

Press Release:
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“Tennis Competition as Part of Family Substance Abuse Conference”

On Friday April 19, 6 PM-10 PM, and on Saturday from 10 AM to 5:00 PM, as part of the Central Utah Substance Abuse Conference sponsored by Sevier Valley Substance Abuse Council (SVSAC) and Richfield City, high-school age youth and adults will play tennis at the Richfield High School tennis courts.

Leanne Geigle, conference coordinator said, “We have been contacting high-school tennis coaches and asked them to identify the number 1 players on their tennis teams; we want these players to come to the conference with their parents. If the number 1 player is not available--we want number 2, or number 3. This is for boys and girls and we want the best tennis players to come and show your support to ‘stand up and play against drugs.’”

Milo Garcia, Chair of SVSAC said, “We would like to see some of the best high school players in the state play exhibition matches and get ready for their state tournaments. We hope that families will drive to Richfield and have their son or daughter play in exhibition matches...we want the parents to take some time to attend the substance-abuse workshops.

“Although SVSAC’s priority is to have the number-1 players engage in matches, if courts are open we encourage other youth and adults to come and play tennis as part of this conference--especially if they used to play high-school varsity tennis. Come and play! The courts will be open on Friday starting at 1:30 PM. Matches may be played under the lights until 10 PM. Friday’s scheduled matches will go from 6-10 PM.

“On Saturday, the courts are available in the morning anytime, however scheduled matches will began at 10 AM and go through 5 PM if we have enough players. Depending on availability, it’s possible that players would rotate and play a variety of people from various schools. Varsity-tennis players will rotate and may choose the number of matches they play; SVSAC will help to organize competition among players so that each is motivated and is paired with someone of similar-level of skill.

“One exhibition match is one pro-set--the first person to win 8 games is the winner, but he or she must win by 2 games. A tiebreaker will be played when tied at 8 games.”

Please call Milo Garcia at 435 201-1934, or Paul Foster 435 896-5546, to state your interest to participate in this exhibition or to leisurely play tennis at the conference; or email the form below to: mfgarcia@svsaonline.org, or FAX the form to 435 304-3044.

Sharry Jolley, assistant conference-coordinator said, "Lunch will be free for the children who are registered; it is also free for adults who attend the 10 and 11 AM substance-abuse workshops on Saturday, April 19, at the SVC. You can register to attend workshops or to play tennis when you show up--the conference is free. Food and drinks for purchase will also be available. The SVC is about 3 minutes walking-time from the tennis courts."

For those families who do not have tennis racquets or balls, some equipment will be available to them. SVSAC will provide new balls for the varsity-tennis players exhibition matches.

Donations and volunteers are still needed. For more information regarding times and locations of the many recreational activities for youth and the 24-different substance-abuse workshops for parents and professionals--and to "kNOw more" about drugs--go to SVSACOnline.org, or Call Leanne at 435 896-8236 or Milo at 435 896-5165.

Registration Form for Tennis (note: You may also register when you show up to play)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Numbers _____, _____

Email: _____

Age _____ Gender M F

Within in the past year I was on my high school tennis team Y N

Within the past year I was ranked on my high school team:

Number 1 Varsity Number 2 Varsity Number 3 Varsity Number 4 Varsity Other

I am NOT currently in high school but when I played I was ranked on my team:

Number 1 Varsity Number 2 Varsity Number 3 Varsity Number 4 Varsity Other

"I pledge my support to not abuse drugs." _____

Name & Signature