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Junior Rowing Team Offers Free Two-Week Session Beginning August 29

OKLAHOMA CITY – August 8, 2011 OKC RIVERSPORT's Chesapeake Junior Crew is now recruiting athletes for the fall rowing season. No previous rowing experience is necessary. New rowers will receive two free weeks of rowing instruction during the recruiting season.

Youth ages 13-19 and their parents are invited to a "Discover Junior Crew" session on Monday, August 29, at 4:00 p.m. at the Chesapeake Boathouse, 725 S. Lincoln Blvd. The two-hour session will include an overview of the sport and the opportunity for youth to take a rowing lesson. The first two weeks of the rowing season are free to new recruits.

Youth may register for the Discover Junior Crew session online at www.riversportokc.org. Anyone who is unable to attend the initial session can still join the free two-week session by contacting Head Coach Jim Andersen at the Chesapeake Boathouse.

"Rowing develops great athletes, both physically and mentally. It's one of the only sports to work the entire body. It also works the mind because it requires a lot of focus and determination," said Coach Jim Andersen. "Students who do well in other sports often do phenomenal in rowing, but you don't have to be an athlete to find your niche in this sport."

The team is organized into a men's youth novice crew and a women's youth novice crew. After a year of novice rowing, athletes join the men's or women's varsity crews.

"Being a student athlete opens doors at some of the nation's best colleges," said Coach Andersen. "We had 13 seniors who graduated this spring who will row in college. And, one of our athletes, Max Blumenthal, earned a spot on Team USA and competed at the 2011 World Junior Rowing Championships in Great Britain this summer."

Chesapeake Junior Crew graduates who will row in college this year include:

Edmond Memorial

Jacob Green, Northeastern University, Boston, MA
Christina Hansen, Oklahoma City University, OKC, OK
Allison Jones, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX
Jeremy Seale, Oklahoma City University, OKC, OK
Bette Webster, University of San Diego, San Diego, CA

Casady

Max Blumenthal, University of California, Berkeley, CA
Dale Jordan, Northeastern University, Boston, MA
Alex Schick, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK

Harding Charter Prep

Sam Lee, Oklahoma City University, OKC, OK
Aaron Jech, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK
Jackie Woudenberg, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

Classen SAS

Rachael Taylor, University of San Diego, San Diego, CA

Putnam City North

Katie Orem, University of Texas, Austin, TX

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