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JUNE 15-JULY 22: NATIONAL YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM CELEBRATES 30 YEARS

Badminton, basketball, bowling and billiards.

For the next five weeks, about 500 children and teenagers from the greater Dayton area will arrive in buses at the University of Dayton to play sports — all kinds of sports.

They are participants of the 30th annual National Youth Sports Program held Monday, June 15, to Wednesday, July 22. They will learn how to do activities ranging from aerobics to golf.

Each day from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., there will be swimming in the Physical Activities Center, indoor sports played in the Frericks Athletic Center, tennis played on the courts near Kennedy Union and other outdoor activities around campus.

The program serves youth from low-income families by offering sports instruction as well as life skills such as personal health, job responsibilities, nutrition, and alcohol and drug abuse prevention.

Last year, 67,392 children ages 10-16 participated in the national program at one of 170 colleges and universities across the country. The University of Dayton is one of seven participating campuses in Ohio including the University of Akron, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland State University, Ohio State University, University of Toledo and Youngstown State University.

The participants arrive by bus at Marycrest Hall and depart from Founders Field.

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