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Inaugural Vermont State High School Volleyball Championship Set for November 1

The first-ever High School State Championship Volleyball Tournament will take place on Saturday, November 1, 2008 at Essex High School Gymnasium. The tournament will begin at 1:00 pm and will include girls, boys and co-ed teams from the northern half of the state including Lyndon Institute, Enosburg Falls High School and Vermont Commons School. Admission to the tournament is \$7 for adults and \$3 for students.

The new State Championship Tournament in volleyball is due in large part due to the efforts of a few local coaches who are passionate about volleyball and have worked tirelessly to promote the sport at the high school level. They include Jason Robtoy, volleyball coach at Enosburg Falls High School, Chris Brigham, EFHS Athletic Director, Bill Orleans of Green Mountain Volleyball, and Peter Goff, volleyball coach at Vermont Commons School in South Burlington. Goff received a grant in the spring of 2008 from USA Volleyball to formalize his role as ambassador to promote volleyball at the high school level in Vermont. According to Goff “Vermont is the only state in the US that has not offered a high school championship in volleyball in most public high schools. We are all very excited to see that change this year.” Goff started an annual spring volleyball tournament four years ago that attracted 17 teams in 2008. He also offers seasonal volleyball workshops to introduce kids throughout the greater Chittenden County area to the sport. His colleagues at Enosburg Falls High School have focused on promoting volleyball as a club sport in high schools throughout the North Country.



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Vermont Commons School is an independent day school for students in grades 7 – 12. The school offers a rigorous, college-preparatory curriculum that includes a focus on community service and experiential education. The mission of the Vermont Commons School is to provide a vision of education that crosses traditional boundaries and develops ecological citizenship, with the goal of empowering students with the knowledge, character, skills, and moral vision necessary to become responsible, pro-active members of the world community. For more information, please visit www.vermontcommons.org.

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