

## AMERICAN INVITATIONAL PARENT INFORMATION



**Meet:** 20<sup>th</sup> Annual American Invitational

**Date:** February 2<sup>nd</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013

**Location:** XL Center of Hartford

**EXHIBITION HALL**

One Civic Center Plaza

Hartford, CT 06103

**Entering the building:** Use the XL Center Main Entrance and follow signs to the competition.

**Olympian John Orozco** will be speaking at the American Invitational at 5:00pm on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>! Be sure to come and hear what he has to say about his experiences in London! He will also be available for autographs during the hockey game!

**Entry-Admission:** ("Ticket" is good for 2 events: American Invitational and CT Whale hockey game)

- Pre order tickets with American Gymnastics, \$13 per person
- Tickets will be mailed by the XL Center directly to your gym
- Ticket **MUST BE PRESENTED** for admission to the American Invitational. Once you present your ticket, you will be given a wristband. The wristband is good for **BOTH Saturday AND Sunday**.
- If you go to the hockey game, your ticket will be given back to you for entrance to the gymnastics competition on Sunday. **\*\*\*DO NOT lose or forget your hockey ticket, as this is also your "ticket" to the meet!\*\*\***

**Photography:** Provided by Team Photo

**Seating:** Chairs will be available on both Side A and Side B.

**Vendors:** **INVITATIONAL T-SHIRTS** will be available for sale as well as leotards and gifts!

**Food:** XL Center concession will be selling food and drinks.

**PARKING:** Paid Parking, Three discounted lots available:

<b>XL Center Garage</b> Cash or credit card	<b>Hotel Parking @ 320 Ann Uccello St.</b> (0.1 miles from XL Center) Cash or credit card	<b>Hilton Lot @ 10 Ford St.</b> (0.3 miles from XL Center) Cash or credit card
<b>Saturday:</b> \$8.00 for the day if you park before 4:00pm. If you arrive after 4:00 pm: \$10 for the day	<b>Saturday:</b> \$5.00 for the day if you park before 5:00pm. If you arrive after 5:00 pm: \$7 for the day	<b>Saturday:</b> \$7.00 all day
<b>Sunday:</b> \$8.00 all day	<b>Sunday:</b> \$5.00 for the day if you park before 5:00pm. If you arrive after 5:00 pm: \$7 for the day	<b>Sunday:</b> \$7.00 all day
<b>PLEASE NOTE: THERE ARE NO RETURN ACCESS PRIVILEGES. IF YOU LEAVE, YOU MUST PAY AGAIN TO PARK</b> Parking prices are PER DAY, not per hour		

**Hockey Game:** Included with their entry fee, each gymnast receives a ticket for the CT Whale hockey game Saturday night. Everyone that purchases an admission ticket to watch their gymnast(s) compete will also receive a free ticket to the CT Whale game on Saturday night. For the Saturday night sessions, we will try to move the meet as quickly and efficiently as possible. However, please be aware that the meet and awards may not necessarily be finished by 7pm. You are still free to attend the game as soon as the meet ends!

**Volunteering:**

To clarify, the word “volunteer” refers to the fact that you are not being paid for your time. However, the 1 session you work is mandatory for ALL team families, which include PRETEAM and COMPETING GYMNASTS. Again the requirement is **1 SESSION PER GYMNAST**, i.e. if you have one gymnast on the team you work 1 session, if you have 2 gymnasts on the team, you work 2 sessions. A session usually runs 3-4 hours. If your session only runs 2.5 hours, then consider yourself lucky. But we recommend you plan on at least 4 hours of your time, beginning to end. Those families that do NOT fulfill their 1 session of time at the meet, will be subject to a \$100 fee per gymnast that will be posted to their account. This will NEVER be taken automatically from your bank, but will remain on your account as a fee until you pay it.

**Volunteer Check-In:** When you arrive, please look for the Volunteer Check-in table. There you will receive your “Volunteer” credential/lanyard. This is to be worn throughout the competition, as the XL Center is requiring credentials to be worn for all those working on the floor. At that time, you will also be told exactly where you to go to fulfill your volunteer time. When you have completed your session, please return your “Volunteer” lanyard to the volunteer check-in table and you’re done!

**Volunteer Jobs:**

**Flasher:** This person sits at the Judges table with the judge during the competition. This person is responsible for entering the score of the competitor as the Judge gives them. Once the score is entered, it will be flashed electronically on the scoreboard. This person may also be responsible for putting the correct color ribbon into the competitors envelope (compulsory girls only).

**Beam Timer:** This person is responsible for timing each of the competitors as they are on beam. Specific directions will be given at the event.

**Bars Timer:** This person is responsible for timing each of the competitors as they warm-up on the uneven bars. Specific directions will be given at the event.

**The Wheel of Fortune:** Responsibility includes collecting cash for each spin. \$3 for 1 spin, \$5 for 3 spins. Person spins the wheel and \*maybe\* wins a prize. Prizes will be either listed on the wheel, or physically attached.

**Candy-Grams:** This person is responsible for collecting cash from parents of competing gymnasts, who will be purchasing a “Fliptastic!” candy-gram to send to their gymnast. Cost is \$3 each. Parent will make payment and then be given a “gram” that they can write on, which will then be delivered to their gymnast before their awards ceremony.

**50/50 Raffle:** This is a job that has been reserved for the kids on our team. Kids must be 8 year or older. They will be responsible for selling 50/50 raffle ticket during the meet. The older child will hold the pouch of money, and the other child will hand out the tickets. Winner will be announced after the meet, and before they move on to awards.

**Dresscode:** While there is no official “dresscode”, we do ask that you dress decently, as you are a representative of your gym. Jeans are fine, as long as they are neat. We would suggest a red, white or blue top, but it’s not required.