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EMBARGOED FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 29

First String Hosts Jackie Robinson Day Baseball Clinic on April 13 from 10-1 PM, with Free MLB Competition and Physicals

Kids aged 7-14 will have the chance to advance through three levels of competition culminating at the MLB World Series, and the CCC Health Center will conduct physicals for all spring/summer sports.

CHAMPAIGN, IL, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27 — First String will host their annual Jackie Robinson Day celebration and MLB Pitch Hit & Run program at McFarland Field on Saturday, April 13th, 2024 from 10 AM to 1 PM, featuring the CU Kiwanis Little League, Champaign Park District, Champaign County Christian Health Center, State Farm Insurance Agent Joe Stovall, the Champaign Unit 4 School District, DJ Slim and STEAM Genius, and championdiaries.com.

Give your child a Major League experience participating in the MLB® Pitch Hit & Run™ program. This free, one-day competition is for boys and girls, ages 7 to 14 years old. The best part? Winners will advance through the program for a chance to win an all-expenses-paid trip for them and a guardian to compete during the MLB World Series. The competition will begin at 11:30 AM.

Based on their scores, they can advance to a Team Championship, which is held in MLB stadiums, and then on to the National Finals, taking place during the MLB World Series. To register, go to pitchhitrun.com and locate the McFarland Field competition. Students can also receive their physicals, eat ballpark food, and jam to mix master DJ Slim at this year's JRD Baseball Clinic. This is the first time the Champaign County Christian Health Center has partnered with First String, and to offer this type of healthcare to the community for the day.

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The competition and physicals on JRD are open to the public, and families will still be able to sign up their kids beginning at age 4 for T-Ball at McFarland Field on April 13, and online at tshq.bluesombrero.com/firststringll. They are too young to participate in the competition for this day, but Coach Peter will still be taking note of those kids who coming for their physicals, and ready to "Play Ball." T-Ball will have 6-8 teams and start playing games in June 2024.

First String, "A Community Team, Inc., is an organization comprised of individuals committed to building local communities by guiding youth to become productive citizens. First String, Inc.'s practices have a direct impact on the communities of northwest Urbana and northeast Champaign as we use baseball and other sports to teach integrity, good sportsmanship, honesty, fair play, loyalty, and respect for oneself and others. With a holistic approach that reinforces these characteristics, First String, Inc. aims to help youth become well-rounded, trustworthy, and compassionate individuals ready to make a marked but positive difference in the world.

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