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WHEELIN' BBALL COMMUNITY KICK-OFF EVENT

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY: Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency, Public Health Division is honored to invite all wheelchair users and other youth with disabilities, along with their families and friends to participate in Wheelin' BBall Community Kick-off! The FREE event will include a wheelchair basketball demonstration and clinic with an appearance by the Santa Cruz Warriors' Mascot Mav'Rick, and a barbecue.

Beginners are encouraged to participate, and manual wheelchairs are recommended. Event leaders will include Paralympians, wheelchair basketball coaches and players. Wheelin' BBall will take place on Saturday, June 4th from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Franich Park located at 795 Vista Montana Drive in Watsonville.

"We are so pleased to hold this event, which is the first of its kind focused on sports for youth with disabilities in the Monterey Bay Area," said Denise Sanford, California Children's Services Supervising Therapist of the Health Services Agency's Public Health Division. "The event would not have been possible without the collaboration and sponsorship of County Park Friends, California Children's Services in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties, and Shared Adventures, our local non-profit that organizes recreational and social events for people with disabilities."

Wheelin' BBall Community Kick-off will be followed by a 5-day wheelchair basketball camp starting the week of June 13th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m, coached by former Paralympian Nathan Perkins. The limited space camp, designed by Brenda Gutierrez of County Park Friends, is FREE and addresses the need for outdoor recreation and community connection for people of all abilities. The plan is to build on these events to establish a Monterey Bay youth wheelchair basketball team.

Registration is appreciated but not required. To register, please visit www.countyparkfriends.org/equity-programs-parkrx-calendar or scan the QR code.



For further information, please contact County Park Friends at (831) 200-9403.