games!

Spring Events at the ARC:
New Shanghai Circus
February 27, 2016
Clermont ARC Performance Hall

Ring of Fire: The Music of Johnny Cash
March 2-20, 2016
Clermont ARC Performance Hall

For more information and shows, visit: www.ClermontPerformingArts.com