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A Multi-Sport Clinic is the latest collaboration between Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver's and Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation's Badges for Baseball Program

WHAT: Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver is hosting a multi-sport clinic for youth members from several of our 27 neighborhood Clubs in partnership with the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation and its *Badges for Baseball* program. This is the latest collaboration between Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver and the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation, continuing a relationship that began in 2017 with the building of a Youth Development Park, Pat Bowlen Field. The multi-sport clinic will be held at Pat Bowlen Field at Suncor Boys & Girls Club. This event will also bring together local law enforcement agencies including, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Commerce City Police Department, United States Marshals Service, Denver City Transit Police, and the Adams County Sheriff's Office.

WHEN: Thursday, October 10, 2024 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Suncor Boys & Girls Club | Pat Bowlen Field
6201 Holly Street
Commerce City, CO 80022

WHO: Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver members, Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver staff, Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives - Denver Field Division, Commerce City Police Department, United States Marshals Service, Denver City Transit Police, and Adams County Sheriff's Office.

WHY: This multi-sport clinic showcases the power of community partnerships in youth development. It provides Club members with opportunities to enhance athletic skills and build character while fostering positive relationships with law enforcement. By bringing together strong community partners, including the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation and various law enforcement agencies, this clinic exemplifies how collaborative efforts can create meaningful experiences that benefit both youth and the broader community.

QUOTE: "In communities like Denver, the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation's *Badges for Baseball* program is making a real difference. It's more than just a program. It's a lifeline for youth, offering them the chance to bond with law enforcement through sports and mentorship. With every game played, we're fostering trust, teaching life skills, and showing kids that their futures are filled with endless possibilities." – Carrie LeBow, Chief Operating Officer, Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation

"As a former college football athlete, I know firsthand how powerfully sports can unite us both on and off the field," said ATF Special Agent in Charge Brent Beavers. Our youth today face immense challenges and pressures—whether at home, in school, online, or within their peer groups. We are grateful for non-profits such as Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver and the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation, who create opportunities for law enforcement to connect and build positive relationships with young people in a sports-centered environment."

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About Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver

Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver changes lives. From the first day of kindergarten through high school graduation, we help kids succeed in school, develop good character and citizenship, and live healthy lives. At 25 neighborhood Clubs and our summer camp in Ward, CO, we provide our members with safe, supportive, fun, and enriching environments that inspire and empower them to achieve their greatest potential.

About the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation

The Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation helps to strengthen America's most underserved and distressed communities by supporting and advocating for children, building Youth Development Parks, partnering with law enforcement and youth service agencies, giving kids access to STEM education, and addressing community needs through our national program initiatives. The Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation does this through programs such as *Badges for Baseball*. Created in collaboration with the United States Department of Justice, *Badges for Baseball* uses sports-themed activities for kids to foster connections among young people and law enforcement.