



TEAM USA—2013 World Dwarf Games

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I hope that our December newsletter finds you joyfully preparing for the coming Holiday season. As we get ready to celebrate the Holidays and ring in the New Year, we are also inching closer to the opening of registration for the 2013 World Dwarf Games. Please take a moment to catch-up on some new information regarding the upcoming World Dwarf Games and get ready to join DAAA's TEAM USA in 2013 as we ring in a historic year for dwarf sports in the United States.

WDG Registration Time Drawing Near

The 2013 World Dwarf Games Steering Committee is getting excited as we put the final touches on the registration forms for the 2013 World Games. We anticipate that the registration materials will be posted on the 2013 World Dwarf Games website between the time period of January 15th – January 30th. In anticipation of questions that might arise regarding the registration process, following are some registration questions and answers in a "FAQ" format:

•**When will the registration forms be published for the 2013 World Dwarf Games?**

Forms will be published on the 2013 World Dwarf Games website at www.2013worlddwarfgames.org sometime between January 15th and January 30th. The registration forms will be used to register both athletes and non-athletes for the events. In addition, Athlete Village (university housing) and university meal plan sign-ups will occur through the registration forms.

•**What format(s) will be used for Games, housing and meal plan registration?**

On-line registrations will be accepted on the World Dwarf Games website at www.2013worlddwarfgames.org. In addition, for those who choose not to register on-line, paper forms can be printed from the website. These forms can be completed and mailed to the DAAA office with your registration fees.

•**What is the cost of the registration fees?**

The registration fee schedule is as follows:

•Future Athlete Registration	\$100.00
•Junior Athlete Registration	\$150.00
•Open Athlete Registration	\$150.00
•Master Athlete Registration	\$150.00
•Non-Athlete Registration	\$ 75.00
•Late Registration Fee (after 4/15/13)	Additional \$50.00

The athlete registration fee allows the athlete to compete in any of the athletic events that the athlete chooses to participate in. The registration fee includes credentialing for all events and credentialing for transportation for those events for which Games transportation is required. In addition, your athlete registration fee provides you with credentialing to the opening reception and closing banquet and dance. Your fee also includes a World Games t-shirt and welcome packet. The registration fee covers the cost of facility rentals, officials, awards, transportation, equipment, and additional organizational costs associated with hosting the Games (signage, registration materials, insurance, etc.). (continued on page 2)



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WDG Registration (continued from page 1)

Registration fees should be included when you complete your registration materials (either on-line or mailed with your forms).

All non-athletes who will be accompanying athletes to the event are asked to pay the non-athlete registration fee. This will provide you with credentialing to all of the events and provide you with a transportation credential for those events for which transportation is necessary. In addition, the payment of your non-athlete registration fee will provide you with credentialing to attend the opening reception and closing banquet and dance. In addition, all non-athlete attendees will receive a World Dwarf Games T-shirt.

•**What types of payments will be accepted for my registration fees?** Check, money order or credit card (Visa, Master Card, Discover) payments in US dollars will be accepted. On-line payments using credit cards (Visa, Master Card, Discover) will also be accepted.

•**What is the deadline date for registration?**

In order to qualify for the registration fees noted above, registrations must be made on-line by the conclusion of the day on April 15th, or, postmarked by April 15th. Any registrations made on-line or postmarked between April 16 and April 30 will incur a **\$50 late registration fee**. Athlete registrations will not be accepted after April 30th. **There will be no on-site registrations accepted for the Games.**

•**If I want to compete in team events with certain teammates – will the registration forms allow me to indicate who I want to play with?**

First of all, don't worry if you don't already have a team or group of individuals that you want to compete with. Many of our athletes participate, particularly during their initial years of competition, without being part of a team when they submit their registration paperwork. The Chef-de-Mission of TEAM USA will ensure that independent players are placed on a team. If you don't have a group that you want to play with, just leave the roster information blank and you will be placed on a team.

