



In three months the USA Gymnastics community will converge on Hartford, Conn., for the 2010 USA Gymnastics National Congress and Trade Show, Business Conference, and the crown jewel of the competitive season, the Visa Championships.

To enhance our visit to the area, a “Go Hartford!” plan is being put in place to make this a fun event for National Congress attendees. We plan to include a USA Gymnastics Hospitality Center, discounts at many local restaurants, attractions, museums, and an expanded Visa Fan Fest experience along with the ever-popular morning fitness sessions. Check out www.gohartford2010.com for the latest news and offers.

The annual Business Conference will kick off the week’s meetings on August 11. We are planning three keynote speakers to address social networking, consumer marketing, and risk management – three important aspects of a healthy business in today’s economy. These three along with other speakers will address topics of daily needs within the USA Gymnastics club community with ideas on how to enhance your business.

The Connecticut Convention Center will host the 46th Annual USA Gymnastics National Congress and Trade Show, Aug. 11-14. The robust Congress schedule features 180 sessions from all four colleges of USA Gymnastics University -- Program, Business, Recreational, Judging. Many of the sport’s recognized leaders are conducting sessions, and each Congress attendee will receive 15 USA Gymnastics University credits.

The Trade Show will open a day earlier than usual, beginning on Wednesday, Aug. 11, from 5-7 p.m., for a special Business Conference reception hosted by the U.S. Gymnastics Suppliers Association. The Trade Show will feature 200 booths of products and services from more than 90 USA Gymnastics Industry Members and the USGSA Mega Raffle, where no prize is valued for less than \$2,000. Remember, ALL Congress attendees are automatically registered in the Mega Raffle.

The 2010 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Luncheon will be Friday, Aug. 13, from 10:30 a.m.- 1 p.m. in the Marriott Hotel Ballroom. This year’s Hall of Fame class includes: Wendy Bruce, Kevin Mazeika, Dominique Moceanu, Robert Null, Jennifer Parilla and Kip Simons, with Ellen Garlicki Nyemcsik for Lifetime Achievement. To purchase tickets to the luncheon and induction, see the order form on page 22 of this issue.

The obvious centerpiece of the week’s activities will be the Visa Championships, our national championships for all five disciplines. Tickets are being sold at a record pace, and I encourage you to take advantage of the special Congress attendee offer. Congress attendees can purchase great seats for as low as \$106 to go to all seven artistic sessions. The men’s and women’s competition will take place at the XL Center Aug. 11-14, and rhythmic gymnastics, acrobatic gymnastics and trampoline and tumbling are slated for Aug. 10-14 at the University of Hartford. For a detailed competition schedule, go to www.usa-gymnastics.org/visachamps.

There will be a lot to do this summer in one of America’s most historic cities. The City of Hartford is rolling out the red carpet for USA Gymnastics and our athletes and members. Don’t miss it!

Register today!

See you in the gym,

Steve Penny
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