

## AMERICAN INVITATIONAL PARENT INFORMATION

**Meet:** 21<sup>st</sup> Annual American Invitational

**Date:** January 31<sup>st</sup> – February 1<sup>st</sup> 2014

**Location:** XL Center of Hartford

**EXHIBITION HALL**

One Civic Center Plaza

Hartford, CT 06103



**Olympian Alicia Sacramone** will be speaking at the American Invitational after the last session on Friday evening! Be sure to come and hear what she has to say about her many experiences as an Olympic Gymnast!

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

- IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SIT WITH A GROUP: Pre order tickets with American Gymnastics, \$13 per person
  - Tickets will be mailed by the XL Center directly to your gym
- You may also purchase admission at the door (cash only)
- 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 Tim Clayton

Exciting news about our photographer for this year!! Tim has recently relocated to NYC from the UK. His many sports assignments have included eight Olympic Games, five Rugby World Cups and the FIFA World Cup. He has been recognized for the high standard of his work winning eight World Press Photo Awards which include three first place awards in 1994, 2004 and 2007.

Tim has come up with some exciting options for our meet:

- All photos that are taken at the meet may be purchased on-site, but they may also be purchased after leaving the meet. Tim will be setting up a special area on his website for the meet with a protected password for competitors and families. This is to ensure the children's images are protected from unwanted viewers.
- A small "studio" area with simple backdrop and lights will be set up so that they can shoot portraits of single competitors, teams and medal winners that wish to be photographed.
- Tim plans to offer a simple download capability which will be a click and buy procedure using either PayPal or a credit card. Images are delivered instantly after payment.

**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 other gifts!

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

**PARKING:** Paid Parking, Four discounted lots available: Confirming pricing and locations, will send that out as soon as I receive it.

**Hockey Game:** Included with their entry fee, each gymnast receives a ticket for the Hartford Wolf Pack hockey game either Friday or Saturday night. Everyone that purchases an admission ticket to watch their gymnast(s) compete will also receive a free ticket to the Hartford Wolf Pack game on Friday or Saturday night. 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 the 7pm start of the game. You are still free to attend the game as soon as the meet ends!