

HCHS Raider Team Brings Home 3 Trophies

On Saturday, September 18th, the Harlan County High School JROTC Raider team traveled to Middlesboro High School in Bell County, KY to compete in their first competition of the 2010/11 school year. The competition was filled with many great teams, including: Whitley County High school, KY, Corbin High School, KY, Thomas Walker High School, VA, Campbell County High School, TN, & Grainger County High School, TN.

The events in the competition consisted of: Boys tug-o-war, Girls tug-o-war, ultimate soccer, basketball, an orienteering and one rope bridge course, and a Leadership Skills event. Of all of these events, the Harlan County Raider Team earned 3 trophies: 1st place in Ultimate soccer, 1st in the boy's tug-o-war, and 3rd place in the girl's tug-o-war. The ultimate soccer started off with Harlan County pit against Whitley County, and the Harlan County team had little trouble against Whitley County, besting them 2-0. They were then set to face Grainger County, TN, for the 1st place trophy. It was an intense game that ended up going into "sudden death", but great teamwork by seniors Mark Jones & Dalton Johnson, Juniors Luke Johnson & Daylon Wynn, as well as Sophomore Alex Madden, secured the black bears the win. Daylon Wynn accepted the trophy.



The tug-o-war is always a major event at any raider competition, so the Harlan County boys were determined to bring home another 1st place trophy. With a strong line-up, led by seniors Logan Anderkin, Mark Jones, & Eric Ruiz, the team made quick work of all opposition, securing another 1st place trophy. Mark Jones accepted this trophy. In the end it boiled down to the girl's tug-o-war. The Harlan County girls were determined to do the best they could. The team, led by Juniors Makayla Gross & Amanda Jones, made it through one team, before falling to Whitley County. Although they did not win as big as the boys, the girls showed great determination, teamwork, and leadership in this event. Amanda Jones accepted the final trophy.

Taking home a total of three trophies, the Harlan County High school JROTC raider team showed how hard work and team work really does pay off in the end. The Raider team will be traveling to Whitley County on Saturday, October 23rd for their 2nd competition of the year, and another chance to show how hard work, determination, & team work, can really pay off.

