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USA Gymnastics is looking forward to its largest event of the year, the Visa Championships in Dallas, Texas, August 12-15.

The event features the national championships for all five disciplines: men's gymnastics, women's gymnastics, rhythmic gymnastics, trampoline and tumbling, and acrobatic gymnastics. Lots of excitement will surround the event, including the Visa FanFest at the American Airlines Center on both Friday and Saturday and a reunion of the 2008 Olympic Team on Saturday.

We are also proud to host the USA Gymnastics National Congress and Trade Show at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel. As the showcase event for USA Gymnastics University, there will be three days of education with more than 170 sessions, providing educational information for everyone. Along with the sessions, the Trade Show Exhibit Hall will feature 200 booths of products and information from more than 90 industry member vendors. We are also excited to induct the Class of 2009 at the annual Hall of Fame ceremony and luncheon.

The Visa Championships are the kick-off to the fall World Championships season, where the top U.S. athletes face off against the rest of the world. Our rhythmic athletes head to Mie, Japan, in September. The artistic individual event worlds will be held in London, host of the 2012 Olympic Games, in October. Trampoline and tumbling athletes travel to St. Petersburg, Russia, in November. The year following the Olympic Games is always transitional time, and this year's world championships will unveil the progress of the entire world. A great deal of work lies ahead as we keep ourselves focused on the journey.

Keep your eyes open for event coverage on USA Gymnastics Web site, NBC Sports, and Universal Sports, both on television and on-line. You are guaranteed to see more coverage of gymnastics through these outlets than ever before.

Good luck to all of our athletes competing at the Visa Championships and those who will move forward and represent USA Gymnastics at the World Championships this fall. Go Team USA!

See you in the Gym,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Penny". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Steve Penny
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