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YMCA Competition Declared an Olympic Day Event

The 2014 YMCA National Gymnastics Championships is one of 700+ nationwide events celebrating the birth of the modern Olympic Games

Tampa, FL (June 9, 2014) – The spirit of the Olympic Movement will roll into Tampa Bay as the [Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA](#) and Sarasota YMCA co-host the [2014 YMCA National Gymnastics Championships](#) in celebration of Olympic Day.

In less than a month, nearly 1,800 gymnasts and their families are traveling from across the country to Tampa for the five-day event. More than 100 teams from 23 states will be in Tampa July 1st – 5th for the national competition. In total, approximately 5,800 visitors will make an economic impact estimated at \$4.5 million in the community. [Opening Ceremonies](#) will take place at Raymond James Stadium on Wednesday, July 2nd at 4 p.m. under a “Treasures Discovered” pirate theme. Megan Clementi, Miss Florida USA 2010, will serve as the [keynote speaker](#) for the event. Then, the 3-day competition will take place at the Tampa Convention Center Thursday - Saturday, July 3rd - July 5th.

“We are excited to take part in Olympic Day and inspire kids in the Tampa Bay community,” says Communications Director Lalita Llerena. “The Tampa Y is proud to support the Olympic Movement and encourage children to lead healthy, active lives.”

The 2014 YMCA National Gymnastics Championships is one of more than 700 events taking place nationwide this summer. The events, designed to engage youth and promote the ideals of the Olympic movement, feature athlete appearances, family-friendly activities and interactive learning experiences. Around the world, more than 160 countries take part in the annual celebration. Olympic Day, created in 1948 to commemorate the birth of the modern Olympic Games, focuses on the Olympic values and ideals such as fair play, perseverance, respect and sportsmanship. In the U.S., Olympic Day events range from small gatherings to large, city-wide events.

For more information about the 2014 YMCA National Gymnastics Championships, go to <http://www.ymcagymnationals.org/>. For sponsorship opportunities, please contact Mercy Powell at 813.924.7512 or at mercy.powell@tampaymca.org.

The Tampa Y recognizes the following organizations for their support in nurturing the potential of kids, promoting healthy living and fostering a sense of social responsibility:

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The Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA is a cause-driven [4-star charity](#) and one of the area's leading nonprofits, strengthening Hillsborough and East Pasco communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Across the Association, 19 facilities engage more than 167,000 men, women and children — regardless of age, income or background — to nurture the potential of children and teens, improve our community's health and well-being, and provide opportunities to give back and support neighbors. The Tampa Y has long-standing relationships and physical presence not just to promise, but to deliver, lasting personal and social change.
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