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PRESS RELEASE

CAMDEN PEACE GAMES CELEBRATES A DECADE OF BUILDING PEACE, UNITY, AND OPPORTUNITY THROUGH SPORTS

Free two-day event comes back to Von Nieda Park in Cramer Hill and expands programming with new soccer skills and drills alongside the signature basketball tournament.

CAMDEN – Mayor Victor G. Carstarphen, alongside Camden Community Partnership (CCP), Camden County Commissioner Al Dyer, and a host of community partners and local leaders, are proud to announce the 10th Annual Camden Peace Games, celebrating a decade of bringing Camden residents together through sports, community pride, and positive youth engagement.

The free, family-friendly event will take place on Saturday, July 25, and Sunday, July 26, at Von Nieda Park in Camden's Cramer Hill neighborhood (located at 29th Street and Pierce Avenue), transforming one of Camden's premier parks into a vibrant destination for basketball, soccer, entertainment, and community celebration. *****In case of inclement weather, the games will be held at the Rutgers-Camden Athletic Gym located at 301 Linden Street, Camden, NJ.*****

For the past decade, the Camden Peace Games have demonstrated the power of sports to unite neighborhoods, inspire young people, and strengthen community bonds. What began as a grassroots basketball tournament has grown into one of Camden's signature summer traditions, creating opportunities for thousands of youth and families to come together in a safe, welcoming environment that celebrates teamwork, respect, and the promise of a brighter future.

“This year marks a remarkable milestone for the Camden Peace Games and for our entire city,” said Mayor Victor G. Carstarphen. “For ten years, this event has showcased the very best of Camden by bringing together young people, families, businesses, and community organizations around a shared commitment to peace and opportunity. As we celebrate this anniversary, we’re excited to welcome everyone to Von Nieda Park for an expanded weekend of sports and family fun that continues to invest in our youth and strengthen our neighborhoods.”

This year’s celebration expands beyond basketball by introducing soccer skills and drills, giving even more young people the opportunity to participate in organized athletics while learning valuable lessons in teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship.

The weekend’s activities include:

Saturday, July 25

- Skills & Drills Basketball Clinic (ages 10+)
- Soccer Skills & Drills
- Opening rounds of the Camden Peace Games Basketball Tournament
- Live music, food, games, giveaways, bounce houses, face painting, and community resources

Sunday, July 26

- The War Room Basketball Clinic (ages 6–8)
- Championship rounds of the Camden Peace Games Basketball Tournament
- Soccer activities and family programming
- Championship awards presentation
- Entertainment, family activities, and community resource vendors

Organized through a partnership among the City of Camden, Camden Community Partnership, Camden County, P.A.R.K. (Providing Alternate Resources for Kids), and numerous community organizations, the Camden Peace Games continue to create meaningful opportunities for residents of all ages to gather, connect, and celebrate their city.

“Celebrating the 10th Camden Peace Games is a testament to what can be accomplished when government, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and community members work together toward a common goal,” said Dana L. Redd, President & CEO of Camden Community Partnership. “For a decade, this event has created lasting memories while providing positive opportunities for young people and families. We’re thrilled to bring this milestone celebration back to Von Nieda Park and expand our programming with soccer, allowing even more children and families to experience the joy, connection, and sense of belonging that define the Camden Peace Games.”

“The Camden Peace Games have become one of the city’s most anticipated summer traditions because they represent so much more than athletic competition,” said Camden County Commissioner Al Dyer. “For ten years, we’ve watched these games build friendships, strengthen neighborhoods, and remind our young people that this community believes in them. We are proud to celebrate this milestone and continue investing in programs that promote unity, healthy recreation, and community pride.”

The event is proudly supported by host of sponsors and a wide network of community partners, including:

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“Reaching ten years is an incredible accomplishment, and P.A.R.K. is honored to have been part of this journey,” said Lance Fussell, representing P.A.R.K. CMD. “Every year we see young people gain confidence, make new friendships, and discover the positive impact sports can have on their lives. The Camden Peace Games continue to prove that when a community comes together around its youth, everyone wins.”

The Camden Peace Games are a signature event of Connect the Lots Camden, an initiative of Camden Community Partnership that transforms parks and public spaces into vibrant destinations through free, family-friendly programming. By activating neighborhood spaces with recreation, arts, wellness, and community events, Connect the Lots helps create healthier, safer, and more connected neighborhoods throughout Camden.

For ten years, the Camden Peace Games have reflected the city's enduring commitment to creating opportunities for its youth while strengthening the bonds that unite its neighborhoods. As the event enters its second decade, organizers look forward to building on that legacy and welcoming a new generation of families to experience a Camden tradition rooted in peace, play, and community.

To learn more about the Camden Peace Games and other upcoming Connect the Lots events, visit www.ctlcamden.com or follow @CTLCamden on Instagram and X.

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