



TEAM USA—2013 World Dwarf Games

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Welcome to the February edition of DAAA's TEAM USA newsletter. This newsletter contains important information on registration for World Games and TEAM USA uniform ordering information. The World Games Committee is beginning to receive registrations for the Games as well as numerous inquiries from foreign delegations who are interested in sending their athletes to the Games. With less than 6 weeks remaining before TEAM USA uniform orders are due and 8 weeks remaining before the Games registration deadline, are you making plans to join the largest event in history exclusively for dwarf athletes?

World Dwarf Games Registration is Open

Registration for the 2013 World Dwarf Games is now open. Registrations are being taken either on-line or by mail. To access both the on-line and mail-in forms, visit the Registration page of the World Dwarf Games website by clicking here: [Register Now! - 2013 World Dwarf Games](#)

Please read through the instructions prior to beginning the registration process. There is some information that you will want to have at your finger tips prior to beginning the registration forms (classification measurement data, event information and schedule). The registration page of the website will provide you with the details of information you will need in order to complete your registration form. Remember, to avoid late fees, **registration forms are due by April 15th**. For an additional fee, registration forms will be accepted until April 30th. Unfortunately, **no registrations will be taken after April 30** (there will be no on-site registrations taken for the World Games). Make sure to get your registration in on-time to ensure your place on TEAM USA!

Note: LPA has offered a \$50.00 discount off of the LPA Conference Early Registration fee for families and individuals registered for both the DAAA World Dwarf Games and LPA Conference. Additional details will be provided by LPA in the LPA Conference Registration book (published in April).

IMPORTANT TEAM USA UNIFORM INFORMATION

We are excited to announce that orders are now being accepted for DAAA's TEAM USA uniforms for the 2013 World Dwarf Games!

TEAM USA athletes that participate in the 2013 World Dwarf Games will be required to wear the TEAM USA uniform components that correspond to the event(s) that they are competing in. As the World Games are a uniquely special event, we want our TEAM USA athletes to look and compete as the champions that they are. In this regard, **all TEAM USA athletes will be required to compete exclusively in TEAM USA uniforms.**

NOTE THAT THE DEADLINE FOR UNIFORM ORDERS IS MARCH 25, 2013. ALL TEAM USA MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORLD DWARF GAMES MUST WEAR THE TEAM USA UNIFORM COMPONENTS THAT CORRESPOND TO THE EVENTS THAT THEY PARTICIPATE IN (SEE BELOW) – NO OTHER UNIFORM SUBSTITUTIONS WILL BE ALLOWED. TO ENSURE YOUR ABILITY TO COMPETE FOR TEAM USA, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR UNIFORM ORDER IS PLACED PRIOR TO MARCH 25, 2013 (NOTE THAT THE UNIFORM ORDER DEADLINE OCCURS BEFORE THE WORLD GAMES REGISTRATION DEADLINE OF APRIL 15, 2013). Continued on page 2



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TEAM USA Uniforms (continued from page 1)

Following are the athletic events and the corresponding TEAM USA uniform components that will be required for each event:

