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N Zone Sports Will Hold Basketball Camp At Camp Christina

By Alissa Bridges

Due to the success of past years' summer basketball programs, N Zone Sports will once again hold a basketball camp at YMCA Camp Christina in July.

N Zone Sports is a national youth sports program that began in Hillsborough



N Zone Sports will hold a basketball camp on Saturdays, July 14, 21 and 28, held at YMCA Camp Christina in Riverview.

good sportsmanship and fun. The camp, run over a three week time period in July, combines age specific instruction and activities as well as participation in games. Since the program is completely recreational, all of the campers are

involved the entire time.

The camp will run on Saturdays, July 14, 21 and 28, from 9 a.m.-12 Noon at the YMCA Camp Christina in Riverview. Each camper will be provided with an official N Zone Sports player jersey, which are to be worn during camp time and can be kept once the camp is over.

Each Saturday campers will participate in a half-hour skill building session designed to help players improve their hand-eye and foot-eye coordination as well as their overall basketball skills. The rest of the time at camp will be spent on organized scrimmage games. At the end of the camp, the kids will be rewarded with a medal for demonstrating values like hard work, effort and sportsmanship.

YMCA Camp Christina is located at 9840 Balm Riverview Rd. in Riverview. To register for camp, visit www.nzonesports.com/summerfield/register.

For more information on N Zone Sports, visit www.nzonesports.com.

Gymnasts At Tampa Bay Rhythmics Having Successful Season

By Alissa Bridges

Hard work, dedication and a whole lot of fun—that's the driving force behind the coaches and athletes at Tampa Bay Rhythmic Gymnastics success.

"The girls train between six-25 hours per week, depending on their level," said Tyana Marlowe, owner of Tampa Bay Rhythmics. "They sacrifice a lot, including birthday parties, football games, dances and more for their training."



Katya Marlowe competes at Regional Championships held in Miami in April. Marlowe went on to be Level 9 SR. All Around Champion

The sacrifices that the athletes make pays off, though, as this season many of the gymnasts won regional titles. "It's really just a bonus if they qualify for the events," said Marlowe. "Our goals at Tampa Bay Rhythmics are to build self-confidence, make sure our girls stay healthy, that they are motivated to stay active and that they are surrounded by a positive environment. Every athlete here does it for the love of the sport."

The regional champions include: Level 4 Floor Champion-Jasmyn Grayes; Level 5 Hoop Champion-Zoe


Pena; Level 6 Hoop Champion- Kristen NG; Level 6 Ball Champion-Julie Cheng; Level 6 Ribbon Champion-Sydney Rhoads; Level 7 Floor Champion-Linda Dillon; Level 9 Jr Hoop & Ribbon Champion and All Around Champion-Chayse Anthony; Level 9 SR. Ball Champion-Pamela Tang; Level 9 SR. Ribbon and All Around Champion-Katya Marlowe.

These gymnasts go on to compete at the Junior Olympic/Open Championships at Disney from June 7-12. "We are having a very successful season and I hope to continue it at Disney," said Marlowe. "All the girls have worked very hard and I am proud of each and every one of them."

This summer Tampa Bay Rhythmics will hold recreational summer camps for ages 6 and up from 9 a.m.-12 Noon starting Monday, June 18. Tampa Bay Rhythmic Gymnastics is located at 6542 Krycul Ave. in Riverview. For more information, call 741-2827 or visit www.tampabayrhythmics.com.

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