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## QS Tennis Time Completes 4th Annual Summer Camp

Charlottesville, Virginia (6/21/2016) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia ([QCV](#)) is pleased to report QS Tennis Time recently finished its fourth annual summer camp at the Fuqua School in Prince Edward County. This year the one-week camp grew to 26 participants, with 20 kids 10 and under and six 12-13 years old. The 10U kids were taught in the gym with portable nets, while the older kids played on the outdoor tennis courts at the school. Camp Director and QS Tennis Time Founder Billy Rutherford reported they had to turn kids away this year because they needed more instructors. Instructing this year in addition to Billy were Murrie Bates, Charlotte County resident and former Head Tennis Coach at Hampden-Sydney, Rob Bareford, the current Hampden-Sydney Coach, Monica Coleman, Jean Algier and Elizabeth Rutherford.



Billy says, "This summer we added a new program for kids who have aged up from QuickStart. We had six kids participate in the older group. We had 26 kids total, but had to turn away a dozen or so to maintain our student-teacher ratio. We're going to start recruiting more instructors for next year right now. We had some great sponsors

(Bojangles' Famous Chicken, Pizza Hut, Wendy's and McDonald's) who ensured that the kids received t-shirts and had snacks and prizes each day. We even had an end-of-camp party. It was a very fun and festive week! Many thanks to QCV. We can always count on you to have many great ideas to help our small program run smoothly and grow. Thanks for all your tireless work and help promoting tennis for the children."

QCV QuickStart Coordinator Lynda Harrill adds, "Billy has done wonderful things with tennis for kids in Farmville and Prince Edward County. It's been a pleasure to watch his summer program thrive. He's very inclusive and terrific about community outreach. I wish we could clone him and his supporters for other counties in our service area. They have grown a public tennis tradition from scratch."

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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.

QCV's service area includes Albemarle, Amelia, Appomattox, Brunswick, Buckingham, Charlotte, Culpeper, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Fluvanna, Franklin, Greene, Greenville, Halifax, Henry, Louisa, Lunenburg, Madison, Mecklenburg, Nelson, Nottoway, Orange, Patrick, Pittsylvania, Prince Edward, Powhatan and Rappahannock counties and the cities of Charlottesville, Danville and Martinsville. We now serve 182 schools with 87,000 kids, twelve parks & recreation departments, three Boys & Girls Clubs and two YMCAs in 27 counties and three independent cities. We have also gotten tennis into PE classes in 30 additional schools with 14,000 students in southwestern and eastern central Virginia as part of the Mid-Atlantic Supercharge School Tennis Task Force.

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