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Six hoopsters advance



Pictured is "Hoop Shoot" coordinator Bob Daughrity (left) and Oakhurst Elks Exalted Ruler Bill Wagers (right) with the first annual "Hoop Shoot" trophy winners.

Six young "Hoop Shoot" stars advanced to the Fresno District competition after they finished first in their respective age categories in the first Oakhurst Elks National "Hoop Shoot" Free Throw Program.

Thirty-eight basketball participants, representing schools throughout the Mountain Area, took part in the event held Saturday, Dec. 11, at Oak Creek Intermediate School gymnasium.

The open competition was for all youths between eight and 13 years.

Six first-place winners in the age groups qualified to compete in district contests at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 8, 2005, at Fresno City College.

Each of the local shooters was faced with making 25 free throws for score.

In the girls' eight to nine age bracket, Sydney Luna, 9, a fourth-grade student from Mountain View Elementary School, scored 14 goals.

Her male counterpart, McKay Glines, a fourth-grade student at Coarsegold Elementary School, sank 13 buckets.

Spring Valley fourth-grader Destanee Stevenson, 10, took first in the

girls' 10 to 11 category with a score of eight.

Harley Glines, 11, a fifth-grade student from Coarsegold Elementary School, claimed first place in the boys' 10 to 11 age group when he canned 11 goals.

In the girls' 12 to 13 age category, Cassandra Slayton, 12, a seventh grade student from Oak Creek Intermediate School, claimed first-place honors with a score of 14.

John Conway, 12, a seventh-grader from Mariposa Middle School, secured first place in the boys' 12 to 13 age group with an amazing score of 19.

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