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The University of Dayton

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NATIONAL YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM AT UD

News Release

DAYTON, Ohio, May 25, 1989--A drug education specialist will join other enrichment counselors for the 20th annual National Youth Sports Program (NYSP) to be held June 19 to July 27 at the University of Dayton. Approximately 550 youngsters aged 10 to 16 will participate in the sports and enrichment program. Registration deadline is June 19.

Jamesetta Taylor, a health teacher in the Dayton Public School system and former enrichment coordinator for the NYSP program at UD, has developed a curriculum focusing on prevention of drug abuse and will work with the children during the entire program. Other enrichment sessions will concentrate on career opportunities and nutrition. This is the first year that funds have been earmarked specifically for drug prevention education, but the topic has been included in the enrichment curriculum in previous years.

NYSP activities such as sports training, athletic competition and other educational instruction will be offered on campus Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The program is free, and free bus transportation is provided. Each registered child will receive a preliminary medical exam, a daily meal furnished by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and a program shirt. Sports instruction will be available in swimming, football, basketball, softball, soccer, gymnastics, volleyball, dance, tennis and track and field. The staff will consist of university students, former participants of the NYSP, community representatives, and high school teachers and athletic instructors.

The NYSP is sponsored annually by the Department of Health and Human Services of the federal government, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), and about 140 colleges and universities throughout the nation. More than 8,500 children from the Dayton community have participated.

For further information or registration, contact Keith Cosby, program coordinator, or Billy R. Mayo at (513) 229-2731.

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