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**Night of the Stars Talent Show – Feb. 26**

*Local talent to compete with hopes of moving on to regional competition*

Foothills Park & Recreation District and Dakota Ridge High School are proud to present Night of the Stars Talent Show on Saturday, February 26 beginning at 4 p.m. in the Dakota Ridge High School Auditorium (13399 W. Coal Mine Ave., Littleton, CO). Doors open for seating at 3:30 p.m. General admission is \$5 at the door for spectators ages 3 and older.

Night of the Stars is a Colorado Park & Recreation Association sponsored multi-organizational talent show for grades K-12. Each municipality hosts their own competition to give their local youth an opportunity to share their talents onstage with their community. The talent show concept and competition has been running for the past six years with Foothills joining into the program this year along with 8 other metro Denver cities and municipalities. Foothills' Cultural Arts Specialist, Regina Smith stated, "We are thrilled to have the support of Dakota Ridge High School and to be part of this experience that gives creative kids an outlet to express themselves in a safe environment that also helps them grow as artists. We are very thankful for the Scientific & Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) grant funding which supports cultural arts programming and events in our community, such as Night of the Stars."

The first step for these talented youngsters was to audition. Performance categories include voice, dance and variety. Age groups are split out into three levels: K-4th grade, 5-8th grade and 9-12th grade. Auditions were held at the Peak Community & Wellness Center on February 10. Smith said about the audition process, "I was blown away by the level of talent in our community and I am looking forward to the competition. I truly believe the judges have a difficult job ahead of them." 19 acts composed of 21 children will be participating in the talent show on Saturday.

The performers will be competing before a panel of judges comprised of experts in the arts. Judging will commence at the end of the performances and awards will be presented. First place winners of each category and age group will move on to the Multi-City Competition on Saturday, April 23, 2011 at the Lakewood Cultural Center.

For more information about Night of the Stars Talent Show, please contact Regina Smith at 303.409.2612 or visit [www.foothills.org](http://www.foothills.org).

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*Foothills Park & Recreation District, founded in 1959, serves a community of 90,000 residents in a 28 square mile area of unincorporated Jefferson County generally bounded by Hampden Avenue south to C-470 from Sheridan Boulevard west to the Dakota Hogback. The District operates the Ridge Recreation Center, Edge Ice Arena, Lilley Gulch Recreation Center, Peak Community and Wellness Center, four outdoor swimming pools, Indoor Sports Arena, Foothills Golf Course complex, Meadows Golf Course, and 71 park sites totaling more than 2,600 acres and including three regional parks, 44 neighborhood and community parks and 24 greenbelts. In addition Foothills manages six regional trail corridors for public use, which, combined with park trails, total 38.3 miles. For more information visit [www.foothills.org](http://www.foothills.org), or call 303.409.2100.*