

PRESS RELEASE

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GET IN THE GAME – A tennis tournament for players age 10&Under and MORE Free Youth Tennis Play Days

The first GET IN THE GAME 10 & under tournament will be Saturday, August 9 at 9am at the Eden Family YMCA. This event is designed for our new Rockingham County youth tennis players, age 10 and under, to experience tournament play for the first time. Equipment is provided and court monitors will assist players with score keeping and match format. All players must join the United States Tennis Association (USTA) to participate. USTA membership is FREE for children 10&U at <http://www.usta.com/juniorfree>. The registration fee is \$13 per player. Register online before August 7 at <http://tennislink.usta.com/Tournaments> with tournament ID# 700127614

Seven FREE Youth Tennis Play Days were held in Madison, Eden, and Reidsville in July and will continue in August. Over 150 Children age 6-12 from four area summer camps joined first-time players for two-hours of fun tennis rally games on the courts at Dillard Elementary in Madison, Bridge Street Rec Center and the Family YMCA in Eden, and at Jaycee Park in Reidsville.

Play Days are designed to introduce players age 6-12 to competition in a fun, low-pressure setting where the emphasis is on participation and effort, not wins and losses. These events typically last one to two hours, beginning with a group warm-up and skills clinics followed by the opportunity to play multiple matches in a non-elimination setting—all with the goal of enhancing skills and making friends in a fun, social atmosphere. No tennis experience necessary and equipment is provided.

There's more FUN to come at **five August Play Days**. Meet us on the courts on:

Monday August 11 and 18 at 6pm at Dillard Elementary in Madison

Tuesday August 12 at 9am at Bridge Street Rec Center in Eden

Tuesday August 19 at 6pm at the Family YMCA in Eden

Tuesday August 20 at 2pm at Jaycee Park in Reidsville

Please register for these free Tennis Play days online at www.youthtennis.com

Get in the Game - Tennis for Rockingham County Youth (age 6-12) is a volunteer-based organization that provides programs and events to promote and develop the growth of youth tennis in Rockingham County, NC. Our motto is "Get Fit, Make New Friends, Have Fun...Play more tennis." Shelby Rhyne, tennis advocate, volunteer coach and play supervisor is organizing a summer of over 35 youth tennis events and activities across the county. Tennis equipment and programming support are provided by the United States Tennis Association's North Carolina office (USTA) in Greensboro. <http://www.nctennis.com>. There are 47 public tennis courts and over 6200 elementary school-age children in Rockingham County. It's never been easier for children to learn the game of tennis.

For more information about **Get in the Game, Tennis for Rockingham County Youth**, contact Shelby Rhyne at ssrhyne@gmail.com and see our Facebook event page at www.facebook.com/RCyouthtennis