Event	Required Uniform Components
Archery	TEAM USA Polo Shirt or TEAM USA T-shirt (athlete chooses their own pants or shorts)
Badminton	TEAM USA Polo Shirt or TEAM USA T-shirt, Navy Blue Shorts (athlete wears their own navy blue shorts or optional TEAM USA shorts)
Basketball	TEAM USA Basketball Jersey, Navy Blue Shorts (athlete wears their own navy blue shorts or optional TEAM USA shorts). If you like to wear a t-shirt under your sleeveless jersey, bring <u>both</u> a white t-shirt and a navy blue t-shirt so that it will correspond with the jersey color.
Boccia	TEAM USA Polo Shirt or TEAM USA T-shirt (athlete chooses their own pants or shorts)
Floor Hockey	TEAM USA Soccer Jersey, Navy Blue Shorts (athlete wears their own navy blue shorts or optional TEAM USA shorts)
Kurling	TEAM USA Polo Shirt or TEAM USA T-shirt, Navy Blue Shorts (athlete wears their own navy blue shorts or optional TEAM USA shorts)
Powerlifting	TEAM USA Basketball Jersey or TEAM USA T-shirt, Navy Blue Shorts (athlete wears their own navy blue shorts or optional TEAM USA shorts)
Shooting	TEAM USA Polo Shirt or TEAM USA T-shirt (athlete chooses their own pants or shorts)
Soccer	TEAM USA Soccer Jersey, Navy Blue Shorts (athlete wears their own navy blue shorts or optional TEAM USA shorts)
Swimming	TEAM USA T-shirt or TEAM USA Polo Shirt as Cover-up for Photos (no TEAM USA swim suit or swim cap is provided)
Table Tennis	TEAM USA Polo Shirt or TEAM USA T-shirt, Navy Blue Shorts (athlete wears their own navy blue shorts or optional TEAM USA shorts)
Track & Field	TEAM USA T-shirt or TEAM USA Basketball Jersey, Navy Blue Shorts (athlete wears their own navy blue shorts or optional TEAM USA shorts)
Volleyball	TEAM USA Soccer Jersey, Navy Blue Shorts (athlete wears their own navy blue shorts or optional TEAM USA shorts)
Opening Ceremonies	TEAM USA Warm-up Jacket, TEAM USA Polo Shirt, Navy Blue Shorts (athlete chooses their own navy blue shorts or optional TEAM USA shorts) or optional TEAM USA Warm-up Pants
Closing Ceremonies	TEAM USA Warm-up Jacket, TEAM USA Polo Shirt, Navy Blue Shorts (athlete chooses their own navy blue shorts or optional TEAM USA shorts) or optional TEAM USA Warm-up Pants

Click here for a sketch of all of the uniform components: [TEAM USA Athletic Wear Sketch](#). Note that actual colors of the uniform may differ slightly from drawings shown.

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“Show me a guy who's afraid to look bad, and I'll show you a guy you can beat every time.”

~ Lou Brock ~



“I'm a competitive person and I love the challenge of mastering new things.”

~ Sasha Cohen ~



TEAM USA Uniforms (continued from page 2)

DAAA has chosen to work with My Stature, an apparel company based in Arvada, Colorado, that designs and manufactures clothing exclusively for persons with dwarfism. While each uniform will not be custom tailored to each individual athlete, My Stature designs incorporate attention to proportion so that pockets, sleeve cuffs and design details enhance the overall look of the uniform.

Orders must be placed on-line or postmarked by midnight on March 25, 2013. As a reminder, **all TEAM USA athletes will be required to compete exclusively in TEAM USA uniforms**, so be sure to place your uniform order prior to midnight on March 25, 2013. Unfortunately, due to the time required to manufacture the uniforms, **no uniform orders can be accepted after March 25, 2013.**

Should you have questions regarding the order forms, measurement guide, garment sizing, or order status, please contact Mary Lane at My Stature at info@mystature.com or 303-319-5916.

We do not want financial hardship of the uniform cost to discourage any athlete from participating on TEAM USA. We encourage any athlete who may have a concern about financial hardship to make contact with us. Please contact Mike Cekanor at daaa.mike.cekanor@gmail.com **prior to March 10th** should the financial implications of a uniform purchase inhibit your ability to participate in the Games.

DAAA is currently engaged in a fundraising campaign to help offset the cost of athlete uniforms. After financial hardship cases are addressed, funds raised through the uniform fundraising campaign will be used to offset the cost of athlete uniforms. The potential amount of offset will depend on the success of the fundraising campaign.

We look forward to watching our TEAM USA athletes participate in the World Dwarf Games in East Lansing, Michigan - proudly representing our great country in their TEAM USA uniforms.... Go TEAM USA!!!!

Click here to read the remainder of the announcement regarding the details of TEAM USA uniforms <http://www.2013WorldDwarfGames.org/PDF/TeamUSAUniformFinalx.pdf> , including pricing, uniform descriptions and information on how to place your order.

Click here to be taken to the My Stature website to place your TEAM USA uniform order [My Stature - Official Uniform Provider for TEAM USA](#)

Click here for the mail-in forms for TEAM USA Uniforms <http://mystature.com/download/DAAA%20catalog.pdf>

Team Formation for Team Sports

All athletes are encouraged to compete in the team sports events at the World Games. TEAM USA will be allowed to enter as many teams in team sports events as desired.

You do not need to have a team in order to compete in the team sport events. Independent athletes who do not have a team to compete with prior to the roster deadline of May 15th will be placed on a team consisting either entirely of independent athletes or one of TEAM USA's existing teams that have open roster spots or on a mixed country team (as determined by the World Games host committee).

