



## Youth Summit 05

### Participating organizations

#### **Camp Fire USA Portland Metro Council**

Camp Fire USA is a coeducational non-profit organization that builds caring, confident youth and future leaders. Operating locally since 1912, the Portland Metro Council is one of the most deeply rooted youth-development organizations in this community. Through year-around educational and recreational opportunities and experiences in schools, in the community, and at Camp Namanu, Camp Fire USA gives young people the skills and motivation they need to become successful adults. For more information, visit [www.portlandcampfire.org](http://www.portlandcampfire.org).

#### **Hands On Portland**

Hands On Portland connects 10,000 people a year with rewarding, high-impact volunteer opportunities in the Portland Metro Area. Founded in 1996, HOP merged in 2003 with VolunteerWorks to create the Portland Area's largest and most-comprehensive volunteer service organization. Through HOP, volunteers select from one-time, group-based volunteering to longer-term opportunities to opportunities for volunteer leadership at 300 different non-profits, schools or government agencies. HOP also helps corporations develop volunteer programs, holds an annual Serve-a-thon and helps non-profits build their capacity to harness volunteer power. For more information, or to volunteer, visit [www.handsonportland.org](http://www.handsonportland.org) or call (503) 413-7787.

#### **Portland Trail Blazers**

Winners of the 1977 NBA Championship, the Portland Trail Blazers are Portland's only professional sports franchise. Owned by investor and philanthropist Paul G. Allen of Seattle since 1988, the Trail Blazers continue to be a competitive NBA leader in playoff appearances, sports marketing and community relations. With a corporate culture that promotes volunteerism, the Blazers Community Builders employee volunteer program was a key centerpiece in the Trail Blazers receiving the prestigious National Points of Light Award for Excellence in Corporate Community Service. The Trail Blazers were the first and continue to be the only professional sports team to achieve this honor. To learn more about the Trail Blazers, please visit [www.blazers.com](http://www.blazers.com).

#### **City Club of Portland**

City Club of Portland is a nonprofit, nonpartisan education and research civic organization dedicated to community service, public affairs and leadership development. Through weekly Friday Forums, citizen-based research reports, special programs and issue committees, City Club examines issues of importance to the Portland metropolitan region, the state and society as a whole. Membership is open to everyone.

For more information about City Club of Portland, please visit:  
[www.pdxcityclub.org](http://www.pdxcityclub.org) or call (503) 228-7231





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### Participating Individuals



**Jake Oken-Berg**, the infamous youth candidate who challenged Vera Katz in Portland's 2000 mayoral race, is project director for the Oregon Business Council and helps coordinate the Oregon Business Plan. A lifelong resident of Oregon, Oken-Berg graduated with honors from Lincoln High School in Portland in 1998 and received a bachelor's degree in political science from Pomona College in May 2002. During his senior year at Pomona, he served as student body president. Oken-Berg is dedicated to increasing civic involvement among young people and his work in this area includes serving on the Board of Directors for the Oregon Bus Project and the City of Portland Public Involvement Task Force. He is a volunteer track coach at Lincoln High School, and plays piano and sings in the Portland-based band The Retrofits. Oken-Berg has been a member of City Club since 2002.

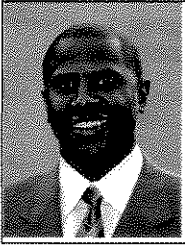


**Dr. Preston Pulliams**, President of Portland Community College, took over as PCC's fifth president May 24, 2004. He came to Portland Community College after serving as vice-chancellor for Community Colleges for the State University of New York (SUNY) where he coordinated and directed the activities of the 30 community colleges in the SUNY system. Before joining the SUNY administration, Pulliams served as president of Orange County Community College in Middletown, New York from 1997 to 2003. In addition to his experience in community college administration, Dr. Pulliams has taught at the graduate and undergraduate level, and for several years taught at a junior high school in Michigan. He has done extensive research and writing on student achievement, minority student success, counseling at the community college level and on establishing effective working relationships between boards and college presidents. Dr. Pulliams is a community college graduate, earning his A.S. in Science from Muskegon Community College. He received a B.S. in Social Science from Michigan State University, an MA in Counseling and Personnel from Western Michigan University and an Ed.D. in Educational Administration from the University of Michigan.



**Wendy Radmacher-Willis**, Executive Director of City Club of Portland, is a native Oregonian who holds a Bachelor of Arts from Willamette University and a Juris Doctor from Georgetown University Law Center. Before joining City Club, Wendy served as a law clerk for Oregon Supreme Court Chief Justice Wallace P. Carson, Jr. and as an Assistant Public Defender in the District of Oregon. Wendy is passionate about books, running, and civic engagement. She lives in inner Southeast Portland with her husband, Jonathan, and two young daughters, Ruby and Violet.





**Michael Holton**, Head Men's Basketball Coach, University of Portland. Holton is recognized nationally as a dedicated basketball coach who has proven his investment in his athletes well beyond the court. He holds his players to high standards where etiquette class and being successful in academics is as important as the playbook. His team signs a performance agreement in which they commit themselves to a "pursuit of excellence" in several areas of life. Holton is a UCLA alumni and four-year Letterwinner. He went on to become a professional athlete, playing for nine years in the NBA and CBA (including a two year stint with the Portland Trail Blazers). Holton began his Division I Men's Basketball coaching career, serving under Rob Chavez at University of Portland during the 1994-1995 season. He then spent one year at Oregon State before joining the staff at UCLA, marking a homecoming to his alma mater. After five years as the assistant coach and five consecutive NCAA Tournament berths with UCLA Holton returned to University of Portland as head coach, becoming the 19<sup>th</sup> coach in the 81-year history of the Pilot program.



**Renee Mitchell** is a columnist with *The Oregonian* newspaper, based in Portland. S. Renee Mitchell is a hurricane of nervous creativity. She is the single mother of three young children. Wearing multiple hats, Mitchell is an engaging public speaker, a beaded jewelry creator, a graphic designer and an artist. Her *Oregonian* column appears twice a week focusing on Portland-related issues, ranging from neighborhoods, to schools, to politics to cultural identity. This year, she was nominated for the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for commentary. Renee tells people that being a columnist is the best job she's ever had. But what really feeds her spirit is writing poetry. She has authored and self-published two books of poetry and has recorded two spoken word CDs, with original music. Her small business, Nappy Roots Press, publishes work of other local poets and writers. She is a playwright and this year wrote, produced and starred in her second play, *Tangoing with Tornadoes*, at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center in North Portland. Mitchell also leads a series of writing workshops that teaches people of all skill levels how to write poetry, journals and novels. Last year, she offered poetry-writing workshops at two national journalism conventions, in New Orleans and Washington, D.C. Last year, *BrainstormNW* magazine selected her as one of the "15 Most Interesting People in Oregon."



**Jerry Moss**, Community Outreach Director, Portland Trail Blazers. Jerry travels all over Oregon and southwest Washington helping connect Trail Blazers fans to the team. In his role as Outreach Director, he is in charge of the teams' year-round basketball programs that include camps, PE instruction, classroom curriculums surrounding the game of basketball and administration of the Jr. NBA/WNBA leagues around the state. Moss is the spokesperson for the national award winning Blazers Community Builders, the Trail Blazers employee volunteer program, participates in the mentorship of BCB Youth Corps ambassadors and speaks to numerous schools, community groups and business leader forums throughout the year.

