

UTAH SNITCH



Official Sports Newsletter of the Utah Quidditch Organization

A Quidditch Scholarship?



In unprecedented speed, the college sport of "Muggle Quidditch" has spread to over 200 Schools and Universities in the United States in just five years. Although these Colleges now officially recognize Quidditch teams or clubs within their programs, it is hard to imagine that the new sport can be more than an exciting pass time of capes and brooms. Yet as with so many cases before, Quidditch has proven to surprise the college community yet again.

Moorpark College of California made history this year by offering the world's first Quidditch scholarship! It was merit based and available to only one winner per year. Hopefully this trend will catch on – Way to go Raiders!



Next Match:



The official Utah Cup season will be kicked off this year with Utah's first community team Vs. Judge Memorial High school! The match will be held on Saturday, July 31st at Sugar House Park. Come support your favorite team or simply see what a Quidditch match is like!



Admission will be free. Spectators are advised to bring your own blankets or chairs. Please visit our "Upcoming Events" page for additional specifics.



As more teams are registered, we will keep you posted on when they are playing. Keep an eye on your "Utah Snitch" to keep track of the 2010 season!

PLAYERS WANTED



APPLY TODAY!

The Utah Quidditch Organization is creating multiple community teams! Come be a part of history on July 10th at 1:00 PM at Southridge Park in Taylorsville near 4000 W. 5100 S.



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A Good Time to be Potter Fans



June and July of 2010 marks a significant time for the fan base of one of the most popular stories ever told. Like never before, the world of Harry Potter is coming to life, reaching a new climax, and spreading to a broader audience.

On Friday, June 18th, Universal Studios in Orlando proudly opened “The Magical World of Harry Potter” theme park. Once inside, vacationers will be able to tour through Hogwarts Castle, shop for wands and wizard treats, ride two different roller coasters, and more!

Recently, the first trailer for the films “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows” (Parts 1 and 2) was released. Amid dramatic clips from both films, the trailer gives the much anticipated release dates: November 19th, 2010 and July 15th, 2011. For a generation of diehard Fans, the excitement behind this announcement is inexplicable.

In addition to these, the video game “Lego Harry Potter” is now available this month. Can it get any better? As readers of J K Rowling’s books know, that can be a very tricky question...



Spreading the Word UQO Booth at Taylorsville Dayzz

Visitors to the Taylorsville Dayzz fair enjoyed rides, goodies and deals, yet also passed by a new type of booth this year, recruiting players for a mainly unknown sport. With surprising results, the UQO took its place alongside other of Salt Lake’s Community Organizations with a booth providing cards, presentations and applications.

“The best part was interacting with the people, seeing all kinds that want to come and play” stated Robin Williams, Chaser for the Utah HEX and booth operator. “It was cool that so many people really liked it. A lot of people didn’t know about it [Quidditch], but do now.”



“Imagine a sport where every player is busy making the winning play, where scholars and athletes meet on equal terms, and the most casual spectator can’t easily lose interest due to the game’s complexity. If you can, you’re not the first, and if you can’t, don’t worry... Quidditch is already here.” – Nick Burk (IQA Regional Correspondent over Utah)

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Minor League? Closer Than You May Think

In addition to the major support for Quidditch found at “Taylorsville Dayzz” by the UQO from potential college age players, nearly a third of those interested were under the age of 16. Kids at South Ridge Park (for example) have played Quidditch longer than many schools, and love it just as much. This brings up the question: Can Quidditch be adapted for players between the ages of 10 to 16, or for players even younger?

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