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exclusively for dwarf athletes!**

IDAF visits World Games site:



Director of Games Operations Katie Kelly reviews venues with IDAF President Arthur Dean and Host DAAA President Amy Andrews.

International Dwarf Athletics Federation (IDAF) representatives from the UK spent four days evaluating the World Games venues at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan, USA, October 24 - October 26.

Arthur Dean, IDAF President,

"DAAA presented us with world-class venues, ready to host a world-class event. Dwarf athletes will turn it into a world-class competition."

"Talk about packed agenda. We've never met so many sporting Americans in such a short space of time. The welcome was wonderful, facilities great and the atmosphere electric. It's going to be brilliant Games."

"The support and encouragement from the Sponsors is real - you can feel their enthusiasm and passion to deliver the World Dwarf Games to East Lansing, Michigan."

Steve Scott, IDAF Technical Rep,

"Superb venues, beautiful surroundings, excellent staff."

"The athlete village offers great accommodation and will enable team spirit to flourish as the competition heats up during the Games."

Tim Shephard, UK Chef De Mission,

"In August 2013 over 500 dwarfs will have the experience of a lifetime. Bring it on - look out, the Brits are coming!"

DAAA hosts World Dwarf Games Press Conference:



October 25 was the 2013 World Dwarf Games kick-off press conference on the Michigan State University campus. Host Dwarf Athletic Association of America (DAAA) President **Amy Andrews** introduced Honorary Co-Directors **Kellie Dean** and **Rick Atkinson**. **Erin Popovich** shared her Paralympic start at DAAA events, and IDAF President **Arthur Dean** passionately described how dwarf sports has changed lives around the globe. See more photos on [Facebook](#). Read the [Press Release](#) and share the news!

Special Thanks to our Partners at [Peckham](#) for their help with the conference!

In Other News:

- **15 Nations** have already designated [Chef De Mission](#) contacts: Bulgaria, Ireland, India, and Turkey are the most recent adds.
- **Erin Popovich**, the most decorated dwarf athlete in Paralympic history, spoke at the World Dwarf Games

Press Conference October 25, and later that evening was inducted into the [Athletes with Disabilities Hall of Fame](#) as the 2012 National Athlete of the Year.

- **Team USA** has begun a special email [newsletter](#) to keep US athletes informed in preparation for the Games, as reported by Mike Cekanor, Team USA Chef de Mission.
- **Michigan Little People of America Chapters** hosted a Sports Exploration Day October 20th, where over 80 folks got to try out the World Games venue for archery and shooting at the [Demmer Center](#). New Age Kurling was also featured for youth. See the photos on [Facebook](#).

Special Thanks to Archery sponsor [Easton Foundations](#) and Kurling sponsor [Lansing Rotary](#) for their help with equipment acquisition.

- **Turnadaisy** (www.turnadaisy.com) demonstrated their unique adaptive table design at the Sports Exploration Day, and donated a table to help raise funds for the Games.
- **Can't make the trip to East Lansing, Michigan?** Be there in spirit by becoming a [Virtual Volunteer](#).

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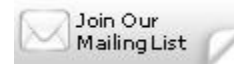
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