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- **Region 5 Congress Room Monitors:** Like last year we need room monitors for the Regional Congress held here in Illinois at the Westin Chicago Northwest in Itasca. Monitors would need to be at each session September 10, 11, 12 to receive their Congress credentials and registration completed. Please reply with your interest ASAP so that I can get shirt sizes ordered Norbertil@aol.com
- **State Series**
 - Fall Level 4, 5 State Championship December 10-12 Host: EnerGym
 - Spring Level 4 State Championship March 18-20 Host: Phenom
 - Spring Level 5 State Championship **UP FOR REBID DEADLINE FOR REBID AUG 15th**
 - Level 7, 8 State Championship April 8-10 Host: GymEtc.
 - Level 6, 9, 10 State Championship March 25-27 Host X-Caliber
- Please be reminded Judges, that the **PIF -Professional Involvement Forms** (Due- Sept. 1) available on your State and Regional web sites for the judges to complete on time.
- **State Calendar is now available on the Illinois Website:** Please click on the left side Calendar to access
- **"Supergirl" JCPenney** is working with Warner Bros., along with Nastia Liukin, and debuting a new back to school line of girls' clothing called Supergirl by Nastia. An event was held at Woodfield Mall with Nastia on Saturday, August 7th . In addition we are going to post contest winners of a "Supergirl" for a day, receiving a \$200 gift card to JCPenney, dinner with Nastia, and a Supergirl prize pack. WE would like the names of the winners and if you have pictures that we could post on the web Make sure before you send that you have the parents written consent!
- USA Gymnastics selected Chicago to host a Nationally televised gymnastics meet, the Cover Girl Classic will once again be held at the UIC Pavillion. This is also the last qualifying meet to the USAG Visa Championships, which is our National Championships, and this is both an International Competition as well as a Junior competition. Please mark on your calendar for next year as we WILL NEED you help
- **Illinois Gymnastics Clubs Contribute to the Success of Summer Gymnastics Events**

The Illinois Gymnastics community continued to work closely with USA Gymnastics and World Sport Chicago this summer to provide two very successful events: Taste of Chicago Tyson Fitness Challenge/Interactive Gymnastics Area and The Cover Girl Classic Gymnastics Competition. We would like to thank all of the Coaches, Judges, Athletes and Parents that volunteered at both events to help in make these events a huge success. The volunteers continue to demonstrate that Illinois Gymnastics is ready, willing and able to host additional prestigious artistic gymnastic events.

○ **Taste of Chicago**

World Sport Chicago expressed an interest in continuing the Tyson Fitness Challenge and an Interactive Gymnastics Area at the Taste of Chicago. A request for volunteers was extended to all Illinois Gymnastics clubs to volunteer for one day. Loree Galimore, USA Gymnastics, provided all material and equipment for the Tyson Fitness Challenge and The Gymnastics Spot provided the gymnastics equipment for the event. This thank you note was sent in an email from Amanda Sowa, World Sport Chicago regarding the Taste of Chicago Volunteers: "We really appreciate all of your support! You and your volunteers were outstanding and we really appreciate you all dedicating your time to help us out. Thank you again for everything..." Pictures are on the website. The list of volunteers are listed below:

Friday, June 25th - Elk Grove Gymnastics & IL Judges

Glen Marks, Sarah Polvi, Katie Strack, Jenna Urbaniak, Jon Snyder, Marc Janovics and Hilary Carlson

Saturday, June 26th - Prairie Gymnastics

Suzie Kinsman, Kevin Chope

Sunday, June 27th - Gym Spot

Melissa Ignoffo and Adam Meltzer

Monday, June 28th - Oak Lawn Park District & IHSA

Deirdre White, Samantha Ippolito, Marilyn Sorensen, Cindy Wiest, Stephanie Parisi and Beth Gray

Tuesday, June 29th - Willowbrook High School Gymnastics

Ryan Dengel, Annette Nocek, Wolf Cicero, Cody Golz, Nick Sedlacek, Liz Nocel and Josie Haxton

- **Cover Girl Classic**

USA Gymnastics again selected Chicago to host a Nationally televised gymnastics meet, the Cover Girl Classic that was held from July 22-25th, 2010 at the UIC Pavillion. Through the efforts of World Sport Chicago, this was the second prestigious artistic gymnastic event to be held here in Chicago in 2 years (we hosted the American Cup at the Sears Centre in February of 2009). We would like to thank all of the individuals that volunteered and made the Illinois portion of this event a huge success. Below is an email from Cindy Morano, Cover Girl Classic Volunteer Coordinator to all volunteers:

"Thank you for volunteering for the 2010 Cover Girl Classic Gymnastics competition and contributing to the success of this event. You were AWESOME!!!! The volunteers that worked 2010 Cover Girl Classic are the best that I have worked with in all of my years of coordinating events.

The 2010 Cover Girl Classic was a total "Team" effort. The equipment volunteers worked endless hours for set up and tear down with a "I'll do whatever it takes to have this event succeed" attitude. Saturday's volunteers battled raging flood waters and hours of travel time but reported for work (Out of 51 Saturday Volunteers; only 2 did not report for work). The youth volunteers were mature and delivered an outstanding performance - Great job girls!

I appreciate everyone's hard work, dedication, positive attitudes and support. Thank you again for everything. You made my job easy."

- Norbert Bendixen
Illinois USAG Women's State Administrative Committee Chairman

As always have a "Happy Handstand"