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Time Out



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I hope you had a safe and enjoyable time with family this 4th of July. A few years back, my son Kevin and I spent the holiday visiting my brother Ray and his wife Vicki, who live on a lake in National City, Mich. I can still remember the fireworks display that Kevin put together each night by the lakeshore. Not particularly safe nor well supervised by the adults in attendance, but what a blast, literally. Especially from the big ones that were purchased in a "back room" from a local merchant, if you know what I mean. Thank goodness, we passed on the really big ones.

AJHS Volleyball Takes The Court

Summer League begins Tuesday, July 7th at Phoenix College

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They competed this past week as Club Digz in the Volleyball Festival held at the Phoenix Convention Center and begin competing this Tuesday as Apache Junction High School in the Summer Volleyball League held at Phoenix College.

The AJHS girls will play three matches this coming Tuesday, July 7, taking on Valley Vista at 6 p.m., Horizon Honors at 7 p.m. and Williams Field at 9 p.m. The Summer League continues play on July 14, 21 and 28 and all matches are held at Phoenix College.

In addition to competing as Club Digz in the Volleyball Festival, the AJHS girls have been busy this Summer with a speed/velocity camp, hosting a volleyball camp through the Apache Junction Parks and Recreation Department for younger kids and with an open gym program.

In addition to participating in the Phoenix College Summer League, the Lady Prospectors, coached by Mandy Gamboa and Jake Heermans, will continue with their speed and velocity training all July, are scheduled to compete in the Florence High School Tournament on Saturday, July 18, and may also travel to Oxnard, Calif., mid-month for the Thousand Oaks High School Tournament.

The AJHS girls will also be hosting another camp August 3-6 for prospective players and all incoming freshmen and their official first day of tryouts for the 2009 high school season is slated for Monday, August 10, from 2:40 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

For more information about the schedule and the upcoming high school season, visit the www.ajhs.ajusd.org Web site and search for the volleyball website under "sports."



This picture of "Club Digz" volleyball was taken shortly after the girls placed second in the 40-team Arizona Region Championships 18-and-under Gold Division back in April of this year. Club Digz is made up of volleyball players from Apache Junction High School and are coached by AJHS' Jake Heermans. The girls competed as Club Digz in last week's Volleyball Festival held in Phoenix and begin their Summer League as AJHS this Tuesday at Phoenix College. Pictured left to right are Monique Thomas, Jessica Iniguez, Alissa Aranda, Kylie Bocskay, Katie Karbo, Amy Meagley, Chayla Langley, Diana Woodruff and coach Jake Heermans.

Little League All Stars Continue District 7 Tournaments

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The Majors (11 and 12) Baseball All Stars and the Juniors (13 and 14) Baseball All Stars from Apache Junction Little League began their District 7 Tournaments last week and will continue play this week.

After dropping their first two games of the tournament, a 14-0 loss to Mesa Westwood and a loss to Mesa Southern (score not reported), the Majors All Stars will have two more chances to pick up a win this week. They take on the Four Peaks All Stars today, Monday, July 6, in a 5:30 p.m. game to be played at Countryside Park in Mesa, and will face the Red Mountain All Stars on Tuesday, July 7, in a 7:30 p.m. game, also played at Countryside Park, 1120 S. 32nd St., off of Southern Avenue and about a quarter-mile west of Val Vista Road.

After a rough first game, a 13-1 loss to Mesa Westwood, the Juniors All Stars from Apache Junction played a terrific second game versus Mesa Southern but came up just a couple of runs short in a 5-3 loss. They still have one more District 7 Tournament game to go,



Majors All Star pitcher Eric Duarte concentrates on the batter at home plate while shortstop Cory Wright and left fielder Raymond Kimble await a possible play in their District 7 Tournament game against Mesa Westwood played last Tuesday at a park in Mesa.

this Tuesday, July 7 versus Red Mountain American to be played at Westwood High School, 945 W. Eighth St., beginning at 7:45 p.m.

In the Majors All Stars 14-0 loss to Westwood, the Apache Junction kids were held without a base hit but did manage three baserunners in the game. Eric Duarte drew a base-on-balls before getting caught in a rundown between second and third, Eric Willis reached base on a Westwood fielding error and advanced all the way to third base, and Raymond

Kimble also reached base with a walk.

Willis, Duarte and Tihler Converse all pitched for Apache Junction in the game and Converse enjoyed the most success, holding Westwood scoreless in the fourth inning.

On defense for the A.J. All Stars, center fielder Jordan Sample ran down a base hit to the fence in left center in the first inning, threw a perfect throw to his cutoff, shortstop Willis, who then

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(above) Majors All Star Jeremy Bell takes his turn at the plate in last week's District 7 Tournament.



(above) Majors All Star Jordan Sample stands in the batters box at last week's District 7 Tournament game.



(above) Majors All Star Bobby Kelly is at bat during last week's District 7 Tournament.



The 2009 Juniors Baseball All Stars from Apache Junction Little League include players Nicholas Drakovich, Sam Garrison, Cameron Herrera, Matt Paul, Justin Schrader, Luciano Tortorella, Cory Turner, Travis Turner, Sean Weifenbach and Justin Willis and coaches Chris Herrera and Mike Chilson.

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