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"Sportsmanship for me is when a guy walks off the court and you really can't tell whether he won or lost, when he carries himself with pride either way."

~ Jim Courier ~



"Life is ten percent what happens to you and ninety percent how you respond to it."

~ Lou Holtz~



Team Formation (continued from page 3)

Athletes who desire to can form their own teams prior to the roster submission deadline of May 15th. All athletes on each individual team that competes for TEAM USA must be a citizen or resident of the United States. Athletes are encouraged to reach-out to other athletes in their age division and form teams prior to the **roster submission deadline of May 15th**. Roster forms should be submitted only by the team captains and they must be received in the DAAA office by May 15th. No additional teams will be added after May 15th, with the exception of mixed country teams formed by the competition host. Should a conflict arise amongst rosters (i.e. athlete is named on two rosters), the conflict will be resolved by the Chef de Mission of TEAM USA. Note that the Chef De Mission reserves the right to place independent athletes on existing teams with open roster spots.

Please contact TEAM USA Chef de Mission at daaa.mike.cekanor@gmail.com should you have any questions regarding team formation.

Sport Focus – Archery & Shooting

We are thrilled that the World Dwarf Games provides athletes with the opportunity to participate in both shooting and archery. The event will be held at Michigan State's Demmer Center, a world class venue for both archery and shooting competitions. The staff at the Demmer Center has been extremely helpful in our preparations for the Games.

Following is a brief description of the archery and shooting events along with a description of the equipment that will be used for the events. For full details of both the archery and shooting events, visit the "Sports" page on the World Dwarf Games website by clicking here:

[Sports - 2013 World Dwarf Games](#)

Archery

Archery is new to the World Dwarf Games. Events include 18m crossbow and 9m recurve bow. Archers shoot 10 ends of 3 arrows and highest point total wins. Divisions include Junior (12-15 years), Open (any age), and Masters (35 & older). IDAF archery rules are adapted from International Archery Federation (FITA) rules (archery.org).

WDG ARCHERY EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS

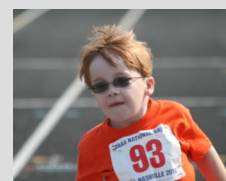
The equipment of choice for the crossbow competition is the Horton Eagle Youth Crossbow. The equipment of choice for the recurve bow competition is the Cartel 58-inch, 16-pound recurve bow (a few 18-pound and 20-pound bows also are available). The Demmer Center will provide the aforementioned equipment for archers who do not bring their own equipment. Both right and left handed bows will be available. Arrows, finger tabs, arm guards, quivers, and bow stands also will be available. Archers may use comparable personally-owned equipment if it satisfies inspection on the day of competition.

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A good hockey player plays where the puck is. A great hockey player plays where the puck is going to be .

~ Wayne Gretzky ~



"To succeed ... You need to find something to hold on to, something to motivate you, something to inspire you."

~ Tony Dorsett ~



Sport Focus – Archery & Shooting (continued from page 4)

Shooting



Shooting is also a new addition to the World Dwarf Games agenda in 2013. The 10m air pistol event will be offered for the Junior B (12-15 years), Open (any age), and Masters (35 and older) age divisions, with separate events for males and females. The competition will consist of the best cumulative score across 20 shots.

IDAF shooting rules and safety procedures have been adapted from International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) and U.S. National Rifle Association (NRA) rules. Disability

accommodations include choice of a sitting or standing position, one-hand or two-hand grip, and use of equipment supports.

WDG SHOOTING EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS.

Any air pistol (compressed air or CO2) may be used in competition, as long as it shoots .177 pellets. Sights are limited to iron, red dot, hologram, and laser. Magnification scopes will not be allowed. The pistol of choice is the Crosman 2300S with iron sights; this is the pistol Demmer Center offers for shooters who do not bring their own pistol.

For an instructional video on both archery and shooting, hosted by the Demmer Center Staff and demonstrated by our athletes, please click here [How to shoot a bow and arrow and a pellet gun - YouTube](#)

Submitted by Gail Dummer, World Dwarf Games Steering Committee Staff

How to Pay your Way to the World Dwarf Games

We guess you are reading this because your current income plus your disposable savings isn't quite enough to cover the cost of attending the World Games. So now what?