For those that do have a team in mind that they would like to play with, the registration forms will include team roster forms. As in past DAAA National Games events, team rosters must be submitted and validated by the team captain. In advance of registering, you should communicate with your chosen teammates and elect a team captain. While you are encouraged to specify the team that you have chosen to play on when you return your registration material, please be sure that your team captain specifies the names of all the team members on your team roster. If there is a conflict between team members across various rosters that are submitted, the team captain's roster will be the one that is used. Should conflict arise amongst team rosters, the TEAM USA Chef-de-Mission will have the final say on the final composition of TEAM USA rosters. Note that the organizers of the WDG maintain the right to fill incomplete rosters with independent players, at their discretion.

•**How can I make sure to know when the registration materials are posted on-line?**

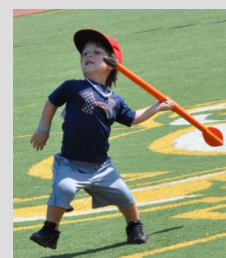
Notification of the posting of the registration materials will be made by a WDG e-blast (e-newsletter notification). To make sure that you are receiving these news pieces, please sign-up for the WDG e-blasts at [2013 World Dwarf Games - E-Blast Sign-up Form](#)

Submitted by Amy Andrews, Chair, World Games Steering Committee



"Without self-discipline, success is impossible, period."

~Lou Holtz~



"Make sure your worst enemy doesn't live between your own two ears."

~ Laird Hamilton ~



Welcome to Athlete Village!

Dear Athletes, Team Staff, Family and Friends of the World Dwarf Games,

We eagerly await your arrival to Athlete Village for the 2013 World Dwarf Games. As a Michigan State University graduate, I speak with pride and excitement that this premier event will be held on our East Lansing campus. You will find the campus to be rich with beauty, with accessible facilities and astounding athletic venues.

Athlete Village will be your home away from home. Housed in the Case Hall dormitory complex, the Village is within easy walking distance of most sport venues. Nourishment will be provided in a state-of-the-art cafeteria. Computer labs will allow you to stay connected to family and friends back home. Meeting rooms will allow you to gather with your teammates and team staff to receive the latest information and strategize for the next event. The air-conditioned Sparty Lounge will have everything you will need to relax, chill out and make friends from AROUND THE WORLD! And we will host a special welcoming event to help get the meet, mix and mingling started.

It is our goal to provide you with everything you need for a safe, secure, productive and fun nine days of world class athletic events.

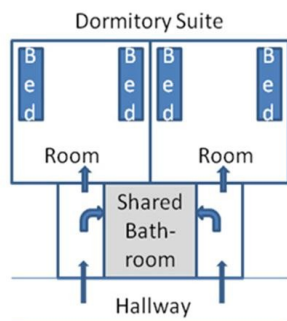
Welcome to Athlete Village at Michigan State University! See you soon.

Marge Carlisle
Director of Athletes Village
2013 World Dwarf Games

FAQ's Regarding Athlete Village & Other Lodging Accommodations

How many people can stay in a room at Athlete Village?

The rooms are arranged in a "suite" configuration – two rooms are adjoined to a common bathroom between the rooms. A maximum of two people can be accommodated in one room (four people to a suite).



Families may stay in a suite, which will accommodate a maximum of four people. Children under the age of 4, who do not occupy a bed, will not be charged for a bed or meals.

Adults (18 years older) who need extra space or privacy may reserve an entire room or suite.

Note that each person staying in an Athlete Village room must be registered for both the Games and for a Meal & Lodging package.

What types of rooming sections will be available at Athlete Village?

Lodging will be assigned by preference requested for a male-only floor, female-only floor, co-ed floor (over 18 years old only) or family-only floor. Children 12 and under as of December 31, 2013 must stay in the same room or suite as their parent or legal guardian.

Specific roommates and suite mates can be requested. All lodging locations, roommates and suite mate preferences will be noted as a request, however, these cannot be guaranteed.

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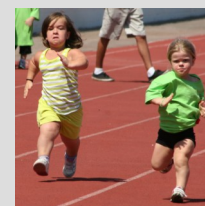
"I want to be remembered as the guy who gave his all whenever he was on the field."

~ Walter Payton ~



"A person really doesn't become whole, until he becomes a part of something that's bigger than himself."

~ Jim Valvano ~



Athlete Village FAQ's (continued from page 3)

Are bed linens and towels included in the room rate at Athlete Village?

