

Disney Extends Casey Powell Lacrosse Clinic

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. – (Aug. 5, 2011) — High School and collegiate lacrosse teams training at [ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex](#) will continue to tap into the expertise of one of the most recognized names in lacrosse as a result of a longer-term agreement with lacrosse superstar Casey Powell.

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ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex and Powell have extended their partnership that began last year, making the sports complex at [Walt Disney World](#) the official spring training home of Casey Powell Lacrosse for the next several years. Powell is this year’s World Indoor Lacrosse Championships MVP and one of the all-time greats in the Major Lacrosse League and National Lacrosse League. All teams participating in the Disney Lacrosse Spring Training program at the sports complex will receive a one-hour session with Casey Powell Lacrosse trainers.

“It is an incredible feeling to know I have the opportunity to make a difference in the careers of young lacrosse players,” said Powell. “I can’t think of a better place to help them reach their potential than Disney; the place where dreams come true.”

“It will be an extraordinary benefit for the young athletes in our Disney Sports Lacrosse Spring Training program to continue to be exposed to someone of Casey Powell’s stature,” said Disney Sports Development Manager Jeff Sturgeon. “This will be a one-of-a-kind experience that will provide these athletes and teams with the kind of world-class training, insight, knowledge and inspiration that they likely can’t get anywhere else.”

The overall Disney Sports spring training program at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex encompasses more than 700 high school and collegiate teams and 13,000 athletes nationwide in five different sports (baseball, softball, lacrosse, golf and track & field) from February through April. Specifically, the lacrosse program, which has been in place for the past 11 years, attracts more than 150 teams each spring.

The lacrosse spring training program is just one of several lacrosse offerings at the sports complex. In addition, ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex hosts two youth lacrosse events during the ESPN RISE Games – the *Champion* High School Showcase, a US Lacrosse Event, which is the “National All-Star Game” of high school lacrosse, and the US Lacrosse U15 National Championship, a US Lacrosse Youth Council event that involves 64 boys and girls teams. Also, the *Champion* Challenge, a US Lacrosse event featuring the US National team program and top collegiate and international teams, returned for its seventh year in January.

To register and learn more about the Disney Sports Spring Training Lacrosse program visit disneylacrosse.com.

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