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BALL RUNNER VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT TEAM 2017

We had an *awesome* group of young people who served as Ball Runner Managers in 2016 and it is time to recruit Managers for 2017!

Who are the Ball Runner Managers and what do they do? The Ball Runner Managers are young people, generally 14-18 years old, who have experience (4+ years) and demonstrated exemplary performance as a ball runner. Prospective Managers possess leadership qualities and commit to assisting with ball runner training at practices in June and July, ball run and help manage ball runners during the USTA Boys' Nationals Tournament. Managers also attend and help with the ball runner pool and pizza party and the Exhibition activities. Ball Runner Managers are leaders on the court and serve as part of experienced and elite ball running teams with their peers to run for high visibility matches during the tournament. Ball Runner Managers will be selected by the new Co-Chairs of the Ball Runner Committee, Jackie Buck and Marie Koss-Ryan and will be required to attend several training meetings (time/date to be determined) prior to the start of ball runner practices. If you are interested in being considered for a position as a Ball Runner Manager, you must first send an email or text to Jackie (269.760.8537 ballrunnerkzoo@gmail.com) or Marie (269.599.3565 ballrunnerkzoo@gmail.com) with a summary of your experience and a description of why you would like to be a Ball Runner Manager. They will follow up and select and notify the Ball Runner Managers.

Why should you consider applying to be a Ball Runner Manager (after all, it is a lot of work, can be very hot and it is a time-intensive volunteer activity with high expectations)? Well, here are a few reasons and hopefully you can add some of your own to the list. This is a really exciting, fun and social summer volunteer activity with lots of opportunities for **leadership** and **responsibility** (think of your college resume). **You get to make new friends, give back to your community, be part of a 75-year Kalamazoo tradition, and watch amazing tennis!** As always, there is flexibility to accommodate your other summer activities.

Please contact Jackie Buck or Marie Koss-Ryan to indicate your interest in being a ball runner manager.

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