



Time Out



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Are You Ready?

Hard to believe, but the first day of school is just two weeks and two days away (sorry kids).

This could be a big year for AJHS sports teams with the reorganized 4A-I Desert Sky Region and key returning athletes. Scottsdale Chaparral is gone, moving up to 5A-II, and both Paradise Valley and Phoenix Shadow Mountain have dropped down to 4A-II. That leaves Desert Sky Region holdovers Apache Junction, Tempe McClintock, Scottsdale Saguro and Cave Creek Cactus Shadows and newcomer, Queen Creek, moving up from 4A-II.

Campo Verde High School in Gilbert and Poston Butte and Combs high schools in San Tan Valley, are also listed as new Desert Sky Region members for the 2009-10 school year but all three are brand new schools and won't play at the varsity level until the Fall of 2011.

In football, the region should be very competitive and very wide open. Saguaro, a perennial power, lost several key players to graduation, which is good news for everyone else. Reading through the forums on the website

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AJHS Volleyball Sizzles

Win Florence Tournament; beat Phoenix College and 5A-I Mesa Westwood in Summer League

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One week after suffering close defeats to two strong volleyball teams in 4A-I power Glendale Cactus and 5A-I playoff contender Mesa Westwood during the Phoenix College Summer League, the Lady Prospector varsity volleyball squad got as hot as the Summer temperatures by first going undefeated in winning the 24-team Florence Tournament on July 18 and then by knocking off the Phoenix College team and Westwood this past Tuesday in the summer league.

At the July 18 tournament, Apache Junction first went undefeated in their six team pool, then won a "cross-over" match and finished by cruising through a single elimination tournament, beating the host school Florence in the championship game.

Also at the same Florence Tournament, the AJHS junior varsity team advanced all the way to the consolation championship finals before losing to Miami, a great show of overall strength and depth for the AJHS volleyball program.

Playing last Tuesday in the summer league, Apache Junction first picked up a three-game upset win over a Phoenix College team, then got revenge for that loss to Westwood by picking up a 25-27, 25-19, 15-11 victory, and then capped off a terrific night beating Glendale Independence in two straight games, 25-16 and 25-18.

The previous week in the summer league, Apache Junction and Westwood played a close three-game match with the Lady Warriors pulling out 25-23, 26-28, 15-12 victory. In that match, Apache Junction let a 23-19 lead slip

away in losing the first game and led 11-10 in the third game, tie-breaker before falling 15-12.

Last Tuesday facing Westwood, who made the 5A-I State playoffs last year, Apache Junction held a 24-21 lead in game one and was serving for the win only to see Westwood rally for a 27-25 win.

But this time, Apache Junction roared back with an impressive 25-19 win in game two and after falling behind 6-4 in the third game, tie-breaker, rallied for a 15-11 win and a match victory.

Trailing 6-4 in the tie-breaker, Sierra Aulik stepped to the service line and reeled off four consecutive points for a 9-6 AJHS lead, thanks to a pair of kills from teammate and outside hitter Cat Ovalle along with a kill and block

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Lady Prospector defensive specialist Diana Woodruff (in blue jersey) comes up with this dig while teammate Sierra Aulik looks on in a match played last Tuesday against Mesa Westwood and held at Phoenix College. The AJHS girls will wrap up their Summer League at Phoenix College this coming Tuesday and official try-outs for the upcoming 2009 Fall season at AJHS begins Monday, August 10.



Lady Prospector setter Katie Karbo has two viable options on this play, either set up southpaw Kylie Bocskay (at right and moving into position) or by throwing up a set to Monica Geer behind her during last Tuesday's Phoenix College Summer League.

Will 2 Walk Foundation To Host Benefit Golf Tournament September 5th

Non-profit groups raises awareness, support for spinal cord injuries

You are cordially invited to become a part of the newly registered "Will 2 Walk" non-profit organization seeking to create awareness and funding support of stem-cell research in an effort to find a cure for spinal cord injuries.

The Will 2 Walk Founda-

tion's goal is also to provide emotional support and education to individuals and their families impacted by spinal cord injuries until a cure is found.

Will 2 Walk understands the mountains we have to climb to achieve our goals and with your support, Will

2 Walk plans on sponsoring many events in Arizona and across America in an effort to reach their ultimate goal, which is a cure for spinal cord injuries.

One of those events is the Will 2 Walk Open Four Person Scramble Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 5, at Gold Canyon Golf Resort's premier course, Dinosaur Mountain. The cost to play in the tournament is \$75 per person or \$300 per team and includes green fees, cart with GPS, range balls, lunch and door prizes. The tournament will have an 8 a.m. shotgun start with check-in and registration beginning at 7 a.m.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three teams. There are also cash prize holes, a long drive contest and a 50/50 raffle.

There are several company and individual sponsorship opportunities available for this event, from a Title Sponsor with a donation of \$5,000 to a Banner Sponsor with a donation of \$50. Those sponsorship opportunities are listed above.

For more details and information about the Will 2 Walk Foundation or the golf tournament on Sat-

Golf Tournament
Saturday, Sept. 5th
(Gold Canyon Golf Resort)
"Dinosaur Mtn. Course"

Format: Open 4-player scramble;
Fee: \$75 per player; \$300 per team (includes green fees, cart with GPS, range balls, lunch & door prizes);
Shotgun Start: 8 a.m. (Player check-in begins at 7 a.m.)

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Registration/Info
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urday, September 5, contact Rod "Rooster" Reid at (480) 415-9469 or via e-mail at xtrerooster@msn.com. You can also register at Gold Canyon Golf Resort and the registration deadline is Monday, August 31.

Please visit the website "Will2Walk.org" for more information about funding stem-cell research to combat spinal cord injuries and how you can help.

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