The main hurdle to overcome is your reluctance to ask for help. The World Games are an investment in your future. You will learn things about yourself you can't even imagine now. You will build a network of contacts that literally spans the world and lasts a lifetime. You will likely never again be this close to an event like these World Games in size and scope. And we aren't even talking about sports yet! If you value your future, you will have no problem asking others to share in your investment!

Now the question is who to ask and how to ask. Draw a circle. In this circle write the names of everyone in your family you have ever cared about and who have cared about you. This is your bulls eye. Be honest about why you want to go, and what you need to get there. Then ask them straight up for whatever help they can give. Ask for an advance on birthday and/or holiday presents, if that is part of your family style of celebration. Ask for an advance on your high school or college graduation. But DO ask! It could be at a family gathering. You can make phone calls to these folks (the older ones will love it). You can write a one page appeal and mail it. You can write a special email and send it. You can post your request on your Facebook page. But do it now! Continued on page 6



“Treat a person as he is, and he will remain as he is. Treat him as he could be, and he will become what he should be.”

~ Jimmy Johnson ~



“You can't put a limit on anything. The more you dream, the farther you get.”

~ Michael Phelps ~



How to Pay your Way to the World Dwarf Games (continued from page 5)

Draw a second circle around this first one. This is where you write all the names of your friends and your family's friends, including family members you may never even have met. Trust us - if you are a Little Person, they probably know about you! Start with the last family reunion list, if you have one. Add friends and family you remember but haven't spoken to in years. Pull up the old Christmas Card list (or any other holiday list you might have). Dig out the wedding invitation list for the last couple of family weddings. Send out the letter you wrote or the email you made up. Even if they don't contribute, they will likely be tickled for the update on what you are up to!

Draw a third circle. In this one write the names of the people you went to school with, or worked with, or attended worship services with. Add the names of everyone you and your family does and or has done business with, from the dry cleaner to the family doctor. Pull the names of everyone who has friended you on Facebook or Linked-in or any other personal or professional network. Don't forget the people you game with or went to camp with, or were in the same club, or played sports with over the years. Now go back over this circle and add anyone else you can think of! Just DO it! Send them your letter or email or friend them on Facebook or Linked-in or call them out of the blue. As a Little Person, chances are they remember you. If Mother Nature made you easy to remember - use it! You are not asking for pity, you are after parity and an investment in your future!

Just keep this in mind: If you are OK hearing "No," from someone, then it is OK to ask them for their help. Do remember to tell them why you need their help, what makes the World Games a truly unique opportunity, and where to send their donation to you. Be sure to include a sport picture of you on any letter or email. And be sure to add the website address for the World Games so they can see for themselves how utterly cool this whole experience will be! [2013 World Dwarf Games - The largest sporting event in history exclusively for athletes with dwarfism - 2013 World Dwarf Games](#)

Expect your best return from your bulls eye people, but don't underestimate what the other circles might produce. Remember that we all touch other people in our lives in ways we never realize - until something like this comes along. For even more ideas and a sample letter, check out the World Dwarf Games website tab on Fundraising, then click on Personal Fundraising: [Personal Fundraising - 2013 World Dwarf Games](#)

Bottom Line: If you don't make the effort to make it happen, it won't. We'll see you in August!

Submitted by Len Sawisch, World Dwarf Games Steering Committee Staff

Help Us Say "Thank You!"

An event like the 2013 World Dwarf Games cannot happen without the help of Sponsors, Partners, and Donors. These people, in turn, appreciate knowing that we appreciate them!

It is amazing how many of us know someone who knows someone who works with or lives next to or goes to worship service with someone connected to one or more of our sponsors, partners, or donors. So let's pass around as many 'Thank You' messages as we can. That's especially easy when the sponsor or partner is a member of the Dwarf Community, like the LPA District 5 folks who donated \$5,000 (Thank You Mike Spears and Lively Fivers!), or the LA Chapter for \$500 (You Dudes Rock!). Then there's the dedicated athletes of the Mid-West Express who donated a couple grand from their benefit game, and even kids like Kevin Cekanor who got his buds together for a class project and raised over \$2,000 doing a mini-golf tournament - Big Thank You to you Guys!

