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**The Bay Area Sports Organizing Committee (BASOC) and the Northern California Olympians (NCO)
Celebrate Olympic Day with multiple events around the San Francisco Bay Area, plus announcement
of 2013 – 2014 NCO Travel & Training Grant Winners**

Events are part of 700+ nationwide events celebrating the birth of the modern Olympic Games

San Francisco, CA, USA – The spirit of the Olympic Movement will roll into the San Francisco Bay Area, as BASOC and the Northern California Olympians coordinate clinics, demonstrations and exhibitions in celebration of Olympic Day.

Olympic Day, held annually on June 23, is celebrated by millions of people in more than 160 countries. Commemorating the birth of the modern Olympic Games, Olympic Day is not only a celebration, but an international effort to promote fitness and well-being in addition to the Olympic ideals of fair play, perseverance, respect and sportsmanship.

Anne Warner Cribbs, BASOC CEO and 1960 Olympian explains, “We are excited to take part in Olympic Day and inspire kids in the San Francisco Bay Area to dream about participating in the Olympic Games. The Olympic Spirit is alive and well in the San Francisco Bay Area and BASOC is proud to support the Olympic Movement and encourage children to lead healthy, active lives.”

Events in Northern California include Fencing, Weightlifting, Water Polo, Swimming, Synchronized Swimming, Table Tennis, Wheel Chair Basketball, Running, Adaptive Cycling and Soccer. A complete list with locations, times and dates is attached to this release.

BASOC’s activities are some of more than 700 events taking place nationwide between June 21st and 30th. The events, designed to engage youth and promote the ideals of the Olympic movement, feature athlete appearances, family-friendly activities and interactive learning experiences.

Greg Massialas, President of the Northern California Olympians, three-time Olympian and current Olympic fencing coach, adds, “Northern California is home to over 450 Olympians and Paralympians from past and current teams. We are delighted to share our pride and love of the Olympic Games with future generations of Olympians and Paralympians.”

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 Olympic Day activities in the San Francisco Bay Area, please contact Anne Warner Cribbs, 415.264.2067.

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Events, Demonstrations, Clinics Hosted by BASOC & Northern California Olympians

1. FENCING: Massialas Foundation's Olympic Day, Greg Massialas, 1980, 1984, 1988 Olympian, Fencing, 2004, 2008, 2012 Olympic Coach.

Monday, June 24, 2013, 1:00pm to 2:30 pm

Halberstadt Fencer's Club
621 So. Van Ness Ave (at 17th street)
San Francisco, CA
415.519.0224

2. WEIGHTLIFTING: Jim Schmitz, USA Weightlifting Team Coach 1980 & 1988, President US Weightlifting Federation

Saturday, June 22, 3pm – 5pm

Physique Magnifique (gym)
387 Grand Ave
South San Francisco, CA

3. BASEBALL: Sacramento River Cats Salute Olympic Day, organized by: Starr Walton Hurley, '64 Skiing

Tuesday, June 25, 11am – 3pm

Sacramento River Cats Stadium
West Sacramento
530.756.7016

Olympians and Paralympians in Attendance:

Cafaro, Erin	Olympian Rowing 2008, 2012
Chambers, Joseph	Paralympian Basketball 2008, 2012
Crowley, Kelly	Paralympian Swim 2004 Cycle 2012
Davis, Kate Howard	Paralympian Judo 2012
Float, Jeff	Olympian Swimming 1980, 1984
Gardner, Gabe	Olympian Volleyball 2008
Hess, D'Arce	Paralympian Archery 2012

Holland, John	Olympian Canoe Kayak 1972
Hurley, Starr Walton	Olympian Alpine Skiing 1964
Meyer, Debbie	Olympian Swimming 1968
Scott, Lincoln	Paralympian Athletics 1996
Smith, Karin	Olympian Athletics 1976, 80, 84, 88, 92
Brown-Trafton, Stephanie	Olympian Athletics 2004, 08, 12

4. ATHLETICS/ RUNNING: Lake Merritt Joggers and Striders
Nancy Ditz, Athletics, '88

Sunday, June 23

8:40 am Kid's Race, 100 yards, 8:50 am Youth Race, .5 miles
9:00 am Main events, 5K, 10K, 15K
Sailboat House, Lake Merritt
568 Bellevue Ave.
Oakland, CA

5. SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING

Exhibition & Autograph signing

Olympians from Current and past teams, including Mariya Koroleva, 2012 Olympian,
Sara Lowe, 2004

Friday, June 21

4:00pm – 5:00pm
Diablo Valley College
321 Golf Club Road
Pleasant Hill, CA

6. WATER POLO – Boys and Girls Club, Menlo Park

Brenda Villa, 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012, Water Polo
Heather Petri, 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012 Water Polo
Chris Dorst, 1980, 1984, Water Polo

Friday, June 28 4pm to 6pm

401 Pierce Street
Menlo Park, CA 94022

7. ADAPTIVE CYCLING

BORP – Bay Area Outreach & Recreation Program

Berkeley Aquatic Park
80 Bolivar Drive, Berkeley

Saturday, June 22, 10 00am – 1pm

Paralympian Kelly Crowley, Cycling
Paralympian Anthony Zahn, Cycling

8. Youth Wheelchair BASKETBALL
BORP – Bay Area Outreach & Recreation Program, Berkeley

Trooper Johnson, Paralympian 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004 wheelchair basketball

