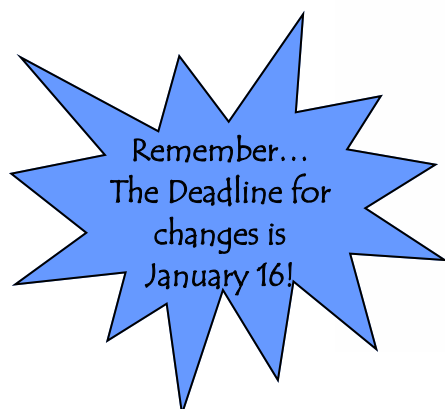


THE 18TH ANNUAL

GREAT WEST GYM FEST

at the Coeur d' Alene Resort
February 21—24, 2019

"Eighteen Candles!"



CONFIRMATION PACKET AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL INFORMATION MUST BE
SUBMITTED ONLINE THIS YEAR!

We would love for you to submit all of your
information online on the links we have provided!!

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR TEAM BEING ACCEPTED TO THE 18TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT WEST GYM FEST!

PLEASE READ THIS STUFF!

There are several forms and bits of information that we require back, and we are asking for your help in getting those back to us in as timely a manner as possible.

THIS YEAR, ALL INFORMATION MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE THROUGH THE LINK PROVIDED TO YOU! ALSO, CHECK OUT WWW.GREATWESTGYMFEST.COM WEBSITE!

We know... we are coaches too, and we understand the time demands that you have, but we hope that you will take a few minutes to complete these forms and submit them to us as soon as possible for two reasons:

1. It helps us get the meet organized, which not only keeps our hair from turning more silver than it is but also makes it more organized for you and your parents. And...
2. It makes sure that your team and their families get a chance to take full advantage of all the events and possible experiences they can. Many of our events will be limited in the amount of people we can accommodate, and we certainly don't want to turn you and your athletes and their families away if possible.

****Please note the many changes, including the new schedules!****

**WARNING... WARNING... DANGER, WILL ROBINSON...
THIS YEAR, TO COMBAT SOME OF THE PROBLEMS FROM THE PAST, THERE WILL BE A
\$20/ATHLETE "LATE FEE" FOR ROSTERS AND FULL PAYMENT NOT RECEIVED BY
JANUARY 2, 2018! YIKES! C'MON... YOU CAN DO IT!**

**** All of the events are on a 'first paid, first served basis', and we cannot 'hold' or 'save' spots... once the spots are sold, we will have to say 'No' :(.** Please get your info back to us soon. This is a large meet, but more than that, it will be a special meet with a style and a class like no other meet you have ever attended... our goal is to make it the single best meet you and your team attend this or perhaps any season (until next year's GWGF!) and we are doing everything we can to make it as memorable and wonderful as we can. Please help us by returning your stuff!

Please take advantage of the checklist provided at the end of the packet to assist you in compiling your packet, and we thank you for your help!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at Meetdirector@greatwestgymfest.com. You have made a great choice in deciding to attend the GWGF, and we look forward to seeing you and your athletes in February 2019!

The meet director

GWGF 2019

CONTACT INFO...

DATE: Feb 21—24, 2019
VENUE: The palatial Coeur d' Alene Resort
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Admin: Suzigivens@gmail.com (Suzi)
Editor@greatwestgymfest.com (Rick)
(Please DO NOT call the Avant Coeur number!)

****The best way to contact us is by email!****

SOME IMPORTANT NOTES AND CHANGES...

- ~ The final schedule will be announced when we have our tentative numbers.
- ~ We may be having competition on the Thursday again this year to accommodate all of the entries we have received. Please let us know if you would like to go Thursday!
- ~ Ice cream social tickets will be available online through Showclix.com through our online store as of November 1 and will sell out!
 - > The ICS will be scheduled so that the most possible athletes can take part!
- ~ The athlete's gift will be the great **Destira Leos** again this year! **WE NEED YOUR LEO SIZES ASAP, PLEASE!!! Put it in your registration link!!!**
- ~ Gymnasts' "Midnight Dance Party" tickets will also be available via online store, and will sell out!
- ~ Tickets for "Big Show" finals, and all sessions are available through our GWGF ticket service! Keep an eye on the website for details!

