



4th Pan American Games for Deaf Youth

Gallaudet University

Washington, DC

July 30 – August 6, 2006



April 2006

The 2006 Pan American Games for Deaf Youth will be held at Gallaudet University in Washington, DC from July 30 to August 6. The Games include two sports: basketball and track/field (athletics), and are officially sponsored by **Gallaudet University**, **Birnbaum Interpreting Services**, **Sorenson**, **IP-Relay** and **DeafNation**. Four countries will be participating with a total of 350 athletes. The countries are: Canada, Mexico, Venezuela and USA.

The chair of the Host Committee is Marcia Nowak (mnowak7@aol.com), with Bridget Bonheyo (bbonheyo@b-bpro.com) as the assistant chair. Thomas Withrow (tewithrow@aol.com) is the track/field coordinator and James DeStefano (james.destefano@gallaudet.edu) is the coordinator for basketball.

Track tryouts for deaf and hard of hearing kids between the ages of 10-15 will be held in three locations, listed as follows:

May 7 - Maryland School for the Deaf, Frederick Campus
Contact Person: Andy Bonheyo - bonheyan@msd.edu

May 13 - Indiana School for the Deaf
Contact Person: Brian Bippus - BBippus@isd.k12.in.us

May 21 - Learning Center for Deaf Children (May 27 as rain date)
Contact Person: John Monahan - John_Monahan@tlcdeaf.org

For application forms, contact the respective coordinator for each sport: Wayne Langbein (usadtf@msn.com) for track/field, and Shirley Platt (plattshirl@aol.com) for basketball. There will be no basketball tryouts. Coaches will send in recommendations for players to Platt.

Those who want to try out for the Youth Pan American Games are encouraged to participate in the one of the three scheduled FTFG events or in the non-FTFG competition or USATF youth program between March 3, 2006 and June 4, 2006. Selection forms/results are to be sent to:

Wayne Langbein
6343 New Haven Court
Frederick, MD 21703

They must be received no later than June 8.

For spectators, the cost of the Games will be free.

For sponsorship opportunities, please contact Bridget Bonheyo, Assistant Chair, at bbonheyo@b-bpro.com.

For volunteer opportunities, please contact Sean Moore at srm@tmail.com. College students can earn community service credit.

For more information, please visit our website at www.usdeafsports.org/2006youth, which has information available in both English and Spanish. You can also send an email to the contact person Rachel Burton at rachel.burton@gallaudet.edu.

Gallaudet University is a proud sponsor of the Games.