



# Press Release

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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 21-22, 2011 in Irving, Texas more than 300 visually impaired athletes will compete in the 13th Annual Sports Extravaganza. Students with Visual Impairments will participate in Paralympic type and national sports such as Track and Field, Goalball, and Beep Baseball.

A student said "Sports Extravaganza increases my hope for the future. I got to practice some coaching skills by showing a friend how to warm up." A parent remarked "It is awesome to see the number of volunteers, especially young people, and the organization it takes to put this on. Meer thanks doesn't do all of you justice." "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.

At this momentous event, students from all over the state of Texas and the United States are welcomed to compete October 21-22, 2011 at Nimitz High School in Irving, Texas. (Previous years have seen visually impaired students from Colorado, Oklahoma, and New Mexico participate.) 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](http://www.region10.org/ssvi/Sports_Extravaganza.html)

\*In addition, the Lone Star Classic Goalball Tournament will be held in Irving, Texas in March, 2012.



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