SESSION TICKETS (AFTER NOV 1): <http://www.showclix.com/event/GreatWestGymfest>

GWGF 2019 SCHEDULE UPDATE!!!

The schedule will be posted as soon as we have more final numbers from the gyms.

We WILL be having competition on
Thursday.

All Optionals (Level 6—10) will be finished
competition by Saturday.

Please contact us at
meetdirector@greatwestgymfest.com with
any additional questions.

We will have the final schedule at team
assignments posted as soon as we have final
numbers from you!

BIO LINK FOR THE BIG SHOW!

Please have your athletes go to this link and answer the
very short bio survey so we can have the info to
announce the athletes during the big show!

<https://kwiksurveys.com/s/CnTjsvX4>

WELCOME, AND PLEASE FOLLOW THE FOLLOWING EASY STEPS TO FINISH YOUR REGISTRATION.

1

REGISTRATION LINK

> Please fill out the registration link on the USAG Meet Registration page: You must also complete the "Leo Size Form" and miscellaneous info we need in the link we will email you and return it with your registration. If you do not **If you do NOT receive this link by NOVEMBER 16, please email registration@greatwestgymfest.com!*

* > Leo sizes should use the Destira sizing chart on the website! ***Leo sizes must be submitted directly to Destira this year! We will NOT be handling the leo orders!*

* > USAG number (all athletes and coaches MUST have a valid USAG number!)

* > Coach's USAG Number

*** WE ARE SORRY, BUT ANY ENTRIES RETURNED WITHOUT ALL OF THE ABOVE REQUESTED INFORMATION CANNOT BE PROCESSED! PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK ALL OF YOUR ENTRIES! THANK YOU!** (I always wanted to sound tough like that!)
Gyms are responsible for the accuracy of their information, especially the coach's information! Any fines received due to inaccurate or improperly registered coaches will be passed on to the gyms.*

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HOTEL REGISTRATION

Our meet hotel is the world famous Coeur d' Alene Resort (host hotel and meet venue)! The Resort's toll-free number is (800)-688-5253, and the direct number is (208) 765-4000.

~ The Coeur d' Alene Inn is our other host hotel: 208-765-3200 (Pool, hot tub)

Just a note: PLEASE support our meet hotels and help keep our costs down by booking DIRECTLY with the hotel, rather than through a 3rd party booking system! We receive NO credit for these rooms, and we use our credits to help keep our costs down, while doing as much as we can for the athletes!

~ If your team books a total of 46 Room nights at the Resort, we will host a private pizza party for your team, COMPLETE WITH ONE OF OUR OLYMPIANS! Wow!

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GYMNAST'S MIDNIGHT DANCE PARTY!

This year, we will be inviting all of our athletes to the Saturday night blowout "Midnight Dance Party" at the Resort! The party will go from 10:00—12:30 after the Big Show finals! This is one of our highlight events, as we have "Bling," terrific 'kid friendly' buffet, live DJ's and celebrities. This year, we are keeping our **LOW LOW** price of only \$20.00/ticket!
Strictly Limited to only 200 athletes!

< Tickets for the Saturday evening blowout can be purchased directly from our ticket service! (Parents, siblings and athletes should all be included in your count. Coaches can attend the party for free, but we need their names and numbers by email. For coaches who wish to share in the buffet with us, the cost is \$10. Please note these numbers separately. Coach's meal tickets can be paid at the door!)

These tickets will be available through Showclix.com as of November 1st!

**** NOTE 1:** All "Big Show" event finalists will receive their party ticket for free as a token of our congratulations. Any money paid for these athletes will be refunded to you at the meet!**

**** NOTE 2:** AS WE ARE STRICTLY LIMITED ON GUESTS, SORRY, WE WILL BE UNABLE TO MAKE ANY EXCEPTIONS OR ACCOMMODATE LAST MINUTE REQUESTS, EXCEPT FOR EVENT FINALISTS
(See note 1 above)

ALL TICKETS FOR THE PARTIES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE!**

THESE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH SHOWCLIX.COM

<https://www.showclix.com/event/greatwestgymfest78704939739256dMmwBzf>

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THE WEBSITE...