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"For me, winning isn't something that happens suddenly on the field when the whistle blows and the crowds roar. Winning is something that builds physically and mentally every day that you train and every night that you dream."

~ Emmitt Smith ~



"The integrity of the game is everything."

~ Peter Ueberroth ~



“Thank You!” (continued from page 6)

There are people and organizations in the business of sports who recognize how serious and important the dwarf sports movement is, like the Easton Foundations who donated our archery supplies, the US Track and Field Foundation who are funding the equipment we need for our youth field events, and the Run. Walk. Live. folks at Playmakers who have volunteered to run our track and field events!

Did we mention the people who are committed to making sure everybody gets a fair shake in life, like the Alverin M. Cornell Foundation, the dedicated associates and staff at Peckham, the delightful professionals at Dean Transportation, or the rehabilitation experts who belong to the Michigan Rehabilitation Association? Or how about the sports management staff and faculty at Michigan State University who are going above and beyond to make these Games truly outstanding, including the people behind the scenes at Demmer Center and MSU Athletics! And you won't find a more welcoming bunch of people than our partners at the Mason High School Aquatics Center and the Greater Lansing Sports Authority. Did we mention the Lansing Rotary Club? The Cincinnati LPA Chapter? Shirley Parker or Mrs. Pepicello or Mr. Potter? Helen Seltzer or Frank Reckendorf? And there's a lot more Thank Yous to be made!

So help us out. Take a moment to look over the list of Sponsors, Partners, and Donors on the WDG website at <http://www.2013worlddwarfgames.org/index.php/partners-sponsors/sponsors.html>. Make an effort to say Thank You to the folks listed there who you know or will meet at the Games. Recognize the sacrifice they have made so we can all be part of the largest sporting event in history exclusively for dwarf athletes! Oh, and by the way, we are only about half way to our fundraising goals, so if you know someone or some organization that ought to be on the Sponsor, Partner, and Donor list, pass their name along to us - don't deny them the chance to be part of History. After all, it will be decades (2033) before the United States will be eligible to host another World Games!

Submitted by Len Sawisch, World Dwarf Games Steering Committee Staff

News from the World of Dwarf Sports

The Statesmen held a charity basketball game in Haslett, MI on January 20th. Marty Klebba and his Statesmen teammates took on a local celebrity team of athletes that represented CODA (Coalition for Dwarf Advocacy). As a result of the game, a donation of \$4,100 was made to DAAA to support the World Dwarf Games. About a third of the money was raised by Ben Trotochaud and the kids at Murphy Elementary School, who gathered \$1,200 for the Games in their coin drive. A big thank you to Marty Klebba, his Statesmen teammates, Ben Trotochaud, the families at Murphy Elementary School, and all who attended and donated to help support the World Dwarf Games! Click here to read an article on the game as it appeared in the Lansing State Journal: [Charity basketball event benefits Dwarf Games | Lansing State Journal | lansingstatejournal.com](http://lansingstatejournal.com)

The Arizona Daily Star recently published an article on the Morris family of Tucson, AZ. The Morris family has been active participants since the beginning of DAAA; Brian Morris was one of the founding members of DAAA in the mid-1980's; daughter Amy is currently serving as a board member for the organization. All of the Morris family members have been active participants in and promoters of dwarf sports. Click here for the article: [Ordinary people, everyday lives](#)

From our friends in the UK, check-out the article on Sean Clare who won the 2012 Greater Sport Disabled Sports Achiever of the Year Award. Sean threw a new British Record in the F40 Discus in his first competition. Later in the year, Sean became the first British dwarf athlete to throw the discus over 30m. Click here to read the article on Sean: [English Dwarf athlete wins Greater Sport Disabled Sports Achiever of the Year - England Athletics](#)



“Most people run a race to see who is fastest. I run a race to see who has the most guts.”

~ Steve Prefontaine ~



“Competitive sports are played mainly on a five-and-a-half inch court, the space between your ears.”

