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24 Kids Participate in New Tennis Programs at Lake Monticello

Charlottesville, Virginia (6/21/2019) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is pleased to report the two new pilot summer youth tennis programs recently held at Lake Monticello's Ashlawn Courts received rave reviews from participants and parents. This programming is part of a new partnership between QCV and the Lake Monticello Owners' Association (LMOA). QCV President Alina Ackenbom and QCV QuickStart Coordinator Lynda Harrill met with LMOA Activities Director Lisa Henry in February to create a plan for the two inaugural sessions.

Twenty-four kids were coached by Program Leader Alina and five Lake resident volunteers (Lynn Forsyth, Betsy and Fred Gunnels, Teresa Omohundro and Alden Bigelow) who QCV trained in May at the New Generation Community Workshop at Fluvanna High County School. In view of the success of these first two sessions, plans are already in the works to offer a third session later this summer.



First Session on-court action



Second Session "Happy Campers"

"We are proud to have QuickStart/Net Generation at Lake Monticello," said LMOA General Manager Steve Hurwitz. What a wonderful program to introduce area youth to a great sport. It is terrific to see young people out enjoying the Ashlawn Courts."

QCV QuickStart Coordinator Lynda Harrill adds, "We hope this is the beginning of a tradition of kid-sized tennis at the Lake. They have terrific tennis facilities and we hope to get more kids using them. Lynn Forsyth has run a one-week summer QuickStart Tennis camp for kids at the Lake in August since 2010. Our goal was to get kids prepared for Lynn's camp and encourage them to play throughout the summer. Lisa said parents gave lots of positive feedback. They liked the low student-teacher ratio, thought the coaches were very patient and said the instruction looked like a lot FUN for the kids, so they stayed interested and engaged She also said that a parent had written an article for the Lake Monticello newspaper, Lake Views June 20 issue. That's the kind of feedback we at QCV love to receive!"

QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia is an all-volunteer, grassroots Community Tennis Association established in 2009 as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization to promote, develop and grow QuickStart Tennis in the heart of Virginia for all beginners, especially underserved youth, using the kid-sized QuickStart Tennis format.

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