



LAKE TAHOE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CA —

RUNNING DOWN A DREAM BECOMES A REALITY

Lake Tahoe Unified School District is pleased to announce that a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony has been scheduled for Thursday, September 20, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. to celebrate the official opening of the new Community Youth Sports Complex located at South Tahoe Middle School. The project was made possible through joint efforts with the City of South Lake Tahoe, El Dorado County, and generous donations from community members, local businesses, and service clubs.

On September 20th, teams of students from all six District schools and St. Theresa's Catholic School will carry torches (unlit, of course!) from their respective schools, through town, to the new track and field. Officers from the South Lake Tahoe Police Department and El Dorado County Sheriff's Departments will escort the torchbearers on their relay run, which will culminate with an inaugural lap around the new nine-lane track. Soccer players from the boys and girls Varsity teams will make an official kick-off on the new field and commemorate the occasion with the signing of a memorial soccer ball.

All participants will be clad in the traditional Viking royal blue and yellow shirts, demonstrating the solidarity of the Lake Tahoe Unified School District.

The Relay Run Routes are as follows:

Bijou Community School: Spruce to Glenwood to Fairway to Johnson Lane (*join Sierra House torchbearers at Johnson Lane/Al Tahoe*) to Al Tahoe Boulevard.

Sierra House Elementary School: Pioneer Trail to Al Tahoe Boulevard (*join Bijou torchbearers at Johnson/Al Tahoe*) to Al Tahoe Boulevard.

Lake Tahoe Environmental Science Magnet School: Apache Avenue to Highway 89 to the Y (*join torchbearers from St. Theresa's, South Tahoe Middle School, and South Tahoe High School*) to Highway 50 to Third Street (*join torchbearers from Tahoe Valley*) to Al Tahoe Boulevard.

Tahoe Valley Elementary School: Tahoe Island Drive to Third Street and Highway 50 (*join torchbearers from LTESMS, STMS, STHS, and St. Theresa's*) to Al Tahoe Boulevard.

South Tahoe Middle School: Start at the Airport on Highway 89 to the Y (*join torchbearers from STHS, LTESMS and St. Theresa's*) to Highway 50 to Al Tahoe Boulevard.

South Tahoe High School: Lake Tahoe Boulevard to the Y (*join torchbearers from STMS, LTESMS and St. Theresa's*) to Highway 50 to Al Tahoe Boulevard.

St. Theresa's Catholic School: Start at the Airport on Highway 89 to the Y (*join torchbearers from STMS, STHS, and LTESMS*) to Highway 50 to Al Tahoe Boulevard.

All torchbearers will converge at the staging area at the LTUSD bus garage on Al Tahoe Boulevard and run in unison to the Sports Complex, where they will be placed in their individual lane. Donors and invited guests who helped make the dream a reality will perform the commemorative ribbon cutting ceremony at 1:15 p.m. This will be followed by the torchbearers breaking through their own ribbons after their inaugural trip around the track at 1:30 p.m. Almost one thousand students from South Tahoe Middle School and St. Theresa's school will cheer from the soccer field, then follow the torchbearers through the finish line. Music will be performed by the High School Band under the direction of our new musical director, Elizabeth King.

Please join us in celebrating the opening of this exciting new facility for the people of South Lake Tahoe and in the photo opportunity which will be recorded for posterity.