COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., June 4, 2007 – More than 120 of the country’s top male gymnasts are expected to compete in the 2007 U.S. Men’s Qualifier, June 7-9, at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. Not only does the event serve as a qualifying event for the 2007 Visa Championships, the U.S. Qualifier also serves as a basis for selection for the U.S. Teams that will compete in the World University Games, Pan American Games and World Championships later this year.

A roster of participants, organized by state, is listed below. Included in the field are 2006 U.S. all-around champion and pommel horse world bronze-medalist Alexander Artemev of Morrison, Colo./Team Chevron; 2007 Winter Cup all-around champion Sean Townsend of Houston; and Justin Spring of Burke, Va./Team Chevron, who won a silver medal on the horizontal bar at the 2007 Moscow World Cup. Five of the six members of the 2006 World Championships Team are also in the field: Guillermo Alvarez of Denver/Team Chevron; Jonathan Horton of Houston/University of Oklahoma; Clay Strother of Jasper, Texas/Team Chevron; Kevin Tan of Fremont, Calif./Team Chevron; and Artemev.

The teams for the World University Games and Pan American Games will be named after the conclusion of the U.S. Men’s Qualifier. The results from the event count toward the selection of the U.S. World Championships Team, which will be named following the conclusion of the Visa Championships in San Jose, Calif., in August.

Alexander Artemev - photo © Steve Lange

The U.S. Men’s Qualifier has competition on both the junior and senior levels. For the seniors, the preliminary round has two sessions on June 7, 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. The top 48 from the two preliminary rounds advance to the final day of competition on June 9 at 2 p.m. The junior session is at 2 p.m. on June 8. Tickets for the event will be available at the door on competition days. Adults and children (ages 6 and up) are $7 per day, with children 5 years old and younger admitted free.

Based in Indianapolis, USA Gymnastics is the national governing body for gymnastics in the United States. Its mission is to encourage participation and the pursuit of excellence in the sport. Its disciplines include men’s and women’s artistic gymnastics, rhythmic gymnastics, trampoline and tumbling, and acrobatic gymnastics. For more information, log on to www.usa-gymnastics.org.

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Men’s field for the 2007 U.S. Qualifier

California
Donothan Bailey, Azarian Gymnastics, Lake Forest, Calif.
Marcus Bennett, Diamond Elite, Diamond Bar, Calif.
Kyle Bunthuwong, Golden Bear Gymnastics, El Cerrito, Calif.
Josh Dixon, Champions Academy, San Jose, Calif.
Justin Ebueng, Diamond Elite, Chino Hills, Calif.
Sergey Goder, Morgan Hill Gymnastics, San Jose, Calif.
Eric Haueusler, San Mateo Gymnastics, Redwood City, Calif.
Jacob Jizrawi, Golden Bear Gymnastics, San Rafael, Calif.
Ned-Daniel Kamimura, Diamond Elite, Diamond Bar, Calif.
Jimmy Kenny, Azarian Gymnastics, Huntington Beach, Calif.
Jeffrey Langenstein, San Mateo Gymnastics, San Carlos, Calif.
Travis Langham, Gymnastic Olympica, Saugus, Calif.
Brian Lee, Army Gymnastics, Fremont, Calif.
Sam Mikulak, SCATS – HB, Newport Coast, Calif.
Yoshi Mori, New Hope Academy of Gymnastics, Irvine, Calif.
Sho Nakamori, Stanford University, Albany, Calif.
Mark Ringle, WCOGA, San Ramon, Calif.
Raion Sabo, Gymnastics Nevada, South Lake Tahoe, Calif.
Broderick Sheremsky, Morgan Hill Gymnastics, Los Gatos, Calif.
Steve Spencer, WCOGA, Pleasanton, Calif.
Kevin Tan, Team Chevron, Fremont, Calif.
Neal Thompson, San Mateo Gymnastics, Woodside, Calif.
Christopher Turner, WCOGA, Fremont, Calif.

Colorado
Guillermo Alvarez, Team Chevron, Denver, Colo.
Alexander Artemev, Team Chevron, Morrison, Colo.
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Geoffrey Corrigan, Team Chevron, Colorado Springs, Colo.
Michael Jiang, Chatfield Gymnastics, Littleton, Colo.
Spencer Johnson, Colorado Training Center, Colorado Springs, Colo.
Griffin Reyes, Xtreme Altitude Gymnastics, Longmont, Colo.

Florida
Ariosto Barrera, Universal Gymnastics, Miami, Fla.
Kinkuro Broden, Universal Gymnastics, Miami, Fla.
Johann Donawa, Universal Gymnastics, Delray Beach, Fla.
Derek Helsby, Penn State University, Orlando, Fla.
Vladi Klurman, Penn State University, N. Miami Beach, Fla.
Danell Leyva, Universal Gymnastics, Miami, Fla.
John Martin, Sun Country Gymnastics, Gainesville, Fla.
Edward Mesa, Universal Gymnastics, Cooper City, Fla.
Antjuan Satterfield, Viktory Gymnastics, Winter Park, Fla.

Georgia
Justin Laury, University of Michigan, Powder Springs, Ga.
Torrance Laury, University of Michigan, Powder Springs, Ga.

Idaho
Jeff Crockett, University of Washington, Boise, Idaho

Illinois
Mike Behles, Bartlett Gymnastics, Wayne, Ill.
Alex Buscaglia, Aerial Gymnastics, Cary, Ill.
Bear Danley, Buffalo Grove Gymnastics, Wheeling, Ill.
Wesley Haagensen, University of Illinois, Belleville, Ill.
Thomas Kelley, Buffalo Grove Gymnastics, Libertyville, Ill.
Ryan Lieberman, Buffalo Grove Gymnastics, Lake Forest, Ill.
C.J. Padera, Bartlett Gymnastics, Winfield, Ill.
Sean Regan, Buffalo Grove Gymnastics, Libertyville, Ill.
Geoffrey Reins, University of Iowa, Buffalo Grove, Ill.
Benjamin Rudolph, Bartlett Gymnastics, Naperville, Ill.
Joshua Wokurka, Bartlett Gymnastics, Lombard, Ill.