One set of bed linens, towels, and bathroom tissues are included with your room rate at Athlete Village. There will be no housekeeping services provided, however, coin-operated laundry machines are located on-site.

Are the rooms at Athlete Village air conditioned?

Individual sleeping rooms are not air conditioned, however, common areas and lounges do provide air-conditioning. Residents at Athlete Village are encouraged to bring room fans if they are able.

Will there be any special events planned at Athlete Village during the Games?

On Friday August 2nd, there will be a "Welcome to the Games" celebration. Outdoor games, events and activities for all ages will provide a great opportunity to mix and mingle with athletes and family members from all over the world. Athlete Village will also provide the Sparty Lounge – an air conditioned lounge containing soft furniture, games and music – the perfect place to chill-out and relax with family and friends.

Is a Meal Plan included in my lodging package at Athlete Village?

Lodging plans at Athlete Village will include a Meal Plan at Athlete Village. Meals will be provided beginning with dinner on August 2nd. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided at specified times throughout the week (note: dinner will not be provided on Saturday evening August 10th; the dinner meal on August 10th will be the Closing Ceremonies Banquet. The banquet ticket is included in the Games registration fee). The Meal Plan will conclude with breakfast on Sunday August 11th.

Note that accommodations at Athlete Village are packaged to include both lodging accommodations and a meal plan for the week. All lodging accommodation requests at Athlete Village will include an accompanying meal plan for the week.

If I am not staying at Athlete Village, can I purchase a Meal Pass at Athlete Village?

Yes, anyone registered for the Games but with lodging accommodations outside of Athlete Village may still purchase a meal pass for the week.

In addition, anyone registered for or officially assisting with the Games, but not lodging at Athlete Village can purchase individual meals during the specified meal times at Athlete Village.

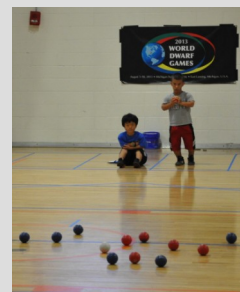
When and how do I make my reservations for Athlete Village and the Meal Plan?

Reservations for housing and Meal Plans at Athlete Village will be taken either on-line through the World Dwarf Games website or via a printed registration form (that can be printed from the World Games website). Registration forms for housing and Meal Plans will be available sometime during the period of January 15 – 30, 2013.

How can I find out more information on the accommodations and Meal Plan at Athlete Village?

Full details of the Athlete Village accommodation and meal plans, including the costs, can be found at <http://www.2013worlddwarfgames.org/PDF/REGathletevillage.pdf>

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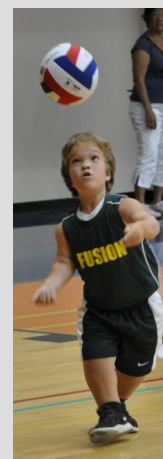
"Spirit ... has fifty times the strength and staying power of brawn and muscle."

~ Unknown ~



"Make the present good, and the past will take care of itself."

~ Knute Rockne ~



Athlete Village FAQ's (continued from page 4)

If I don't stay at Athlete Village, will there be hotel accommodations or camping available?

Participants who prefer hotel lodging should make reservations at the Marriott Hotel at University Place in East Lansing. Be sure to mention the 2013 World Dwarf Games when making your reservation. Shuttle bus service will be provided from the Marriott to Athlete Village on the MSU campus. Room rates at the Marriott, under the World Dwarf Games room block, will be \$104.99 + tax per night. Parking is available in an underground garage at the hotel for \$7.00 per day. Reservations will be accepted at the Marriott beginning some time during the period of January 15-30 (notification will be made by WDG e-blast).

More information on camping accommodations can be found at [Other Lodging Options - 2013](#)

Looking to Leave Something Under DAAA's Holiday Tree?

