

Campers worked on their strokes, footwork, match play, and overall understanding of the game. Just as importantly, the camp created a welcoming space where students could build confidence, stay active, and develop lasting connections with coaches, volunteers, and fellow players.



Irving Park Summer Tennis Camp 2026



In June, we returned to Irving Park for our 39th summer tennis camp; an eight week program that has run every summer since Coaches Don Johnson and Andre St. James held the very first one in 1987. This year from June through August, the camp served more than 135 children, with a daily average of 70-plus players, bringing together young people of different ages, backgrounds, and skill levels for a summer of instruction, teamwork, competition, and friendship.



May: National Tennis Month at the Portland Tennis Center

Our summer tennis season began with a celebration of the USTA's National Tennis Month in May, bringing together young players from our Afterschool Tennis Programs for five weekends of tennis at the Portland Tennis Center. Twenty-four elementary and middle school students participated in our Saturday lessons, where they enjoyed skill-building drills, fun games, and plenty of opportunities to build their confidence on the court.

For many of these children, this was their first extended experience on the PTC courts, and the energy and enthusiasm each Saturday set the tone for a lively, community-minded summer. National Tennis Month gave players a great opportunity to continue developing their tennis skills while connecting with afterschool participants from other schools in a positive and supportive environment.



USTA/PNW Junior Team Tennis

Competition was a highlight this summer, as we participated in the USTA Junior Team Tennis Sectional Championships. Our 14 & Under team finished in First Place, and our 18 & Under team placed Fourth. Our Girls Doubles Team of Chloe Chau & Vivian Cooc received the Sections Sportsmanship Award; "way to represent KNT & Irving Park! Participation in JTT provides players with crucial match experience, team camaraderie, and the opportunity to represent Kids N' Tennis, Inc., Irving Park and the Portland Tennis Center with Pride.

JTT 14 & Under Champs



Coach Mike with Chloe & Vivian.

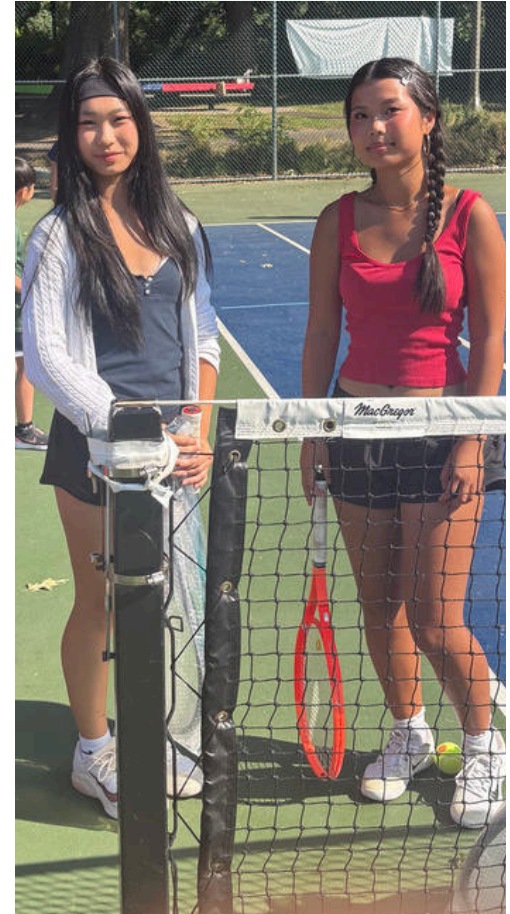


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A Fitting Finish: The End-of-Camp Party

The culmination of camp was a spirited closing party. Parents and volunteers organized a multicultural potluck showcasing foods from the many cultures represented among our campers, and every child in attendance walked away with a prize. Tennis prizes included racquets, hats, tennis backpacks, tennis bags, and strings. The event was a joyful ending to a successful summer and reflected the spirit of teamwork, diversity, and community that makes our tennis programs so special.





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Looking Ahead: 40/15 Celebration

Taken together, these programs—National Tennis Month, our long-running Summer Tennis Camp, and Junior Team Tennis—showcase the breadth of Kids N' Tennis' year-round impact. From introducing young players to the sport in May, to developing their skills at Irving Park, to competing on the sectional championship stage, this summer demonstrated the power of tennis to open doors and create lasting opportunities for young people. Most importantly, it reminded us that when children are given quality instruction, supportive coaches, meaningful competition, and a welcoming community, they can accomplish far more than they imagined.

Our thanks to the coaches, volunteers, parents, and donors who ran lessons, funded prizes, and coordinated events; you made this summer both successful and memorable. As we reflect on the matches won and friendships formed, we look forward to building on this momentum next season: bringing more kids to the courts, expanding access, and continuing to champion tennis as a sport and a community. Our thanks to every parent, volunteer, and partner who made this summer possible.

Next summer marks our 40th camp at Irving Park and the 15th annual Juneteenth Tennis Tournament – join us for the 40/15 celebration. May: National Tennis Month at the Portland Tennis Center



