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Andy Roddick Foundation's Summer Learning Program Kicks Off June 13 at Pecan Springs Elementary

Foundation also announces first-ever investment in Austin Parks and Recreation

AUSTIN, Texas – June 13, 2016 – Today, 90 elementary-aged children begin a journey through time as the Andy Roddick Foundation's Third Annual Summer Learning Program holds its first day at Pecan Springs Early College Prep Elementary in East Austin.

Opening week activities, including a media day on Wednesday, June 15, will introduce students to aviation and tennis before concluding with a trip to the Georgetown Airport. The full-day, free program runs through July 22.

"When I held a tennis racket in my hand for the first time at age nine, I knew I had found my life's work," says Andy Roddick, founder of the Andy Roddick Foundation. "Today and every day, the Andy Roddick Foundation exists to help children discover the thing they were born to do. This discovery changes the course of their life and the world."

Throughout the summer, the program will engage students in approximately 240 hours of hands-on academic and physical activities. With this year's "Time Travel" theme, students will explore a new decade each week, learning about the time period through sports, science, literacy and arts.

The goals of the program are to:

- build resilient students who have the skills and traits needed to reach their full potential,
- reduce summer learning loss and weight gain, and
- provide students with a fun and memorable summer experience.

Results from last year's program can be found in the Foundation's [2015 Outcomes Report](#).

"After two years, we have learned so much about our capacity to deliver high-quality summer learning programs and the need to support other organizations providing summer activities," says Richard Tagle, CEO of the Foundation.

To that end, the Foundation has invested \$100,000 in the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) to enhance their summer programs in 11 community recreation centers that are serving over 1,200 students across our community. Through the Andy Roddick Foundation's support, PARD will be able to expand their summer services, which include health and wellness and enrichment activities, to more children from ages 4 to 12.

"Our young people deserve the best that our city has to offer and the chance to soar," says Tagle. "Anywhere and everywhere, our young people should be confident, motivated and inspired to discover what they were born to do."

Individuals can see the program in action by contacting Heather Arnos, development manager, at heather@arfoundation.org or 512-298-1951 to schedule a tour.

Third Annual Summer Learning Program Media Day

When

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Interviews: 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.

Video: 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.

Where

Pecan Springs Early College Prep Elementary in Austin

Hosted by the Andy Roddick Foundation
at the Main Entrance
3100 Rogge Lane
Austin, Texas 78723

What

Meet and speak with the Andy Roddick Foundation's Founder Andy Roddick and CEO Richard Tagle. Learn more about the Foundation's launch of the Third Annual Summer Learning Program at Pecan Springs Early College Prep Elementary in Austin.

Andy Roddick, Richard Tagle and the students will be available for questions. In addition, video of Andy and Richard coaching the students in tennis and learning about aviation will be permitted.

For more information, visit <http://www.arfoundation.org>

To request an interview with Andy Roddick or Richard Tagle, please contact Brian Stephens at brian@arfoundation.org or 512-565-0506.

About the Andy Roddick Foundation

The Andy Roddick Foundation has raised more than \$20 million to improve the lives of children since 2000. Today, the foundation leads a movement to bring exceptional afterschool and summer learning programs to communities that have been left out or left behind and empower all children to discover what they were born to do. Whether by heart or by hand, the Foundation's founder, board of directors, staff and supporters are dedicated to treating everyone fairly, and to promoting education and creating positive experiences for children.

