

## PHILADELPHIA HOLDS YOUTH-SPONSORED FESTIVAL

Members of the Philadelphia Region joined together Aug. 28 at Pacha Park in Roxborough, Pa., to celebrate the region's victories in propagation, publications and the issue of the temple through August.

Sponsored by the youth, the summer festival, titled "Day of Victorious Philadelphia," gave hundreds of members and guests a chance to enjoy a beautiful afternoon full of food, games and entertainment.

On one level, the festival celebrated the region's progress through August on its way to meeting all of its 1999 goals. But on another level, the gathering celebrated the personal victories achieved by everyone in the region.

Among the highlights were a performance of "Conquista" by the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra; a beautiful children's tale titled "Princess and the Moon," performed by the Boys and Girls Group; a youth talent show; and an original play titled "The Garden Party," which recounted one man's journey to victory through propagation.

Following the festival, David Goodman, who helped organize the event, said that for him, the day could be summarized by something he witnessed before the festivities even got under way. "I was watching eight or nine guys, all representing different races and backgrounds, carrying a picnic table and thought to myself, 'Wow, now this is what kosen-rufu is all about.'"

—*DAVID SHADOVITZ*