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Chicago Training Center Brings Local Chicago Junior Rowing Clubs Together And Hosts The Inaugural Tiro Cup Race

On Friday, April 27th, 2007, come to Pulaski Park and be among the first to witness the beginning of a new tradition in positive sports competition for Chicago's inner city youth

CHICAGO, IL – April 2, 2007 – The Chicago Training Center (CTC), an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, hosts the first annual **Tiro Cup Race** for juniors with the participation of local rowing clubs from *Lincoln Park Juniors, Loyola Academy HS, St. Ignatius Crew, New Trier HS* and *Chicago Training Center*. This exciting event for high school athletes launches on Friday, April 27th at 5:00PM, at Pulaski Park 1419 Blackhawk, Street (between Cleaver and Nobel

http://www.chicagotrainingcenter.org/ctc_competition_tiro_2007.html).

Competitive race after race will determine the ownership of the **Tiro Cup** for 2007. An awards presentation around 7:30PM at the launch location will be held to commemorate the winning team – the first of many to become etched on the **Tiro Cup**.

Witness A Historic Event In The Making: Better Yet, Volunteer

The **Tiro Cup** was the creative spark of the *Chicago Training Center* executive director, Montana Butsch. Named after the Latin word meaning “new soldier” or “recruit,” the **Tiro Cup Race** reflects the same enthusiasm that Butsch brings to his organization serving disadvantaged youth in Chicago and providing individuals from the greater Chicago community-rowing opportunities to enhance their athletic development and personal growth.



With over 150 high school athletes (under18) participating, each team in the April 27th **Tiro Cup Race** will consist of objectively selected teams with at least 8 each, novice girls and novice boys with their squad list of projected ERG scores submitted one week prior to the event. Speed will seed the competitors. The race will cover 2,000m and the average split of the entire squad will determine the end ranking. The competitions begin at 5:00 PM and will continue till all the participants have completed their competition. The winning squad gains ownership of the **Tiro Cup** for one year at which time the Cup must be returned for its defense or forfeited.

For further information about the participating teams, go to:

- **Chicago Training Center (CTC):** <http://www.chicagotrainingcenter.org>
- **Lincoln Park Juniors (LPJ):** http://www.rowchicago.com/juniors/lincoln_park_juniors.asp
- **Loyola Academy:** <http://www.loyolaacademycrew.com/>
- **New Trier HS:** <http://www.newtrier.k12.il.us/activities/NTRowing/default.htm>
- **St. Ignatius Chicago Crew:** <http://www.ignatiuschicagocrew.org/>

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To find a map of the Pulaski Park area go to:

<http://www.google.com/local?f=q&hl=en&q=1419+W+Blackhawk+St,+chicago,+il&ll=41.907675,-87.663474&spn=0.013957,0.042915>

To volunteer your time:

Chicago Training center encourages help in a number of ways: contributions, Networking, volunteering time and offering other opportunities for CTC participants are all welcomed. Community participation is the basis of this model, volunteerism is encouraged –learn how to volunteer, click:

http://www.chicagotrainingcenter.org/ctc_volunteer.html

A Race to Establish A Rowing Tradition In Chicago

“This kind of community involvement brings a cross section of Chicago youth together in positive competitive sport,” states Butsch. The event reflects CTS goals for establishing a community rowing center for inner city youth that enhances their members daily life in a non-confrontational setting that promotes personal growth through teamwork, discipline, physical fitness and educational excellence.



Butch continues, “The **Tiro Cup** offers a platform to rally local rowing clubs’ enthusiasm to surge an interest in a sport usually associated with Ivy League to a wider community. By bringing together these diverse rowing clubs we enhance the image of the sport beyond its stereotypical image and attract the diversity of Chicago’s youth thereby allowing the sport to reach its full potential.” (For more on Mr. Butsch, click:

http://www.chicagotrainingcenter.org/ctc_coachbutsch.html)

About Chicago Training Center (CTC)

The Chicago Training Center (CTC) is an Illinois not-for-profit corporation begun by the Chicago native and competitive rower Montana Butsch. The University of Pennsylvania and Oxford University (UK) trained athlete reached out to Chicago’s inner city youth for the express purpose of making accessible the vast resources and influence of the sport of rowing. Butsch based the Center on the belief that the discipline of rowing serves as a catalyst for at-risk youth to further their athletic development and education. CTC’s current objective is to create an inner city community-rowing center with access to the Chicago River where local youth can learn and enjoy the benefits from the sport of rowing competitively. Supported by the at-large community, the Center is based on existing successful models abroad as well as in US cities: Boston, New York, Oakland and Wilmington. For more information:

<http://www.chicagotrainingcenter.org>



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