

Drivers Donate Time to Kids in the Community

Friday, May 13th children from the YMCA of Pueblo After School Program were treated to a field trip to I-25 Speedway. The kids, all of whom had never visited I-25 Speedway, were able to tour the facilities which included playing head flagman in the flag stand, chiming in on the PA system, watching a simulated race on the transponder system where the kids were listed as the drivers, and hot lapping on the track in the YMCA mini-bus.

I-25 Speedway racers, Aaron Paulsen, Montie Halley, and Greg Thurlow, were also on hand to show the #84 Grand American Modified of Aaron Paulsen. Aaron and Montie fielded questions from the group ranging from “Where are the windows?” and “What is RPM?”



YMCA Mini-bus hot laps at I-25 Speedway



Aaron Paulsen and Montie Halley answer questions

Aaron found out first hand that sometimes second graders are the harshest critics;

“Wow, her car is so much cooler,” commented Jalen Honeycutt after receiving an autographed picture from Sportsman #11 driver Montie Halley.



Montie signs autograph



Aaron signs autograph for 4th grader, Sheridan Reed

Perhaps the favorite part of the day was when the kids were allowed to sit in the cockpit of the race car.

“I can’t believe I got to sit in a real race car,” said Jordan Gurule,

“This is SO cool!” commented Jason Montez.

To cap off the experience the children were thrilled by the roar of a race car engine,

“It’s so loud!” shouted Kindergartener Olivia Yarbrough.

All of the students received a complimentary pass to the races courtesy of White Brother’s Motorsports. The time donated by Aaron, Montie, and Greg was greatly appreciated by all. The #84 Grand American Modified is sponsored this season by Big Daddy’s Sunset Bowl, Finish Line Bar and Grill, Beer Barrel Tavern, General Air, Fresh Ink T, and the YMCA of Pueblo.

“I want to come back and see the racing,” exclaimed Belmont student Rhyne Tricky.



Olivia Yarbrough ready for a test drive