

Frisbee World Champ to Give GEAR-UP Presentation at EMS

Gary Auerbach, the 1995 world Frisbee freestyle champion, is on a mission to educate students, teachers and parents about the world of Frisbee and will be coming to Elkins Middle School Wednesday for a GEAR-UP Family Night presentation beginning at 7 p.m.

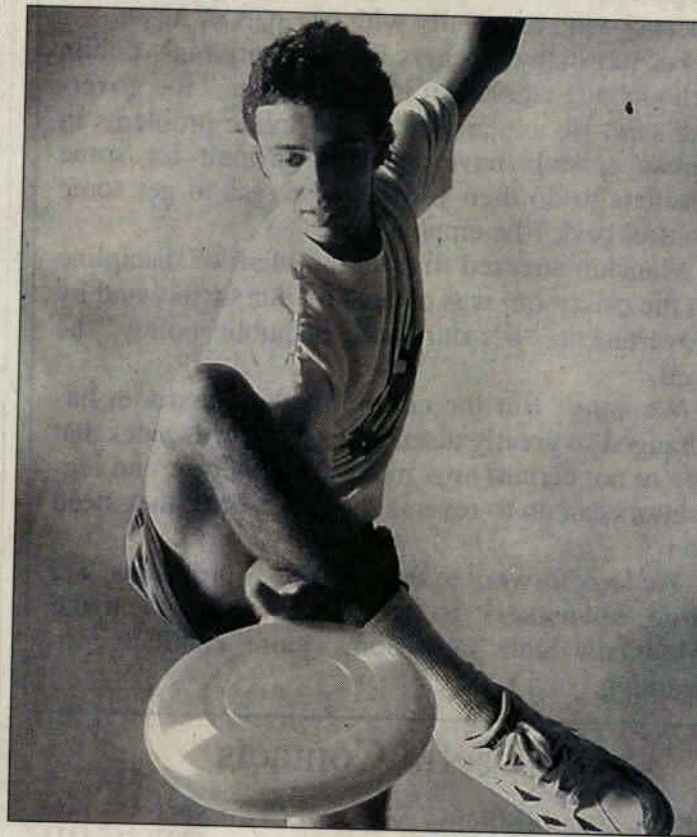
The evening event caps a daylong series of workshops that Auerbach will be giving during the physical education classes at the middle school. "By teaching children of all ages and athletic abilities the basic skills, a few cool tricks and 'spirit-of-the-game,' it encourages healthy, active living, creativity and fair play," Auerbach said.

When then Canadian Auerbach won the freestyle Frisbee world championships in August 1995, it was Canada's highest finish in more than 20 years of competition. Now he lives in West Virginia, having shared his "favorite toy" for more than 10 years. He has toured across North America, Mexico, Colombia and Ecuador, lived in Spain and Venezuela, and said he has always been delighted to show a beginner how to play.

"From the Frisbee course at Davis & Elkins College to an ultimate Frisbee champion on a cereal box, Frisbee sports are gaining popularity and recognition," Auerbach said.

Auerbach formed his company, Spinning Bees, to introduce today's kids to a simple sport that has yet to reach its full potential. Working directly with a world champion, children at schools and camps are inspired and motivated to develop their Frisbee skills. His presentations have been described as energetic, fun and inspiring. "What's nice about the Frisbee is that games can be invented and re-invented to meet particular needs and games can be played with one and the same Frisbee. It offers a lifetime full of fun, friends and physical health," he said.

Family members of all ages are encouraged to come to this fun event which is free and open to the public. For more information, call 636-9176.



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The Inter-Mountain, Elkins, W.Va., Friday, Jan. 11, 2008. 3