

TO: Individuals, Clubs, and/or Organizations interested in hosting the 2009 Gymnastics for All Nationals
FROM: Steve Whitlock, USA Gymnastics Director, *Gymnastics for All*
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The USAG/GFA Committee is formalizing the bid process for our events. Here you will find a questionnaire that will assist us in selecting a host for the 2009 Gymnastics for All Nationals.

Preferred Dates for the Nationals

We asked clubs to send us their preferred dates for the 2009 Championships. The results were somewhat mixed... the general consensus was sometime after school would be out and the graduation ceremonies concluded. Late June or perhaps even early July.

Please give us your suggestion and some possible dates.

Some considerations

- **It is Decision time!** -- We hope to be able to make a decision quickly on this as it is important to identify a location and host so that all of us can make plans and get to work!
If possible, return this questionnaire by Friday, August 28th. If you need more time, call Steve at 317-829-5636.
- **Number of days** – The general plan for this the event would be to have arrivals on a Thursday. On Friday, we could have a training day (and additional arrivals) with an Opening Ceremony in the evening. If the TG competition numbers are high, it might be possible to have an evening session. On Saturday, we would conduct the majority of all of the other competitions, shows, and workshops. We would like to be able to utilize Sunday morning as additional time if the participation enrollment increases. Therefore, most departures would be on Sunday mid to late afternoon.
- **Competitions, Events and Activities for 2010** – We anticipate that the primary components will include:
 - **TeamGym Nationals** – At least three sessions and (probably four) to include Levels 1-4 and Levels 5-7 + International. The fourth session may or may not be a “Finals”
 - **USA Gymnastics for All Challenge** – We anticipate a similar format to that which was used in Ft. Worth. Aesthetic groups would be included here, not separated as in Texas.
 - **National GymFest – The GymFest** performances will be used as a verification for groups that are planning to participate in the 2011 World Gymnaestrada. If we have a large turn-out for the TeamGym Nationals, it might be good to hold the GymFest session(s) in a separate space for those groups that do not require “heavy apparatus.”
 - **Social Activities** – You all know that *Gymnastics for All* participants enjoy a good party and fun, social things to do in the evening. We encourage potential National Hosts to think about what you can provide that is extremely affordable, fun, shows off your state, city or region, and that will fit into the schedule!
- **Equipment** – If you need a list of the standard equipment utilized for TeamGym and GymFest, please call or email Steve Whitlock. The TeamGym competitions run very efficiently when we utilize a “Capitol Cup” format where we have a warm-up area or gym and another area for the competition. We see this as the ideal situation if it is possible.
- **Spectator Seating** – We certainly want to attract an audience for 2010 and would like them to be comfortable in their seating area... and have a good view of the activities. I’m not sure of the “magic number” but perhaps seating for 800-1,200? The basic seating capacity in the World Gymnaestrada Performance halls is for 2,000. The Opening Ceremony could have even more if it is promoted to the local community and area gymnastics clubs.

- **“A picture is worth...”** – It is very helpful if you can include facilities photos and floor plans for us... even an outside look of the facilities.
- **It is all about budget!** – It is obviously very important that we get good and comprehensive estimates of the costs for everything so that we know ahead of time that what the reality is of conducting a successful event.
 - Once we have the general questions answered, we will work on the details with the meet host before developing the contract to identify just who is responsible for what.
 - By doing a good job of forecasting expenses, we can do a good job of conducting a fiscally “win-win” event for all.
 - Ultimately the USA *Gymnastics for All* Committee is responsible for the event and will work closely with the LOC and will oversee all aspects of this event.