

# All Around News



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## JO INFORMATION UPDATE

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Dear Membership,

As many of you can already imagine, Hurricane Katrina has had a devastating effect on many in our gymnastics family. The response from our gymnastics community has been incredible however it is extremely important for us understand that the effects of this disaster will be felt for a very long time. Although insurance may cover lost possessions, the loss of income by our clubs and are families is much harder to replace. This loss may go on for months and we need your help to raise funds so that we can help our gym families rebuild. I have asked each student at my gym, recreational and competitive to pledge a \$5.00 donation to help our gym families in need. I challenge every club in our region regardless of size to do the same. If you are interested in taking on this challenge at your club, please look on our regional web-page for ready made forms that you can use. Together we have the power to make a difference.

During the past 2 years we have put away money from our training camps to sponsor a special trip for our top gymnasts from Level 9 East Nationals and Level 10 Nationals. We are extremely happy to announce that beginning with the 2005-2006 competitive season, the region will be sending the top 5 Level 10 athletes/National Champions and the top 5 Level 9 athletes/East National Champions to an all expense paid competition either to Hawaii in December or an international training camp during the summer. The region will also cover the cost of one male and one female coach and a delegation leader. A special thanks goes to the many clubs who have supported our training camps as well as the coaches and judges who volunteer their time to make this special trip a reality.

In our next newsletter, I will go over some of the changes that we are implementing to the national apparel program so that we can build team unity at our most important competition of the year. In closing I wish each of you a very successful season. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

*Regards, Paul*

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## 2005 REGION 8 TRAINING CAMP Levels 9, 10 & Elite October 14-16, 2005

Auburn Gymnastics Academy - Auburn, Alabama

### Camp is full for Athletes

#### SCHEDULE:

Fri. 10/14	7:00 - 8:00	TC Registration
Sat. 10/15	8:00 - 9:00	TC Registration
Sat. 10/15	9:00 - 7:00	Camp (lunch served)
Sun. 10/16	9:00 - 1:30	Camp

#### HOTEL:

**Auburn Univ. Hotel & Dixon Conference Center**  
334-821-8200 Phone • 334-826-8755 Fax  
241 South College Street  
**\$99.00** - ask for Region 8 Gymnastics Clinic

**Region 8 Coaches & Judges Optional Update will be held with the October camp.  
Additional fee must be paid to attend.**