



Pictured above L clockwise: Horizon Gymnastics, American Powerhouse TNT, California Sports Center, Patti's All-American and St.Mary's Rec. and Parks Gymnastics



National Gymnastics Day 2009

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National Gymnastics Day 2009 was a huge success! Clubs nationwide celebrated and shared their enthusiasm and excitement for the sport of gymnastics within their communities. Thank you to all the clubs who have submitted photos and details about their event. If you haven't sent your photos in, it's not too late! Submit photos and a short description of your National Gymnastics day event to clubservices@usa-gymnastics.org. Here are some of the celebrations!

California Sports Center/ San Jose, Calif.

"Around 400 people attended and participants completed 8,603 cartwheels. We raised more than \$2,000 during the 3-hour event. Plus, I made 15 circles and raised an additional \$100+ on the spot for Children's Miracle Network." Dave Peterson, Club Owner

Horizon Gymnastics Center/ Valparaiso, Ind.

"We participated in the Orville Redenbacher Popcorn Festival parade on Sept. 12. We thought it was a great way to celebrate National Gymnastics Day!" Linda Beach, Club Owner

American Powerhouse T N T/Rocklin, Calif.

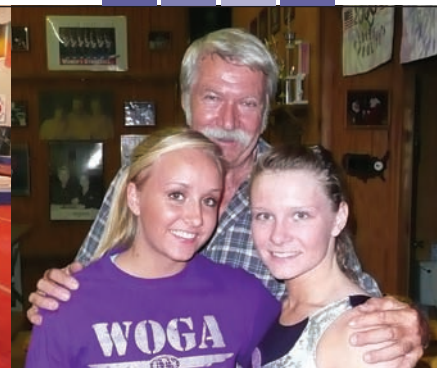
"We headed to the Westfield Galleria at Roseville for National Gymnastics Day to help promote gymnastics and trampoline and tumbling. We set up a little fitness challenge course with a beam, springboard, mat, and bar and had more than 275 kids take the Fitness Challenge." Susan Jacobson, Club Owner

St. Mary's Recreation and Parks Gymnastics/ Lexington Park, Md.

"We celebrated National Gymnastics Day by performing for a large crowd as the pre-game show for the Southern Maryland Bluecrabs minor league baseball game. There were many "ooohhs" and "aaahhs" as they flipped and twisted across the mats. The girls wore pink to show their support for Breast Cancer awareness night at the stadium." Kelly Imhof, Club Owner

Patti's All-American/Dyer, Ind.

"We set up a booth and obstacle course at our town festival. We charged a small fee to go through the obstacle course to introduce kids to our wonderful sport. We raised \$141 for Children's Miracle Network and had fun doing it. We put on a gymnastics and dance demo in front of the crowd of more than 300 spectators." Patti Komora, Club Owner



Pictured above L to R: (top) Women's National Team/Training Center (bottom) Men's National Team, Universal Gymnasts Inc.

Men's National Team/Olympic Training Center
Colorado Springs, Colo.
 Members of the senior men's national team shown at the World Championships Team Camp on National Gymnastics Day.

Women's National Team/Olympic Training Center
Huntsville, Texas
 Bela Karolyi, Chairperson of National Gymnastics Day with Nastia Liukin, 2008 Olympic Gold Medal All-Around Winner and Bridget Sloan, 2009 Visa Championships and World Championships All-Around Winner.

Universal Gymnasts Inc/ Hilliard, Ohio
 Bobbi Montanari, Club Owner said, "Not only did our gymnasts work hard raising funds, but Sarah the Dog helped to raise funds for the Children's Miracle Network too!" Photo Credit - Western Executive Photography

Mark your calendar now for
National Gymnastics Day 2010
which is September 18. ✘