Iowa
Cameron Foreman, Iowa Gym-Nest, Iowa City, Iowa

Kansas
Joshua Dilworth, Great American Gymnastics Express, Overland Park, Kan.
Bryant Hadden, Stanford University, Wichita, Kan.

Kentucky
Parker Raque, Champion Gymnastics, Louisville, Ky.

Louisiana
Matt Hicks, Colorado Training Center, Baton Rouge, La.

Maryland
Derric Stotts, Maryland State Gymnastics, College Park, Md.
Kellen Tichenor, Maryland State Gymnastics, Hughesville, Md.
John Vogtman, Temple University, Baltimore, Md.

Massachusetts
Russell Dabritz, Yellow Jackets, Rowley, Mass.
Mel Anton Santander, University of Michigan, Southborough, Mass.

Missouri
Zach Cazabon, St. Louis Gym Centre, Brewood, Mo.

Nevada
Jake Dalton, Gymnastics Nevada, Sparks, Nev.
Michael Heredia, Gymnastics Nevada, Reno, Nev.
Sergei Dmitriev, Minnesota Gymnastics, Reno, Nev.

New Jersey
Alex Bubnov, Surgent's Elite, Fanwood, N.J.
Joe Catrambone, University of Michigan, Deptford, N.J.
Mackenzie Dow, Surgent's Elite, Cranford, N.J.
David Durante, Team Chevron, USOTC, Garwood, N.J.
Andrew Elkind, USOTC, Cherry Hill, N.J.
Sean Golden, Team Gattaca, Camden, N.J.
Sterling Noff, Sergant's Elite, Millburn, N.J.
Ralph Rosso, University of Michigan, Morganville, N.J.
Brandon Wynn, Will-Moor School of Gymnastics, Voorhees, N.J.

New Mexico
Joseph Hagerty, Team Chevron, Rio Rancho, N.M.
C.J. Maestas, Gold Cup Gymnastics, Albuquerque, N.M.
Robert Pasekoff, Gold Cup Gymnastics, Albuquerque, N.M.
David Repp, Gold Cup Gymnastics, Albuquerque, N.M.
Edward Umphrey, University of Michigan, Albuquerque, N.M.

New York
Zeke Jackson, Gattaca – LVSA, Latham, N.Y.
John Orozco, World Cup Gymnastics, Bronx, N.Y.

North Carolina
John Robinson, University of Nebraska, Charlotte, N.C.

Ohio
DJ Bucher, Ohio State University, Mason, Ohio
Ross Cameratta, Gymnastics World, Inc., Independence, Ohio
Matthew Chelberg, Hocking Valley Gymnastics, Athens, Ohio
Preston Hall, Hocking Valley Gymnastics, Powell, Ohio
Ben Ketelsen, Hocking Valley Gymnastics, Lancaster, Ohio
Miguel Pineda, Hocking Valley Gymnastics, Galloway, Ohio

Pennsylvania
Adam Al-Rokh, Upper Merion Gymnastics, Frazer, Pa.
Greg Bruns, Parkettes, Tatamy, Pa.
Eddie Hay, Ohio State University, Butler, Pa.
Nyika White, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa.

South Carolina
Clay Stewart, Temple University, Clover, S.C.

Tennessee
Jake Bateman, Ohio State University, Kingsport, Tenn.
Brandt Gomez, Premier Athletics Knoxville, Knoxville, Tenn.
Colin Payne, Premier Athletics, Hendersonville, Tenn.
Jacob Swafford, Premier Athletics Knoxville, Knoxville, Tenn.

Texas
Dylan Akers, Cypress Academy, Kingwood, Texas
Andre Berry, Minnesota Gymnastics, Hempstead, Texas
Raj Bhavsar, Team Chevron, Houston, Texas
Chris Brooks, University of Oklahoma, Houston, Texas
Presten Ellsworth, WOGA, Allen, Texas
Tim Gentry, WOGA, Plano, Texas
David Henderson, Team Chevron, Crosby, Texas
Jamie Henderson, University of Oklahoma, Crosby, Texas
Jonathan Horton, University of Oklahoma, Houston, Texas
Jacob Houder, Cypress Academy, Pinchurst, Texas
Steven Legendre, WOGA, Flower Mound, Texas
Benjamin Mayer, Cypress Academy, Houston, Texas
Mitchell Mays, Minnesota Gymnastics, Houston, Texas
Glenn McCuen, WOGA, Plano, Texas
Tyler Mizoguchi, Houston Gymnastics Academy, Houston, Texas
Philip Onorato, WOGA, Plano, Texas
Eric Schryver, WOGA, Richardson, Texas
Chris Silcox, University of Illinois, San Antonio, Texas
Christopher Stelk, Cypress Academy, Richmond, Texas
Cole Storer, Minnesota Gymnastics, Prosper, Texas
Clay Strother, Team Chevron, Jasper, Texas
Todd Thornton, Team Chevron, Houston, Texas
Sean Townsend, Team Gattaca, Houston, Texas
Joshua Wilson, WOGA, Allen, Texas
Tyler Yamuchi, University of Illinois, Sugarland, Texas

Utah
Jacob Lee, Minnesota Gymnastics, Saratoga Springs, Utah
Virginia
Tim McNeill, UC Berkeley, Falls Church, Va.
Viorel Popescu, RRMG, Glen Allen, Va.
Justin Spring, Team Chevron, Burke, Va.