

NEWS BRIEF

The Pan American Games for Deaf Youth will take place July 30 – August 6, 2006 at Gallaudet University in Washington, DC.

The Games, geared toward deaf and hard of hearing youths between the ages of 10-15 throughout North America, Central America, South America and the Caribbean, will include two competitions: track and field, and basketball. Opening and Closing Ceremonies will include entertainment by deaf professionals. This is the first time that the Pan American Deaf Youth Games will be held in the United States. The Games are under auspices of PANAMDES.

Youths must have an average speech threshold hearing loss of at least 55db in the better ear to compete. The use of hearing aids or other hearing assistance devices is not permitted during competition. For more information, go to the 2006 YP website at <http://www.usdeafsports.org/2006youth/>.

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