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COURT THE CAPITOL SCHEDULED FOR CAPITOL MALL

The United States Tennis Association/Pacific Northwest Section will host the second annual *Court the Capitol* -- a promotional tennis event in Salem's Capitol Mall -- on Thursday, May 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The event is designed to promote the benefits of tennis and will feature a variety of tennis activities.

Court the Capitol uses a unique format, in which doubles teams compete against one another on mini-tennis courts set up on the Capitol Mall. New to the event this year, mini-courts will be staffed with U.S. Professional Tennis Association tennis teachers who will run drills and games on each court, including the 'Skills Challenge', where one lucky boy and girl will be selected and entered into a drawing for a chance to attend Arthur Ashe Kids Day during the U.S. Open in New York City this year.

Racquets and balls will be supplied for all participants. Spectators are encouraged to give tennis a try on available mini-tennis courts or by hitting against a backboard provided by Lifetime Partner.

The United States Tennis Association is the official governing body of tennis in the U.S. A not-for-profit organization with over 800,000 individual and organizational members, the USTA presents the U.S. Open and sponsors teams for the Davis Cup, Federation Cup and the Olympics. The USTA/Pacific Northwest Section was established in 1904 and is one of 17 sections of the USTA.

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