If you are looking to brighten DAAA's holiday and wish to make a year-end contribution to support our cause, we currently have three active fundraising campaigns under way:

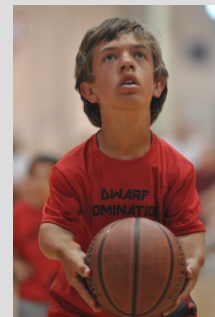
1. **DAAA Annual Appeal Campaign** – supports the annual, on-going operations of DAAA, with the primary focus of funding our annual National Games. This fundraising initiative consists of an annual direct mail appeal to DAAA athletes, families and friends.
2. **2013 World Dwarf Games Fundraising** – supports the extraordinary costs associated with DAAA's hosting of the 2013 World Dwarf Games. Fundraising initiatives include sponsor appeals and grant development.
3. **TEAM USA Uniform Fundraising Appeal** – this appeal is attempting to provide for some of the extraordinary costs associated with the purchase of uniforms for our TEAM USA athletes that will compete in the 2013 World Dwarf Games.

If you would like to contribute on-line, please click here and then enter the desired designation of your gift (see below) in the "Designation" box: [Network for Good :: Make Donation to DAAA](#)

- Annual Appeal: Type "**Annual Appeal**" in the designation box
- World Games: Type "**World Games**" in the designation box
- TEAM USA Uniforms: Type "**TEAM USA**" in the designation box

Thank you in advance for your commitment to our athletes.

If you would like to help with any of our fundraising initiatives or if you have a contact name that could be a source of sponsorship or donation, please contact Mike Cekanor at daaa.mike.cekanor@gmail.com.



"You can't get much done in life if you only work on the days when you feel good."

~ Jerry West ~



"Success is never permanent, and failure is never final."

~Mike Ditka~



Wheelchair/Scooter Events at the 2013 World Dwarf Games

The sports offerings at the 2013 World Dwarf Games include events that accommodate persons who use wheelchairs or scooters for most activities of daily living. The rules for these events are posted on the World Dwarf Games web site at [2013 World Dwarf Games](http://www.worlddwarf.org) under the "Sports/Rules" menu.

Archery

Athletes may shoot from a seated position and may rest the bow on supports.



Boccia/Ramp Division

At the 2013 World Dwarf Games, all boccia will be played from a seated position. Most players will choose to sit on small benches/stools. Wheelchair/scooter users may also choose to play using a boccia ramp while seated in their wheelchairs/ scooters. Ramps may be as simple as a PVC pipe cut in half lengthwise. More sophisticated ramps can be found using an internet search. The World Dwarf Games will provide the PVC-pipe version, but athletes are welcome to bring personal equipment if it satisfies the boccia rules. Coaching may be available from a sports club that serves athletes with cerebral palsy.



Kurling

Kurling spelled with a "K" is played on a gym floor using vinyl stones that have ball bearings on the bottom and a handle on the top. Athletes may propel the kurling stone from a standing, seated, kneeling, or prone position. Athletes who are seated in wheelchairs/scooters may use a push stick to propel the stone, or they can simply lean to the side and propel the stone with a hand/arm.



Shooting

Athletes may shoot from a seated position and may rest the pistol on supports.

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"Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are."

~ John Wooden ~



"If you can believe it, the mind can achieve it."

~ Ronnie Lott ~



Wheelchair/Scooter Events (continued from page 6)

Swimming

World Dwarf Games swimming events will be offered at the Mason High School Aquatic Center. The swimming pool and locker rooms are accessible to wheelchair/scooter users. Some events for futures and junior division swimmers permit the use of flotation equipment.



Track & Field/Throwing Events

Athletes are welcome to perform from their wheelchairs or scooters in the flippy flyer, frisbee, discus, javelin, tennis ball throw, cricket ball throw, or shot put events.



Track & Field/Wheelchair Slalom

The slalom event is offered for wheelchair/scooter users of all ages. This event tests wheelchair skills: athletes navigate a series of forward and reverse gates, propel the chair up and down a ramp, and weave in and out of a series of cones. Athletes and coaches can learn more by playing Slalom: The Videogame on their computers

[AccessAble Games, the Videogames Accessibility Company](#)

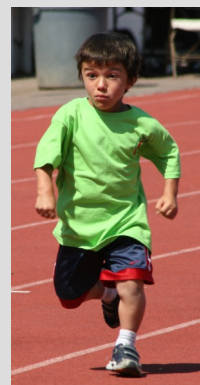
A diagram of the wheelchair slalom course is provided at the following link: [WDG Wheelchair Slalom Course](#). Athletes travel forward through gates marked in white and reverse through gates marked in red. Some gates require 180° or 360° turns.