James Kenney Recreation Center
1720 8th Street
Berkeley, CA

Saturday, June 22

9am (age 12 and under)
11:30 am (age 13 to HS)

9. SOCCER

America Scores Beach Soccer Tournament – Weekend Tournament
Ocean Beach, San Francisco

Sunday, June 23

Northern California Olympians

2 pm – 4:00pm

10. SF GIANTS

Video Presentation prior to Giants Games vs. Florida Marlins
Sunday, June 23
Video provided by USOC

11. TABLE TENNIS

Pong Planet, San Carlos
Diana Gee, Olympian
848 Brittan, San Carlos

12. America's Cup

Acknowledge Olympians in America's Cup

13. Stanford

Acknowledge Olympians and Stanford's Olympic heritage

14. Cal Berkeley

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15. City and County of San Francisco – Mayor Lee Proclamation



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Northern California Olympians Announce Winners of 2013 – 2014 Grant Program

*Travel and Training Grants for Future Olympians and Paralympians
Announced on Olympic Day, June 23rd.*

San Francisco., CA.....The Northern California Olympians (NCO), a chapter of the United States Olympic Association (USOA) announced today the recipients of the 2013 – 2014 NCO Travel and Training Grant Program. This grant program provides direct financial assistance to athletes with successful competitive records who have the potential to qualify for future Olympic or Paralympic Teams with emphasis on the 2014 hopefuls.

The 2013- 2014 Grantees are:

1. Emily Azevedo – Bobsled
2. Nathan Holland – Snowboardcross
3. Sho Kashima – Moguls
4. K.C. Oakley – Moguls
5. Samuel Craven – Paralympic Shot Put and Discus
6. Amy Haapanen – Hammer Throw
7. Ariel Hsing – Table Tennis
8. Sharon Ng – Badminton
9. Marina Ramirez – Boxing
10. Shannon Rowbury – Athletics
11. Rob Rhea – Fencing

Jim Schmitz, chair of the NCO Grant Program and 1980, 88, 92 Olympian (weightlifting), explains, “This is the seventh time the NCO has awarded grants – and it is always exciting for Olympians from past games to help provide funding for Olympians and Paralympians from Northern California – to help with travel, specialized training, coaching and equipment ”

Funds from the NCO Travel and Training Grant Program come from the proceeds of the *Northern California Olympians Welcome Home Olympians Dinner*, held every four years, just after the Olympic and Paralympic Games (Summer) and from contributions from Olympians and Paralympians from past teams and community members. For more information about the NCO Grant Program, see www.NCOlympians.org

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The Northern California Olympians (NCO) is the organization of Olympians and Paralympians from past and present teams who live and work in Northern California. The NCO offers fellowship to past and current Olympic and Paralympic team members, coordinates appearances at youth, community and corporate events; and supports an active, visible, nationwide and worldwide Olympian organization. The NCO is a chapter of the US Olympic Association. Membership in the Northern California Olympians is open to all Olympians and Paralympians from any country. For more information, please see www.ncolympians.org.

Past Grant Recipients

2012 Erin Jane Cafaro -Rowing Kelly Crowley – Para-Cycling Gerek Meinhardt – Fencing Heather Petri – Water Polo Ann Shiraishi – Judo.

2010 Emily Azevedo, Bobsled; Jason Allen Hale, Snowboard; Nate Holland, Snowboard; Sho Kashima, Alpine Skiing; Brian Martin, Luge; Shelly Robertson, Skiing.

2008 Amy Acuff, Track & Field; Matthew Azevedo, Wrestling; Sebastian Bea, Rowing; Stephanie Brown Trafton; Track & Field; Megan Cooke Rowing; Kelly Crowley, ParaCycling; Matthew Deakin, Rowing; Barbara Grassmer, ParaEquestrian; Tye Harvey, Track & Field; Cassidy Krug, Diving; Wayne Lo, Paralympic Table Tennis; Gerek Meinhardt, Fencing; Suzanne Powell, Track & Field; Shannon Rowbury, Track & Field; Lauren Todt, Badminton.

2006 Stephanie Brown, Track & Field; Jackie Edwards, Track & Field; Sara Fulp-Allen, Wrestling; Allison Henvick, Fencing; Brian Martin, Luge; Gerek Meinhardt, Fencing; Iris Zimmerman, Fencing.

2004

Howard Bach, Badminton; Mark Barr, ParaSwimming; Eric Hansen, Fencing; John Hoffman, Jr., Canoe/Kayak; Jeff Laynes, Track & Field; Wayne Lo, Paralympic Table Tennis; Randall Nal Marden, Swimming; Jamie Nieto, Track & Field; Katrina Radke, Swimming; Michael Stember, Track & Field; Felicia Stone, Track & Field; Andre Ward, Boxing; Dan Westcott, Swimming; Thomas Wilkens, Swimming; Alexander Wood, Fencing; Tiffanie Nicole Wright, ParaSwimming.

2002

Shannon Bahrke, Mogul Skiing; Travis Cabral, Mogul Skiing; Eric Hansen, Fencing; Hannon Hartnett, Bobsled; Chris Hernandez, Mogul Skiing; Rebecca Jasontek, Synchronized Swimming; Gea Johnson, Bobsled; Gina Pietras, Synchronized Swimming; Amy Tong, Judo; Bonny Warner, Luge.