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### **National Youth Sports Camp Plans Seventh Season at UMaine**

ORONO, Maine -- The National Youth Sports Program (NYSP) will open its seventh season at the University of Maine on June 28, offering six weeks of fun, teamwork and skill development for area boys and girls.

The day camp features swimming, plus a variety of other skill building and educational opportunities for children ages 10-16 whose families or guardians meet Department of Health and Human Services income guidelines. There is no cost to participants for the program, which includes a comprehensive sports physical examination, a breakfast snack and lunch. Transportation is provided from designated, major pick-up points within an hour's distance of Orono. The camp runs Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

UMaine's nationally acclaimed NYSP program is directed by Stephen Butterfield, professor of education and special education, and a dedicated staff led by UMaine alum and award-winning teacher Lynne Haynes of Lincoln. New to this year's staff will be a graduate of NYSP, now a high school honors student, athlete and leader who never missed a day of the program during the five summers she attended.

This young woman exemplifies the goals Butterfield says he and the staff want every camper to achieve -- to believe in themselves, to get along with others and to experience personal skill development.

The program, conducted in a highly structured, friendly, non-competitive learning environment, will also include soccer, tennis, track and field, and hands-on math and science lab activities. As the result of a grant from the State Department of Education, a nutritionist will be available to work with campers on planning and preparing easy, healthy meals.

NYSP is funded by the National Collegiate Athletic Association which awards grants to selected member institutions. The UMaine program, one of 175 nationally, is the only NYSP in northern New England.

For registration information, call the UMaine NYSP office, (207) 581-2466.

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