Teeter-Totter-A-Thon benefits soccer ball project

Students at Sacramento State will take rides on a hand-built, 32-foot seesaw May 9-10 to buy 500 non-destructible soccer balls for children who are victims of poverty, war or natural disaster.

The third annual Teeter-Totter-A-Thon runs from 8 a.m. Wednesday, May 9, to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 10. The event is coordinated by Rotaract at Sac State, a Rotary-sponsored student group that partners with the One World Fútbol (soccer) Project to promote the power of play.

The seesaw will lift students more than six feet in the air while raising awareness and donations for the soccer ball project. Student organizations and individuals are invited to donate one soccer ball or purchase time on the teeter-totter ($25 minimum). Donations will also be sought during the event.

These are not your usual soccer balls. Traditional ones require repeated inflation with a pump and needle, are easily punctured or ruptured, and last only a few days. That means young people in poor or devastated communities turn to rocks, cans or “rag balls” made from trash, plastic bags and string.

The soccer balls donated through the One World Fútbol Project don’t require inflating and are made from an ultra-durable material.

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