All updates and changes will be posted on our meet website...

GREATWESTGYMFEST.COM

Including rotations, numbers, ticket sales etc, as they become available...

5 PRE-PURCHASING TICKETS FOR ALL DAYS

>The Saturday evening "Big Show" spectacular will be sold out (*we will only have seating for 1200 total spectators, including athletes, and it sold out last year in less than 2 weeks*) so order your Big Show tickets as close to November 1 as you can. We will sell a substantial amount of tickets to the local community after Jan 1st as well, and we have large crowds for all sessions.

> Our ticket system works on a daily basis, rather than individual sessions so that our patrons do not have to exit, repay and enter again between sessions, with the exception of the Big Show.

> They can also buy entire weekend passes for adults and children at a substantial savings. As of November 8th, please go to our ticket link on our website to order tickets for ALL sessions. There will only be limited ticket sales at the door, with on-site tickets being \$2.00 more at the door. **Please DON'T call the gym for tickets.**

To show you our appreciation, we are lowering the service charge on all ticket sales this year to save you money!!

ALL SESSION TICKETS GO ON SALE AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2018!

6 THE BOTTOM LINE

(All prices are in US dollars.)

Money for all items marked with an '*' MUST accompany registration packet for your entries and requests to be processed!

- * Meet entry for Level 4—Elite \$135.00
- * Meet entry for Level Xcel, Level 2 & 3 \$125.00
- * Team entry (per level) \$50.00/team (3 scores count for all levels)
- * The Midnight Dance Party at the Resort \$20.00/person (All event finalists receive their ticket for free!)
- * "Hang with the Olympians" Ice cream Social \$25.00 (all guests need a ticket as we are on a space-limited boat)
- * "NEW format Ice Cream For Breakfast" Olympian Ice Cream Social on Sunday—\$20.00 (All guests need to have a ticket)

Tickets can be ordered on our website (Tickets are \$2 more at the door IF AVAILABLE) **Please DON'T call Avant Coeur for session tickets, as none will be available through the gym!**

Pre-purchased tickets for Thursday daytime	\$15/adult	\$8/child
Pre-purchased tickets for Friday daytime	\$18/adult	\$8/child
Pre-purchased tickets for Saturday day time (does NOT include the Big show!)	\$15/adult	\$8/child
Pre-purchased tickets for Sunday	\$15/adult	\$8/child

Pre-purchased tickets for "The Big Show" finals: \$22

Athletes tickets for 'The Big Show!' \$5/athlete (Only 300 tickets available at this price. This is for the "athlete seating area" only! **Code for the Athlete's Pass is "Athlete2017"

Pre-purchased 'All Access' weekend passes: \$48/adult \$25/child (Includes Big Show!)

**BACK THIS YEAR: "Weekend Family Pass!" \$110 for up to 2 adults and 2 children/seniors "OF THE SAME FAMILY..."

Please note: ** FINAL REGISTRATIONS AND ALL ENTRY FEES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 2, 2019, THOUGH MANY SESSIONS AND ACTIVITIES MAY BE FILLED BY THAT TIME! THERE WILL BE A \$20/ATHLETE "LATE CHARGE" FOR ALL ROSTERS AND PAYMENTS NOT RECEIVED BY THEN! Sorry, and thanks for your understanding.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS ON ENTRIES AFTER JANUARY 10 FOR ANY REASON! *

**Note: All athletes, US or foreign, must have current USAG numbers for the 2018-19 season and all coaches must have valid professional numbers, including background and safety cert*.*

NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT CURRENT NUMBERS FOR ALL ATHLETES AND COACHES!*

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"HANG OUT WITH THE OLYMPIANS" ICE CREAM SOCIALS!

> We ALWAYS have LOTS of Olympians and celebrities around and this year will be no exception! We are going to have a special "Hang out with the Olympians" Ice Cream Social again this year, where for only \$25, you get a great ice cream sundae, a full color commemorative poster, and a chance to get autographs, take pictures and talk one-on-one to your favorite Olympians! This will be Saturday afternoon at the Resort! You can purchase e tickets via Showclix.com as of November 1! Don't miss it!

