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EVENT: Byers Level 9 Western National Championships

WHEN: May 2-5, 2013 WHERE: Roseville, CA

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Athletes From 24 States Vie for the Gold at the Level 9 Western Championships calls

400 Junior Olympic Level 9 Gymnasts Compete in Placer Valley

ROCKLIN, CA – April 24, 2013 – The world of women's gymnastics is electric around this time of year—about 400 gymnasts, ages 8-18 are competing in the USA Gymnastics Level 9 Western Championships on May 2-5 at the Speed Factory in Roseville, Calif. The competitors are the highest-ranking Junior Olympic Level 9 gymnasts west of the Mississippi River. Placer Valley Tourism is teaming up with Byers Gymnastics to host this year's premier Junior Olympics gymnastics event of the western United States right here in Placer Valley.



A vaulter sprints the runway at Byers Gymnastics

Level 9 is the first level in which a gymnast can compete semi-nationally. Each gymnast competing will represent one of four regions. The state breakdown for the regions: Region 1—Arizona, Nevada, California and Utah; Region 2—Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Hawaii, Montana, Washington; Region 3— Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Wyoming; and Region 4—North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, and Wisconsin. These four regional teams comprised of the best of

their respective states will be represented at this event.

Nine clubs in Northern California have qualified athletes to participate in the Western Championships, and 11 athletes will represent three clubs from the Sacramento area: Byers of Elk Grove, Byers of Roseville, and Technique Gymnastics of Rancho Cordova.

Region 1, (including California—our region) is typically one of the strongest regions in the country. Last year, Region 1 took the Super Regional Team Championship title, beating Region 3 by eight points. One of the rising stars to watch from Region 1 (Emeryville) is Talia Brovedani. Brovedani finished second at Regional Championships and won three out of four events and had the second highest all-around score of the entire weekend with a 38.1.

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