~ Bobby Jones ~



News from the World of Dwarf Sports (continued from page 7)

From our friends in Australia, check-out the attached article on 18-year old Taneya Shannon. Taneya is training hard for the Australian team for World Dwarf Games. She hopes to be named to the Australian team when selections are made at the end of February. Click here to read the article on Taneya: [Taneya trains for Dwarf Games | Rockhampton Morning Bulletin](#)

From our friends in Ireland, check-out the article on 15-year old Galway-area athlete Sinead Keon. Sinead is currently training and raising funds to attend the World Dwarf Games this summer. Click here to read more about Sinead and her efforts to get to the World Games: [Galway girl aims to make a big impression at World Dwarf Games | Connacht Tribune | galwaynews.ie](#)

World Dwarf Games Checklist

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

- ☒ Order your TEAM USA Uniform [My Stature - Official Provider of TEAM USA Uniform](#) – **Order Deadline is March 25th** (due to length of manufacturing time, no late orders can be accepted)
- ☒ Register for the World Dwarf Games [Register Now! - 2013 World Dwarf Games](#) – **Registration Deadline is April 15th** (late registration, additional fee, until April 30th)
- ☒ If you are not staying at Athlete Village, make your hotel reservations [Other Lodging Options - 2013 World Dwarf Games](#)
- ☒ Form your teams for team sports events – **Roster Deadline is May 15th**
- ☒ Work on your personal fundraising to pay your way to the Games [Personal Fundraising - 2013 World Dwarf Games](#)
- ☒ Sign-up for WDG E-blasts ([WDG E-blast Sign-up Form](#))
- ☒ Continue training for your events



TEAM USA Athlete Profiles

This month, we profile the Ray brothers from St. Augustine, Florida. Morgan has participated in several DAAA National Games, while for Michael, the World Dwarf Games will be his first DAAA event.

- **Name:** Morgan Ray
- **Age:** 10
- **Home:** St. Augustine, FL
- **Grade:** 4th Grade
- **How long have you participated in DAAA Games?** I first competed in 2010 in Nashville. It was a lot of fun! I won three gold medals in swimming and one silver medal in soccer. I went to Anaheim and won 3 gold medals in swimming, one silver medal in track/field, one in volleyball and one in soccer and one in basketball. I was sad to miss the Dallas events last summer, but my mom and older brother were in China finalizing paperwork to bring home our new brother, Michael.

- **How did you get involved in DAAA?** I love sports and my mom told me about it a few years ago. Continued on page 9



"Age is no barrier. It's a limitation you put on your mind."

~Jackie Joyner-Kersey~



"Ask not what your teammates can do for you. Ask what you can do for your teammates."

~Magic Johnson~



TEAM USA Athlete Profiles—Morgan Ray (continued from page 8)

• **Favorite DAAA sport:** Swimming

• **What sports do you play at home?** I have been playing soccer since I was 4 years old and also swimming in a summer swim league for the past 4 years. I have been playing basketball for the past 3 years as well. I also like to play football (no tackle), rip-sticking and cycling.

• **Favorite DAAA memory:** In 2011, in Anaheim, I had my best times ever and the butterfly was my best event.

• **What is your sporting ambition?** I would love to swim in the Paralympics one day and bring home the gold for the USA!

• **Why are you looking forward to the 2013 World Games?** I'm looking forward to seeing old friends, meeting new ones and competing. I'm also looking forward to the road trip to get there.



- **Name:** Michael Ray
- **Age:** 11
- **Home:** St. Augustine, FL
- **Grade:** 4th Grade
- **What sports do you plan to compete in at the World Dwarf Games?** Swimming, soccer, track/field, possibly basketball
- **Favorite sport:** Basketball



• **What sports do you play at home?** Soccer, basketball and swimming

• **Favorite memory in sports:**

There are so many and they are all very recent. I was adopted this past summer from China, so in the past 8 months, I have learned to swim, ride a bike and scooter, play soccer, basketball, badminton and football.

• **What is your sporting ambition?** I might like to go to the Paralympics one day in swimming.

• **Why are you looking forward to the 2013 World Games?** I will get to meet more people that are little like me and people from other countries, and it will be fun to go on this big trip.



"You don't play against opponents; you play against the game of basketball."

~ Bobby Knight ~



"Don't measure yourself by what you have accomplished, but by what you should have accomplished with your ability."

~ John Wooden ~



Thanks for spending a few minutes to catch-up on the activities of TEAM USA as we continue preparations for the World Games. Excitement is building as registrations and uniform orders begin to arrive. We are getting word from our international colleagues about their training regimens and team registrations. We are working hard to assemble the largest US team to ever compete in an international dwarf sports competition – will you be with us in August? Have a great month!

Sincerely,

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