



Giving All Kids a Chance to Play!

### MoreSports Website Writing Contest

MoreSports invites youth in our local hubs to participate in our Website writing contest. Pick a local MoreSports activity occurring in your area or a Personal Experience you have had with MoreSports and report on the events by writing a short article. Successful candidates will receive an honorarium of 100 dollars and have their article published on the MoreSports Website!

#### Description:

Following the format guide below, write a short article of approximately 350 words, describing a MoreSports activity or Personal Experience. All entries must be original works; the use of third-party material (any existing published work) will result in disqualification. Each entrant may submit as many articles as they would like prior to the deadline.

Your article must include at least one quote from a parent, volunteer, leader, supervisor or participant regarding their involvement in the activity unless you are writing about a personal experience.

#### Eligibility:

Youth ages 13 and up are eligible to participate.

#### Format and Contents:

Each Submission MUST include the following:

##### *Headline*

-A short and specific statement that summarizes the content of your article.

##### *Date*

-The date should be located at the beginning of your article and italicized

Example:        *Sep 14, 2009* MoreSports spent the week at Britannia Elementary helping with the innovative Pathways to Health event.....

### *Introduction*

-Your introduction should briefly describe what the story is about and why is it important. Your introduction is the first paragraph of your article and should try to **briefly** answer the following: Who, What, When, Where, Why and How

### *Body*

-The body of your article is the area where you can go into more detail and elaborate on the information you introduced in your introduction

-In the body of your article you must answer at least 3 of the following questions:

-When interviewing participants/parents/volunteers/supervisors/ or yourself (if you are writing about a personal experience)

1. What did they/you like about the program/activity? What did it do well?
2. What did they /you learn from the program?
3. What did MoreSports mean to them/you? How did it impact them/you?
4. What did they/you get out of the program? Are you more interested a certain sport and want to get more involved?
5. Did MoreSports introduce them/you to a new sport that you want to carry on with?
6. Has anything changed in their/your life since becoming more physically active or involved in a certain sport?

### *Quotation*

- A quotation must be included unless you are writing about a personal experience with a MoreSports program. Quotations should be in the form of short statements made by the person you chose to interview and must be relevant to the program you are reporting on. Quotations can be incorporated into either the body of your article or used to conclude it.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** if you intend on quoting someone in your article, you must get consent from them and allow them to read the finished article prior to submitting it in this contest.

### *Conclusion*

-The conclusion should provide a one to two sentence summary of your article. This should highlight the major point or significance of your article. Often a quotation that sums up the message of your article is an excellent way of concluding it.

### *Photos*

-MoreSports encourages the submission of a photo of you, the author, or of the person you interviewed.

**SPELL CHECK!! – have a parent or another student read your article and help you proof read**

The entry deadline for the first round of this contest is October 31<sup>st</sup> 2009. The entry deadline for the second round will be December 31<sup>st</sup> 2009. Entries will be accepted year-round. All stories submitted in this contest are the property of MoreSports. There is no Guarantee your story will be published.

**Articles can be submitted by email as a word document to: [james.tully@moresports.org](mailto:james.tully@moresports.org)**