



Georgia State Games

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Georgia Games to Hold First Athlete Celebration Ceremony

Kennesaw, Ga. – To celebrate 17 successful years of championship sports, the Georgia Games will be hosting its first opening ceremony event since 2001 to help “Bring Back the Olympic Spirit.”

The 2007 Athlete Celebration Ceremony will be held at Marietta High School in Marietta, Georgia on Wednesday, July 18 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The ceremony will be a way to honor participating athletes of all ages, while raising awareness of the Georgia Games throughout the community.

This year’s Athlete Celebration Ceremony will showcase the wide range of sports that make up the Games and will be a way to keep the Olympic spirit alive in the state of Georgia.

The Athlete Celebration Ceremony will feature guest speaker Eric Pfeifer, executive director of the Georgia Games, musical artists, the Atlanta Thrashers’ mascot “Thrash,” a parade of athletes, the Kennesaw State University Remix Dance Squad, and much more.

The ceremony is a way to spotlight the Georgia Games and keep sports such as wrestling, flag football, basketball, judo, and cycling alive throughout the state. Providing fitness opportunities to the community for over a decade, the athlete celebration will commemorate athletes, young and old, who continue to participate each year.

The Georgia Games are modeled in the spirit of the Olympics, and provide Georgia’s amateur athletes of all ages and skill levels the opportunity to compete in this open invitation, grassroots-style sports festival. The Georgia Games is affiliated with the Georgia Sports Foundation, a non-profit organization that is dedicated to promoting physical fitness and targeting child obesity, and was founded in 1990 to prepare for the 1996 Olympics held in Atlanta.

The Georgia Games Championships will take place July 12-22 at various locations surrounding the Atlanta area and will feature more than 40 different sporting events.

For more information about the 2007 Athlete Celebration Ceremony please contact Jessica Soccorsi, event coordinator for the Georgia Games, at 770-528-3591 or at ggpr3@kennesaw.edu.

To obtain a sports entry form or to find more information on the Georgia Games Championships, visit the Georgia Games Web site, www.georgiagames.org.

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