

Spring 2011 America SCORES Cleveland Season

Our Spring season has come to an end. We've made a lot of friends, played a lot of games, and weathered too much rain. There is a lot to fit in this issue, from the Jamboree, to your service projects, and let us not forget the poems. We've done our best to pack these pages, and we hope you and your families enjoy. Thank you to all the coaches, liaisons, parents and of course students for making this a wonderful season
-The staff of America SCORES Cleveland



A PENNY WISH

I wish for myself to be a good soccer player.
I wish for my team to win all of our games.
I wish for our Community to be connected with their neighbors
I wish for our Service Project to be rewarding and have a lot of fun.
I wish for the future to have more opportunities for boys.

Demico, age 11
Michael R. White School

Helping A Friend

Today we helped our friend
We gave the blanket we made to her
The blankets are for the homeless
To let them know we care
My friend's house burned down
So we want her to know we care
Hope she thinks of us
When she cuddles up in her blanket
Hope it makes her feel safe

Naomi, age 9
Walton School

Weaponless World

No guns, no guns
No weapons at all
A world without weapons
No cops, no criminals
No gangs, no gang bangers
A world without violence
No guns, no guns
No gun shootouts, no gun deaths
A world without weapons
A world without violence

Chris, age 11
Artemus Ward School

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Have a Great Summer from the SCORES Staff!

We made it through another winter and with the weather warming up, it's time to get outside. We thought we'd see what our SCORES Staff does when they come out of hibernation.



Debi Pence-Meyenberg, Executive Director

Favorite Summer Activity: Cedar Point rollercoasters



Matthew Williams, Program & Soccer Director

Favorite Summer Activity: Watching fireworks from my family's boat



Paul Khacherian, Education Director

Favorite Summer Activity: Hiking in Cuyahoga Valley National Park.



Katie Blackley, Development and Communications Associate

Favorite Summer Activity: Playing bocce ball



Josiah Quarles, Program Assistant

Favorite Summer Activity: Backyard Bar-B-Ques with family and friends



Tyler MacDuffie, Coach Across America Member

Favorite Summer Activity: Camping



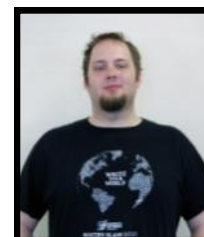
Derrick Medina, AmeriCorps Vista

Favorite Summer Activity: Bon-fires



David Wilson, Coach Across America Member

Favorite Summer Activity: White water rafting



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Jamboree! 2011: Beautiful Game. Beautiful City.

This year's Jamboree! was so much fun. We had soccer games under the dome, a huge inflatable obstacle course, tons of soccer activities, and for the first time ever a dunk tank! The weather was beautiful, and the kids were inspiring with both their effort on the field and in their community service projects. In all, we had over 800 attendees at the event. Thanks to all the families who showed up to cheer on the poet-athletes, and thank you to our volunteers and coaches who made the event run smoothly. We couldn't do it without all of your support.



A Penny Wish

I wish for myself to be the most athletic person in the world
 I wish for my team to be the best team in soccer in all of Cleveland
 I wish for my community to pick itself up
 I wish for our Service Project to convince everyone to go green
 from now to eternity
 I wish for the future to have a better earth

Brendon, age 12
 Michael R. White School

I Am...

Crazy and loud
 Easy going and hard working
 Loveable and proud
 Yelling so loud!

Mariecelly, age 10
 Artemus Ward School



I WANT

I want to change everybody
 I want everyone to be helpful
 Not to ignore bad things in the world
 I want everyone to feel
 That's what I want

Cesar, age 11
 Walton School

SCORES Teams With Starbucks To Grind It Out At Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Artemus Ward, Walton, and R.G. Jones middle school students spent a day helping to preserve the one of Northeast Ohio's hidden gems: Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP).

Quietly the third most visited National Park in the country, CVNP is a part of what is often called the emerald necklace, a string of forested parks that surround greater Cleveland to the south.

During their day of service, poet-athletes and SCORES staff teamed with Starbucks volunteers to help remove and invasive species from what used to be a rolling meadow. With hand saws, and branch clippers, our diverse team cleared nearly an acre of land, making room for native plants to return, and thrive.

Thanks to everyone for their hard work, we had a great time, and did great things.



Key Bank Lends a Hand to Willow Student's Community Garden



Willow Poet-Athletes, KeyBank employees, and staff from the Slavic Village Development Corporation and America SCORES Cleveland joined forces to remove old tires from the garden, lay stone around the perimeter of the plot, plant seedlings and beautify the supply storage unit. The community garden will be maintained by local residents including SCORES Middle School participants during the summer months. It will also be used as a learning lab by Willow School educators.

The community garden was started last year by the 2010 America SCORES Middle School teams at Willow as part of their spring service project. Thank you to KeyBank staff, the Slavic Village Development Corporation and Reimagining Cleveland for helping our Poet-Athletes realize their vision!

Spring 2011 Service Projects

Artemus Ward Elementary also centered their project around animals, fundraising for the area SPCA, which is an animal shelter and adoption center.

Artemus Ward Middle School boys and girls provided basic necessities (totes with clothes, toys, diapers, wipes and formula) to women and children in need at Laura's Home.

Buhrer Dual Language School decided to pick up garbage and clean up around their school.

Fullerton decided to give back to SCORES by producing a giant banner to hang in their school describing the program in their own words.

Michael R. White School: The elementary boys held a recycling drive at school to raise awareness about the environment, while the middle school boys visited a nursing home. The girls held a canned food drive for Cleveland Food Bank and will be holding a talent show as well.

RG Jones Elementary decided to take some time and thank the soldiers at a local military base by baking the cookies, taking them letters, poems, and gift bags.

Wade Park Elementary Boys volunteered at the APL (Animal Protective League) and learned what they could do to help stray animals. The girls meanwhile held an ice cream social fundraiser.

Wade Park Middle school gave gifts that keep giving, in the form of tomato and pepper plants for their neighbors.

Walton: The girls and boys worked together to make fleece blankets and donated them to a homeless shelter.

Willow Elementary: Boys raised money for the homeless in Japan after the recent devastating earthquake there. The girls continued to improve the community garden they started last year.

Willow Middle School continued their Community Garden Project, this year with a little added help.





Fun Soccer Facts:

- Barcelona FC, a team from Spain just won the UEFA Champions League Title, crowning the best team in Europe each year. They beat Manchester United (England) in the final.
- The Women's World Cup is this summer from Germany.
- The Gold Cup, a tournament involving all of North and South America, begins this weekend. The U.S. last won a Gold Cup in 2007.





Summer Word Search Puzzle

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