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Skyline Community Center Double Dutch Jump Roping Teams Medal At World Competitions

Three double dutch jump roping teams from the Skyline Community Center, managed by the Clippard Family YMCA, returned from the World Championships with medals to show for their commitment.

The Center's fifth grade team won first place in both the singles division (with one jumper) and the doubles (two jumpers) division, and it's sixth grade and high school teams won fifth place in the doubles division. Of the 14 athletes who participated in the World Championships, nine of the jumpers were making their first appearance.

"I am truly impressed with the dedication and efforts of our teams. Their camaraderie was outstanding and it showed by their performance at the competition," said Greg Moore, director of the Skyline Community Center.

Double dutch jump roping has developed into an important program offered through a number of branches of the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati as an opportunity to instill positive character values, strong work ethics, a sense of teamwork, and healthy bodies in young people. In 2008, more than 60 girls registered for the Skyline Community Center program, and 47 of them competed in the state tournament earlier this year.

Members of the medaling teams from the Skyline Community Center include:

FIRST PLACE TEAM: ALL 5th Grade

Molly Burns: Calvary Christian Academy, Independence, Kentucky -11 years old

Destiny Cherry: New Burlington Elementary-11 years old

Anaya Murdock: Pleasant Hill Academy-11 years old

Nia Harrison: North Avondale Montessori-10 years old

FIFTH PLACE FINISHERS:

Manisha Fowler-11 years old-Jane Hoop elementary

Chenelle Williams; 12 year old-Colerain Middle School

Jayla Gazaway-12 years old-Colerain Middle School

Blessing Goode-12 years old- Colerain Middle School

Elaysha Wright-16 years old-Colerain high School

Arian Kinamore-16 years old-Colerain High School

Reynisha Murdock-14 years old-Aiken High School

Mileah Fowler- 13 years old-Pleasant Run Middle

With more than 83,000 members across the Tri-State, the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati has grown to operate 111 program child care, CincyAfterSchool, and 21st Century Community Learning sites in addition to its 17 branches and summer camp locations. The Association is the largest non-governmental, non-profit community services organization in this area that is committed to helping everyone reach their God-given potential in spirit, mind, and body – regardless of their ability to pay. Each year tens of thousands of people from children to seniors are able to participate in YMCA programs and services because of financial assistance, including health and wellness, active older adult programs, youth and teen camp, swimming and water safety lessons, teen achievers, college readiness, and job preparedness. In 2007, nearly 10,000 kids participated with YMCA scholarships. The annual Strong Kids Campaign helps make that possible.