



Teens With a Purpose

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Youth Development Organization Cheers on Hampton Roads Olympians & 2012 NBA draft Picks
NOROLK, VA – Virginia athletes continue to make a mark on a National and international level in the Sports world. There are currently around 10 Hampton Roads athletes on Team USA competing in the 2012 London Olympic Games including Gold Medalist Gabby Douglas for Gymnastics and T'Erea Brown, Francena McCorory Kellie Wells and LaShawn Merritt for Track and several other star athletes. In the world of NBA, just recently two star athletes are drafted into the NBA. Kyle O'Quinn, NSU graduate, was selected in the, the second round, No.49 overall, by the Orlando Magic. Mike Scott, a graduate of Deep Creek High, was selected six picks prior, by the Atlanta Hawks at No. 43. Just this week, The Golden State Warriors signed free agent guard/forward Kent Bazemore to a contract. Hampton Roads produces top performing athletes and continues to be a strong sports community despite the lack of professional teams. Teens With a Purpose, local non-profit, caught hold of the sports fever sweeping our region. They will combine Hampton Roads love of sports and youth together for the **TWP Celebrity Benefit Game**. On Saturday August 11, 2012, Teens With a Purpose will host the **TWP Celebrity Benefit Game**, an action-packed event that brings families and the community together for an afternoon of fun and edutainment including great prizes, local and national celebrities, an exciting basketball game, Marching band, and so much more. This fundraising event will help Teens With a Purpose continue to provide year-round teen leadership development programs and youth events that are free-of-charge, to all teens. Bazemore, Scott and O'Quinn have shown their support although they will not be in attendance due to their rigorous training schedules.

TWP has partnered with Hampton Roads 7 Cities Pro-Am League to bring a thrilling basketball game to the community. Hampton Roads 7 Cities Pro-Am Basketball, Inc. is a community-based sport's league who believes in "Serving the Community through Team Spirit". This 501(c)4 nonprofit organization is housed in the Broad Creek section of Norfolk and offers an eight-week summer basketball league and family outreach activities for youth and parents throughout Hampton Roads. The Pro-Am is a basketball tournament between top high school graduating senior athletes and college and professional overseas players. There have been players such as Allen Iverson, Mike Scott, Vernon Macklin and many other professional and international athletes play in their summer tournaments. The game on August 11th will feature the Hampton Roads 7 Cities Pro-Am League All – Star Team vs. Tru Hope Trailblazers Semi-Professional Team which includes players like Jamal Robinson UVA, Brandon Plummer VSU, Olu Doherty NSU, Jason Clark UVA, and Terrance Woodbury-Austin Toros, NBDL Championship MVP.

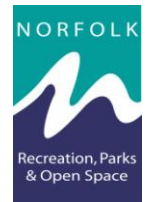
The **TWP Celebrity Benefit Game** will also include a back to school supply drive to benefit Booker T. Washington High School. Attendees who donate a school supply will get entered into a drawing to win passes to local Sporting events. The event will also feature Celebrity DJs from Hot91 & 103Jamz, prizes, raffles and vendors. Performances include Mom & Daughter Cheerleading Squad, halftime show by Teens With a Purpose which will be an original music, a step show and a theatrical preview of the 15th Annual Teen Event: NO HOLDING BACK. The **NO HOLDING BACK** event is TWP's second large-scale theatrical event totally written, performed and presented by local Teens, over 500 local teens are expected to attend.

Teens With a Purpose (TWP) is a youth development, 501(C)3 non-profit whose mission is to empower young people to use their voices, their energy, and their talent to effect positive change in their lives, the lives of their peers and their community. We utilize evidence-based interventions to help address: HIV/STIs, teen dating violence & bullying, and teen distracted driving, along with original material developed by the youth members utilizing drama, music, spoken word, and visual arts to encourage young people to make healthy life choices.

For more information regarding admission and other event details, visit TWPCelebrityBenefit.Eventbrite.com. Or contact Michelle Sims 757.724.2679 or TWPMichelle@gmail.com.

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