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## Nike to Sponsor Mid-Valley Classic. Tournament Field Almost Complete.

**Corvallis, Oregon, Wednesday, February 20, 2013** – High school baseball coaches from Corvallis, Crescent Valley, West Albany and Lebanon High Schools teamed up to start a summer baseball tournament, to be called the Nike Mid-Valley Classic, that will coincide with the Reser's Oregon All-Star Series. The tourney will be hosted at their schools with the championship game to be played immediately following the Oregon All-Star Series finale at Goss Stadium on Sunday, June 16.



The tournament is being sponsored by Nike Team Sports and will be made up of high school summer teams from all over the state. Games will be played at Hansen Stadium at Taylor Field (Corvallis), Tim Wirth Memorial Field (CV), Croco Field (Lebanon) and Memorial Field (West Albany) starting Friday, June 14 running through Sunday, June 16 with the tourney championship game beginning at 3 pm on Sunday at Goss Stadium on the campus of Oregon State University.

Teams in the Nike Mid-Valley Classic will feature underclassmen players.

"We still have spots available in the tournament and are excited about Nike's involvement. The support Nike is providing, including Nike Mid-Valley Classic t-shirts for all participants and championship t-shirts for our fist title winners will enhance the tournament experience for everyone involved," said Corvallis High baseball head coach Eric Dazey.

The entry fee is \$425 and 16 teams will fill out the tournament.

To date, teams from Lake Oswego, Barlow, Thurston, North Salem, McNary, Bend, Southridge, Hood River and Madison High Schools have entered joining host teams from Corvallis, Crescent Valley, West Albany and Lebanon.

"It's pretty cool to see Eric, Don, Ryan and coach Stolsig start this tournament," said Oregon All-Star Series 6A coordinator Jake Anders, also the head baseball coach at Lake Oswego High School. "Not only will this be a fun tournament for the kids, it will likely attract more coaches and players to our showcase series for the top 5A and 6A players. And having Nike sponsor this makes it even sweeter."

For tournament details and to inquire about entering, please contact Eric Dazey at 541-760-7643 or email Eric at [eric.dazey@corvallis.k12.or.us](mailto:eric.dazey@corvallis.k12.or.us). Eric will be assisted by Lebanon head coach Jeff Stolsig, West Albany head coach Don Lien and Crescent Valley head coach Ryan Starwalt in running the tournament.

### ABOUT THE OREGON ALL-STAR SERIES

The Reser's Oregon All-Star Series showcases the top senior high school baseball players from the state's 5A and 6A classifications June 15-16 at Goss Stadium in Corvallis, Oregon. The 2013 series starts with a doubleheader on Saturday, June 15 at noon (two 7-inning games) and concludes Sunday, June 16 with a single 9-inning game at 11 am. The All-Star Series, formerly known as the State-Metro Series, thrived in The Dalles for decades (1971-2007) celebrating its 50th anniversary in its last year at Quinton Street Ball Park. After stints in Bend and McMinnville, the Oregon All-Star Series moved to Corvallis in 2011 where attendance for the two-day showcase was 1,099 in 2011 and 635 in 2012.

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