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TEAMMATES OF COUNCIL BLUFFS

Council Bluffs Community School District



COACHES CHALLENGE



Pictured above is Coach Tom Osborne with several Council Bluffs TeamMates mentees and mentors.

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On Tuesday, June 22nd ten mentees and five mentors from Council Bluffs had their moment of fame! Council Bluffs TeamMates was invited to film the 2010 Coaches Challenge commercial with Coach Tom Osborne at the University of Nebraska Omaha on the football field.

The Coaches Challenge is a challenge between Nebraska Athletic Director Tom Osborne and Kansas State coach Bill Snyder to see who can recruit the most new mentors for TeamMates each year. The state recruiting the most new mentors is announced at the Nebraska vs. K-State football game. This challenge has significantly helped in mentor recruitment throughout the Metro area. And we look forward to being a part of expanding this rewarding program here in Council Bluffs. Coach Osborne and several of them got his autograph.

Although the day was extremely hot everyone had a lot of fun. Many mentees were amazed to see how a commercial is made. Several snapshots were captured of mentees and mentors talking, playing, and interacting together.

All mentees were excited to have the opportunity to meet Coach Osborne and several of them got his autograph. Each mentor and mentee who participated in the filming will get their very own copy of the commercial. The commercial will be aired on all local channels beginning mid July through December.



KIEWIT TEAMMATES RALLY

Kiewit hosted their annual TeamMates rally on Tuesday, June 22nd. This rally was open to all employees who have an interest in becoming a TeamMates mentor. The rally gives employees a brief overview of the program and its importance. The guest speakers at this year's rally included: Kiewit President / CEO Bruce Grewcock; Kiewit



Pictured above Kiewit Office 3555 Farnam Omaha, NE

Tax Director who oversees the TeamMates program at Kiewit Don Fibich; Founder of TeamMates Coach Tom Osbrone; Kiewit employee and Council Bluffs mentor Connie Palmerton; Council Bluffs mentee Rhyia G.; and TeamMates Marketing and Recruitment Director Adrienne Watson. Kiewit has been involved with the TeamMates Mentoring Program since it began in the metro area in 1998. Kiewit's philosophy is "to support and make a difference in the communities where they live and work". The company is 100% behind the TeamMates program because they believe so strongly in what it can accomplish. Kiewit not only financially supports TeamMates but opens up the opportunity for all employees to mentor and attend TeamMates functions on company time. Kiewit's President stated that he "has always been impressed with the quality of people at Kiewit...what better way to share



Pictured above is Coach Tom Osbrone and Council Bluffs mentee Rhyia G.

those talents". Currently estimated ten percent of Kiewit's home office serves as an active mentor. Their goal is to double that this coming year. Council Bluffs has been grateful to have a few Kiewit employees' serves as mentors: Casandra Collier, Mendi Dohse, and Connie Palmerton. Kiewit gives employee appreciation perks to those who mentor. A special thank you to Kiewit for their help in recruiting quality mentors each and every day!

COUNCIL BLUFFS TEAMMATES IS EXPANDING

Council Bluffs TeamMates Program ended the 2009 – 2010 school year with 64 mentoring matches across six different school buildings; Wilson Middle, Kirn Middle, Thomas Jefferson High, Franklin Elementary, Washington Elementary, and PACT / Kaneshville. Twenty five new mentors joined the Council Bluffs team this year. The program expanded into two schools Kirn Middle and Washington Elementary. Recruitment has been good throughout the summer. The goal is to be at 90+ mentoring

matches to start the new school year. Bloomer Elementary and Abraham Lincoln High Schools will begin the program in the fall. A special "Thank You" to our new mentors for stepping out and giving back to their community. We encourage you all to help us continue spreading the word about the need for positive adults to serve as mentors for our students! We welcome you to the team and hope you benefit from your experience!

New Mentors Beginning in the Fall '10

- Deb Hatcher
- Betty Cutler
- Bill Grove
- Mary Johnson
- Chris Peck
- Jerry Hopkins
- Lois Grove
- Stanley Grote
- Ron Palmquist
- Karen Jares
- Darlene Beaver

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MENTORING PROGRAM



BACK TO SCHOOL SPLASH



FRIDAY, AUGUST 6th 6:15pm – 8:15pm
At Pirates Cove Water Park 915 N. 21st Street

Bring the family and reconnect with your mentor / mentee at the first ever TeamMates Back to School Splash. Don't forget to invite friends who are interested in being a mentor. Mentor requirements 18 years and older, must have graduated from high school, and a minimum of a year commitment. Information tables will be set up for people interested in becoming mentors or wanting to make donations to the program. Council Bluffs Parks & Recreation has donated Pirates Cove Water Park for us to use for this event. Hy-Vee will be catering in supper.

RSVP is required by Friday, July 30th @ 4pm!!!!

Please email jplueger@cbcsd.org or phone 328-6476 ext 1210 with your name and total number attending in your family.



MENTOR TRAINING “SPARKS”

Mentors, mark your calendars for **Monday, August 9th 5:30pm – 6:30pm at Thomas Jefferson High School** for our first ever, “Sparks Training”. This training is for all current and soon to be mentors. The training will give everyone a brief overview of the 40 Developmental Assets, as well as, teach us how to go about igniting our mentees spark!

A spark is something that gives your life meaning and purpose. It's an interest, a passion, or a gift. Sparks—when illuminated and nurtured—give young people joy, energy, and direction. They have the power to change a young person's life from one of “surviving” to “thriving”. This training will equip you with everything you will need as you start into a new school year with your mentee. We value your commitment to the youth in Council Bluffs and would like to continue giving you resources to encourage the students through life. We are extremely fortunate to have an outstanding guest speaker, Suzi Yokley-Busby, from University of Nebraska at Omaha Building Bright Futures. Mentor information folders will be handed out at this training. Folders will have everything you need to start the year off!

**Do you know
someone who
would be a
good mentor?**

Nominate them!
We'll send them a
little information
about the program!
Visit teammates.org
and look for the
nomination button!

**NOMINATE
A
MENTOR**

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Save the Date!

*Sunday, August 22nd for the
TeamMates Cops & Bobbers!*

*A fun day of fishing with your mentee – Watch your email
More information to come!*



May - July Mentor Birthdays

Brian Osborne - May 3rd
Carrie Johnson - May 4th
Leanne Gifford - May 5th
Nichole Johnston - May 10th
Tom Hanafan - May 21st
Lois Grove - May 24th
Bob Henderson - May 26th
Bryan Biederman - May 28th
Bill Grove - May 30th
Deb Hatcher - May 30th
Cathy Krohn - June 6th
Giles Whitney - June 6th
Lilly Richardson - June 6th
Meribah Christensen - June 12th
Elody Kiser - June 14th
Carol Leeper - June 16th
Darlene Beaver - July 18th
Mallory Chambers - July 18th
Eric Strovers - July 19th
Jennifer Kennedy - July 21st
Ron Palmquist - June 28th
Kerry Preble - July 30th

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