Description:

The Griffin Ruritan Club with 4 volunteers have been running a community winter recreation program in the small farm town of Griffin for the past three years. We utilize the old Griffin School Gym which is owned by the Ruritan Club and receive funding from Ruritan and Country Mark Oil as part of their community outreach program. We play basketball, indoor whiffle ball, kickball and dodgeball Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 October through March. Times and dates can be flexible. We generally have 10-15 participants, ranging in age from 7 years of age to 18. We will have money available to pay a stipend to student interns and cover transportation expenses.

Goal:

This is a purely recreational program with the goal of promoting healthy exercise, mentoring, and exposing some of the kids to the possibility of higher education. We have typically attended a USI Eagles basketball game at the end of the season with a campus tour before the game. The program has grown popular enough that we feel we could benefit from a more structured and professional approach. I believe the kids would respond well to one or more students with some training and experience in sports programs.

Responsibilities:

Adult volunteers from the Ruritan Club will be in attendance at all times. In the case of holidays, exams, etc. our volunteer group can still run the program if the student interns are unable to attend. I see the job of the student interns as one of organizing and conducting activities and serving as role models.

Ruritan Representatives:

Mike Mumford    BS Purdue University, Captain, American Airlines, Farm Manager and Cattleman
Sandra Mumford  M.E.D. Education Administration, Boston University, Swim Coach, lifelong athlete
Doug Cox        Ag Sales,
Chellie Cox     School Bus Driver, Posey County School District.

USI References:

Dr. Mark Krahling, Associate Dean
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