

Buffalo RFC: Youth Rugby and Charity

Inspired by the youth rugby clinics held at the Saranac Lake Tournament, the Buffalo Rugby Club ran a week long youth rugby camp. A proposal was accepted by the Police Athletic League of Buffalo and with PAL's support, the program took off.

The program ran from 9 am to noon, Monday through Friday, and ended on Saturday with the kids playing scrimmage games for family and friends and having a pizza party afterwards. Nineteen kids, ages 8-14, were taught rugby fundamentals using USARFU's touch rugby guidelines. While some had prior exposure, the majority were newcomers but within a short time, they learned how to pass, run, kick and score tries. At the end of the

camp, every kid vowed to come back next year and bring a friend.

The camp was made possible by the efforts of the Buffalo Parks and Recreation Department, PAL of Buffalo and their executive director, Sue Gonzalez. Buffalo mayor Anthony Massiello and his office deserve three cheers for providing daily lunches and snacks for the campers.

For more information about the program and ideas on how to get one going in your area, contact:

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Relay for Life

The Buffalo Rugby Club participated in the annual Relay for Life, a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society on August 14-15, 1998. This year the Buffalo club continued its community outreach efforts by having members and their families on the track for the entire 24 hour period. Individual participants from the club ran or walked from 2-12 miles during the 24 hours and through their efforts, over \$500 was raised.