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## **Middle School Students Invited to “Party in the Park”**

### **Board Representation**

*Boys & Girls Clubs  
of Larimer County*

*City of Fort Collins*

*City of Loveland*

*Colorado State University*

*Department of Health &  
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*Office of the General Counsel*

*CSU Cooperative Extension  
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*Estes Park School District R-3*

*FirstCall United Way 211*

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Northern Colorado*

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of Health & Environment*

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*Partners Mentoring Youth  
of Larimer County*

*Poudre School District*

*Poudre Valley Health System*

*Thompson School District*

Larimer County, CO – Kids in grades 6-8 are invited to come *Party in the Park* on Friday, June 17, 2005, 4-8 p.m.

The Healthier Communities Coalition of Larimer County (HCC), in partnership with the City of Loveland, the Loveland Youth Advisory Commission (YAC), FirstCall 211, CSU Youth Sports Camps and the Boys & Girls Clubs is hosting a youth fair to be held at the Hammond Amphitheater (North Lake Park) and Loveland High School athletic fields. The cost of the event is \$5 at the entrance and includes tickets for food and beverages.

“The purpose of the event is to inform middle school students about the various activities and volunteer opportunities available to them in the Loveland community, both during the summer and throughout the school year,” said Kim Sharpe, HCC coordinator. “Research conducted by Loveland Build a Generation in 2001 showed that many Loveland youth do not have access to activities outside of school hours. Idle time for young people often can lead to problem behaviors such as substance abuse and delinquency. *Party in the Park* will help kids learn about activities that are appropriate for them while providing a fun atmosphere where they can hang out with their friends.”

Many agencies and organizations that provide those activities will have booths at the event along with a fun craft or activity. The event also will feature: music provided by local high school bands from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.; a live radio broadcast by 96.1 KISS-FM radio station from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.; food through the Wendy’s Snack Shack and Penguin’s Ice Cream Shop; and inflatable carnival-type activities that are being sponsored by McWhinney Enterprises, McKee Medical Center and the Healthy Kids Club/Poudre Valley Health System. Additionally, free water and apples (donated by Whole Foods Market) will be available to participating youth.

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The Healthier Communities Coalition of Larimer County is an alliance of nonprofit, education, health, business, government and citizen leaders who collaboratively identify, develop and implement strategies to improve the health and well-being of county residents. Established in 1994 and located in Fort Collins, Colorado, HCC’s special focus is on improving the lives of our youth