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Community Sports Equipment Event Scheduled *Families in Need Can Obtain Gear*

[PANAMA CITY BEACH, Fla.] April 25, 2023 – Publix Sports Park, Coastal Waste and Recycling, and United Way of Northwest Florida are partnering to host a Youth Sports Equipment Swap Meet and Community Day on May 20th from 9:00am – 12:00pm at Publix Sports Park.

Families are invited to attend the Youth Sports Equipment Swap Meet to claim gently used sports equipment. Attendees can also receive free sports physicals from Pancare, enjoy inflatable obstacles, and participate in other fun family activities provided by local community organizations. The first 200 attendees will receive swag bags courtesy of Coastal Waste and Recycling.

“Our Panama City Beach Division is actively involved in the community; our sponsorship of Publix Sports Park has opened doors to building relationships with other industries through this event. The goal is to support our future leaders on the fields with recycled sports equipment at no cost to them. Shaping a sustainable future, that’s what we do,” said Christine Busch, Area Sales Director, Coastal Waste & Recycling, Inc.

“We are excited to offer this event to our community and provide families with the opportunity to find affordable sports equipment for their children,” said Gina Littleton, CEO at United Way of Northwest Florida. “We hope that by hosting this event, we can make it easier for families to access the necessary equipment and resources for their children to participate in sports and lead healthy, active lifestyles.”

Used sports equipment donations are currently being accepted at the nine area Regions Bank locations, Culver’s, and over 20 other locations in the Bay County Area. Recommended items to donate include cleats, balls, uniforms, equipment, etc. All proceeds will go to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Bay County.

The event is open to all families in the area and will be held at Publix Sports Park located at 50 Chip Seal Pkwy, Panama City Beach, FL 32407. There is no admission fee to get into the Youth Sports Equipment Swap Meet. For more information, please contact Brittany Tucker with United Way of Northwest Florida at (801) 309-4092.

About Publix Sports Park

Publix Sports Park is the premier destination for travel sports tourism in the Florida panhandle. The facility features 13 rectangular fields including 9 with artificial surfaces and two championship fields with seating for up to 1,500 spectators. The flexible design allows for soccer, lacrosse, rugby, football, and flag football, as well as baseball and softball to be played. Publix Sports Park is a member of the [SF Network](#), the Nation's largest and fastest-growing network of sports facilities, and is operated by the industry leader in outsourced operations, [The Sports Facilities Companies](#) (SFC). For more information, visit www.playpanamacitybeach.com.

About Coastal Waste and Recycling

Coastal Waste and Recycling's vision is to develop a fully integrated regional solid waste and recycling company while keeping our core values and culture at the forefront of everything we do. This means doing the right thing for our employees, customers, communities, and shareholders.

About United Way of Northwest Florida

United Way of Northwest Florida is a nonprofit organization that focuses on supporting local communities by providing resources for health, education, and financial stability. Our mission is to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of our communities.

About Visit Panama City Beach

Visit Panama City Beach is the official destination marketing organization for Panama City Beach, Florida. The award-winning organization has earned industry accreditation (DMAP) from Destinations International, the world's leading authority in destination marketing, and exists to drive economic opportunity, job creation, community sustainability, and quality of life for its residents through marketing, promotion, and stewardship of the destination's REAL.FUN.BEACH. brand and attributes, tourism development, special event production, and managing beach re-nourishment and maintenance programs.

About Sports Facilities Companies

The Sports Facilities Companies (SFC) are the nation's leading resources for managing and developing sports, recreation, wellness, and events facilities. As a turn-key solution for community leaders and developers alike, SFC services span the gamut of sports and recreation needs from sports tourism & recreation master planning, program planning, and feasibility through professional facility management services. Our 30+ managed venues and 1500+ team members, represented by the SF Network, welcome more than 25 million guest visits and produce over \$250 million in economic impact each year. To learn more, please visit SportsFacilities.com and theSFNetwork.com.