

Karlslunde Gymnastics, DEN

AMERICAN SOKOL INTERNATIONAL SPORT AND CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Nearly 1,500 gymnasts from Europe, North, Central and South American, as well as the United States headed to Ft. Worth, Texas for the American Sokol 2009 International Sport and Cultural Festival, June 23-27 at the Fort Worth Convention Center. The five-day multi-sport, fitness and cultural activities were designed to give the participants the flavor of attending a World Gymnaestrada.

The ISCF included a variety of activities, from a number of group Gymnastics for All events, to artistic and rhythmic gymnastics, to basketball and golf. All participants were invited to the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, a downtown parade and many social activities. USA Gymnastics invited the participation of the Pan American Gymnastics Union who sent performers and delegates from Brazil, Chile, Canada, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, USA and Venezuela. The highlight for these countries was the spectacular PAGU Continental Evening.

USA Gymnastics hosted numerous events during

the Festival including the TeamGym National Championships for Levels 1-7 and an International Division, the annual National GymFest, the first ever Gymnastics for All Challenge, first ever Aesthetic Group Gymnastics competition, Festival Rhythmic group gymnastics, and the Festival Gala Showcase.

Other countries that sent participating gymnasts included Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Great Britain, Suriname, Switzerland, and Uzbekistan.

For more information on the ISCF and Gymnastics for All and to view photo galleries, please visit www.usa-gymnastics.org/group/pages/ ✕

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