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YMCA Launches Website for 2014 National Gymnastics Championships

Tampa, FL (February 10, 2014) – A new website has been revealed as the go-to place for vital information pertaining to the 2014 YMCA National Gymnastics Championships hosted by the [Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA](#) and [Sarasota Family YMCA](#) July 2nd-July 5th.

Under a “Treasures Discovered” theme, the <http://www.ymcagymnationals.org/> website provides need-to-know details about registration, travel, schedule, tickets, financial aid and more to nearly 2,000 gymnasts and their families, who are traveling from across the country to Tampa this July for the four-day event.

More than 140 teams traveling from over 20 states will arrive in Tampa Bay during the first week of July for the national event. In total, approximately 6,000 visitors will make an economic impact estimated at \$4.5 million in the community. The event kicks off with an Olympic-style Opening Ceremony at Raymond James Stadium on Wednesday, July 2nd. Then, the 3-day competition will take place at the Tampa Convention Center Thursday-Saturday, July 3rd-July 5th.

YMCA of the USA (Y-USA) is proud to present the annual YMCA National Gymnastics Championships at select host cities throughout the United States. Y gymnasts, ages 5-18, compete in this elite event of a lifetime. Participants compete for top honors in bars, beam, vault and floor events, all while receiving the opportunity to develop themselves and build character. In order to compete, each participant must qualify by receiving a high enough all-around score at a USA Gymnastics (USAG) sanctioned meet. YMCA National Gymnastics Championship events are developed within the core values of the Y. In addition, the events fulfill on the brand promise to nurture the potential of kids, promote healthy living and foster a sense of social responsibility.

The Y is seeking the help of more than 1,500 volunteers for a variety of responsibilities at the 2014 YMCA National Gymnastics Championships. Interested volunteers can contact YNationalsvolunteer@tampaymca.org for more information. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Please contact Mercy Powell at mercy.powell@tampaymca.org or call 813.924.7512.

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About the Tampa Y

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 160,000 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. www.tampaymca.org

About the Sarasota Y

The Sarasota Family YMCA has been at the heart of Sarasota for over 65 years. Today, we touch over 70,000 lives through our four fitness branches and offer more than 50 youth and family development programs within four counties. We live our not-for-profit mission by providing life changing experiences and assistance to everyone of all ages, background, ability, race or religion. www.thesarasotay.org