

Profiles of Success

This summer Enchanted Hills Camp will benefit from the presence of Lori Pierce, a young woman from Colorado who, at the age of 19, won the Silver Medal for the US Paralympic Judo Team at the 2004 Paralympic Games in Athens, Greece. Now 20, Lori continues to be a consummate and dedicated trainer with a positive, enthusiastic attitude.

Lori was introduced to judo at 16 and took an immediate liking to it, finding a community of friends at the Dojo, or the judo gym. At 17, she won the World Games in Rome, Italy. In 2002, she met Coach Willy Cahill who helped her take her training to a new level. Cahill was a former U.S. Olympic Judo Coach from 1984 to 1992 and has been the U.S. Paralympic Judo Coach since 1999. He is also Co-Founder of the Blind Judo Foundation in San Mateo, California.

The Paralympic Games are held at the same venues as the Olympic Games and commence two weeks after the closing of both the Summer and Winter Games. They are designed for athletes with physical disabilities, who compete with the same rules as the sighted athletes.

Lori will be relocating to San Francisco to continue her judo training. She plans to compete in the 2008 Paralympic Games in Beijing, but will also continue her education in the Bay Area. Lori has agreed to work at the LightHouse's Enchanted Hills Camp this summer in connection with the Lighthouse Youth Program.

“We are excited and honored to have Ms. Pierce be a part of EHC. We strongly believe her life experience will have a dramatic and positive impact on young campers' lives. She is a great role model.” said Tony Fletcher, Director of Enchanted Hills Camp.

To find out more information about the U.S. Paralympic Judo Team or the Blind Judo Foundation, visit www.blindjudofoundation.org, or www.supportblindjudo.org or call Ron Peck, CFO & Co-Founder of Blind Judo Foundation at 425-444-8256.