Submitted by Gail Dummer, World Dwarf Games Steering Committee Staff

Want to Join a Paralympic Sports Club?

Are you looking for a sports team where you can participate with other athletes who have disabilities and where you can receive expert coaching? U.S. Paralympics offers over 150 Paralympic sport clubs nationwide that serve children and adults in a variety of sports. Go to [US Paralympic Community - Sport Clubs | Current Clubs Listings](#) for a listing by state. FYI - former DAAA swimmer Erin Popovich oversees the Paralympic sports clubs in her position as the Director of Classification and Emerging Sports Programs for U.S. Paralympics.

Submitted by Gail Dummer, World Dwarf Games Steering Committee Staff



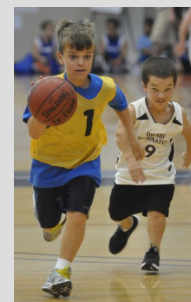
“If you want to get the best out of a man, you must look for the best that's in him.”

~ Unknown ~



“The Six W's:
Work will win
when wishing
won't.”

~ Todd
Blackledge ~



Help Wanted – Webmaster Volunteer

Do you have experience in developing and maintaining websites? Would you like to put your talents to use as a volunteer with DAAA? DAAA is still seeking a volunteer that can assist with growing and maintaining DAAA's web presence. Candidate should be well-versed in website development and maintenance and possess knowledge of current web development best practices. Please contact Mike Cekanor at daaa.mike.cekanor@gmail.com if you would like to learn more.

World Dwarf Games Checklist

As you begin your preparations for the 2013 World Dwarf Games, make sure to spend time on the following checklist items:

- ☒ Sign-up for WDG E-blasts ([WDG E-blast Sign-up Form](#))
- ☒ Keep your eyes open for WDG E-blast announcing that Games Registration is open
- ☒ Communicate with possible teammates about forming team(s) for WDG events
- ☒ Check out the WDG lodging options and decide where you want to stay
- ☒ Begin to investigate your transportation options and costs
- ☒ Consider an end-of-year donation to DAAA ([Network for Good :: DAAA](#))
- ☒ Continue your training for your events

TEAM USA Athlete Profile—Vica Beelner

- **Name:** Vica Beelner
- **Age:** 11 years old
- **Home:** Decatur, Georgia
- **Job:** A 4th grader at Briarlake Elementary School
- **How long have you participated in DAAA Games?** Since 2010 at the Nashville LPA Conference

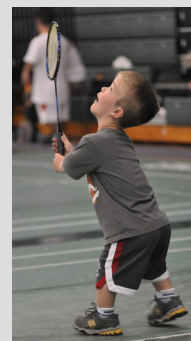
- **How did you get involved in DAAA?** My mom and dad signed me up to play!!

- **Favorite DAAA sport:** Swimming (and football)
- **What sports do you play at home?** I swim with BlazeSports (a legacy organization of the 1996 Atlanta Paralympics). I like to play football and all other sports!
- **Favorite DAAA memory:** My favorite memory was swimming this summer in Dallas and beating some of my records.
- **What is your sporting ambition?** I hope that I can be in the Paralympics someday.
- **Why are you looking forward to the 2013 World Dwarf Games?** I want to meet new friends from all over the world.



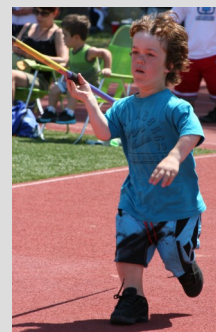
Thanks for spending a few minutes with DAAA! We wish you a holiday season filled with joy and the love of family and friends. We look forward to ringing in 2013 with you. Until then, Happy Holidays!

Mike Cekanor, Team USA Chef de Mission
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"You can't make a great play unless you do it first in practice."

~Chuck Noll ~



"The man who has no imagination has no wings."

~ Muhammad Ali ~

