

FACES IN THE GYM



◀ Brigita Budginas

Agoura Hills, California

Brigita, 11, qualified Level 10 at the 2010 National Qualifier. She is coached by Marina Kukhta at Platinum Gymnastics. She's a member of the National Youth Elite Squad and is the Region 1 champion in Level 8 ('09) and Level 9 ('10).



◀ Erykah Leno

Reisterstown, Maryland

Erykah, 11, is a trampoline and tumbling gymnast. At the 2010 Maryland State meet she took first place all-around. At the 2010 Region 6 competition, Erykah placed first in all three of her events and was selected to compete on the Regional All Star Team. She trains with United Gymnastix and is coached by Vadim Bindler.

◀ Jake Sowder

Fairfax, Virginia

Jake, 7, is a Level 4 gymnast at Fairfax Gymnastics Academy. At the Virginia State Meet he placed third all-around, first on floor, and second on vault. Jake has cystic fibrosis and spends as much time out of the gym doing therapy as he does in the gym training. Gymnastics is helping him stay healthy!



▲ Rhythmic Trio

Princeton, West Virginia

Natalia Sklioutovskaya-Lopez, Kristiana Sklioutovskaya-Lopez, and Sophie Greenberg are a women's trio from Princeton Gymnastics and have competed at every JO Group Nationals from 2006 to the most recent competition. The girls have earned gold medals twice, silver once and bronze once.



▲ Carole Gong

Pasadena, California

Carole, 15, is the 2010 Level 9 Western National Beam Champion. She trains at Club Champion Gymnastics with coaches Aksana Suvalava, Ivan Bereznyakov and Zak Johnson.

Haley Culpepper ▶

Jacksonville, Florida

Haley, 8, is a Level 5 gymnast at World Class Gymnastics in Jacksonville, Fla., and took first place in vault, beam, and bars, scoring a 37.275 all-around for Level 3, at the 2009 Florida State Meet. She's coached by Mary Campbell, J.T. Lee and owner Emily Geiger.



◀ Austin Camblin

Cooper City, Florida

Austin, 9, trains at the Greater Hollywood Family YMCA. This season he competed Level 5 and took second on rings at the Florida State Championships and qualified for Regionals.



◀ Trent Manning and Emma Bentov-Lagman

Annapolis, Maryland

Trent, 8, and Emma, 7, are a Level 5 mixed pair in acro gymnastics and train at 1st Class Gymnastics. In their first season, they won the Maryland State and the Region 7 Championships. They're coached by Sarah Thomas, Amy Grear and Belinda Watson.



▲ Sam Hanna

Bettendorf, Iowa

Sam, 10, is the 2010 Illinois State Champion for Level 4 Vault with a score of 15.200. Sam trains at Summit Gymnastics in Moline, Ill., and is coached by Steve Calvert. This was Sam's first year competing in gymnastics.

▲ Eliza Chemini

Holliston, Massachusetts

Eliza, 15, competed at the 2010 Level 7 Massachusetts State Meet and took first place on vault, bars, floor and in the all-around. She trains at Shen's Gymnastics Academy and is coached by Zufang Shen and John Brescia.

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