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Sports Competition Invites Blind and Visually Impaired Students

Blind and Visually Impaired Students who would never consider competing in a sports event are not only winning medals but also succeeding in their every day activities. October 23-24, 2009 in Irving, Texas more than 300 visually impaired athletes will compete in the 11th Annual Sports Extravaganza. Students with Visual Impairments will participate in paralympic and national sports such as Track and Field, Goalball, and Beep Baseball.

Says parent Rene Martinez about the event, "They definitely take away some skills from here that they use later on as far as competitiveness and learning how to do things. Their self esteem goes up quite a bit when they start playing normal games in their school. They remember these events and say "I can do that." Sports Extravaganza has been very helpful."

"These students participate in Sports Extravaganza for fun, friendships and competition, and at the same time, develop skills that prepare them for life", says event coordinator, Christy Householter.

Teams from all over the state of Texas as well as Colorado, Oklahoma and New Mexico will compete in the 11th Annual Sports Extravaganza. At this momentous event, students from all over the Texas and the United States are welcomed to compete October 23-24, 2009 at Nimitz High School in Irving, Texas. Sponsored by Region 10 Education Service Center and Lions Clubs District 2-X1 and 2-E2, the Sports Extravaganza encourages physical fitness among children with visual impairments from infants to 22 year olds. The application, volunteer forms and more information can be found at http://www.region10.org/ssvi/Sports_Extravaganza.html



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