Limited to 220 participants!

Due to the demand, we will have a 2nd Olympian "Ice Cream For Breakfast" Olympians Social on Sunday morning—time TBA, and the cost will only be \$20! (This is NOT a cruise, but a great new format in the Plaza Shops!

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AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

~ The Resort offers transportation to and from Spokane International Airport on a 'by-request' basis. Please contact the Resort directly at 208-765-4000 and ask for Transportation.

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****NEW!** WOULD YOU LIKE A PRIVATE PIZZA PARTY WITH AN OLYMPIAN FOR YOUR TEAM???**

If your team books a minimum of 46 room nights at the Resort, we will schedule a PRIVATE pizza party, WITH AN OLYMPIAN for your team!! Please contact us at or meetdirector@greatwestgymfest.com for more information!

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TEAM COMPETITION

~ At GWGF, we believe that every athlete should have a chance to be a part of a team, so all of our teams for every level are made up of 3 athletes, with every athlete on your team being a part.

~ We have separate team awards for EVERY session, and the coolest team trophies ever!

The team fee is only \$50/level.

~ All teams with 3 or more athletes in a level will be automatically entered in the team competition UNLESS YOU SPECIFICALLY REQUEST TO BE WITHDRAWN!

**THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT... PLEASE READ IT!
THE NUMBER OF COACHES YOU NEED TO BRING...**

...Is very important, as we run a hyper-efficient, super-fast moving format.

We actually have Event Managers on every apparatus that will assist you in rotating to your next event on time... the entire meet is depending on every athlete being ready when it is their turn on floor, which means that 1/2 or more of your athletes will be "taken by the hand" from beam and staged on floor, usually well before your entire team is done on beam, guaranteed. WE WILL NOT WAIT FOR YOU!

This means that you **MUST BRING ENOUGH COACHES TO ADEQUATELY COACH AND SUPERVISE YOUR TEAM ON AT LEAST TWO (2) BUT POSSIBLY EVEN THREE (3) EVENTS!**

(Especially with large teams in level 4, 5, 6)

**YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PRE-REGISTER
FOR THE 2019 GWGF OFFICIAL PHOTO-
TOGRAPHER VERY SOON! STAY
TUNED!**

You will be able to pre-register for meet photo packages coming up soon! Check the website for more details!

COACHES... DON'T FORGET OUR WORLD-FAMOUS, NOT-SOON-TO-BE-FORGOTTEN-IF-YOU-CAN-REMEMBER-IT-THE-NEXT-MORNING COACHES PARTY AFTER THE FINAL SESSION ON FRIDAY! (SOMEHOW, IT ALWAYS SEEMS TO END UP ON SATURDAY, TOO!)

A SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT OUR FACILITIES...

****PLEASE** remind your people that **NO** outside food and drink except if purchased at the hotel or the concession will be allowed into the meet! C'mon... help us out, and besides, the concessions are great!

(We don't make any concession revenue, so it's not about the money!**)

PRE-SALE TICKETS AND PASSES **TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2018!**

<http://www.showclix.com/event/GreatWestGymfest>

****Important note: Avant Coeur will NOT be handling any ticket sales for GWGF 2019!****

Only a very limited number of tickets will be available at the door, and will cost \$2.00 more. **MANY** sessions were sold out in 2018, so don't wait! Once we are full, we are full!

Ticket prices: (We have actually lowered ticket prices this year! Who does that!?)

"Big Show" Event finals: \$22 (Only 900 available! This event WILL sell out quickly!)

"Big Show" Athlete's tickets: \$5 (Only 300 available at this price. You must enter an athlete's code (the code is Athlete2018) to purchase these tickets. These are "floor" seats, and they are the first tickets to go!)

(Athletes who qualify to finals will have any monies paid for finals tickets refunded at the meet!)

* Weekend Passes: (Includes the BIG SHOW Finals and all sessions!)

Adults: \$48.00 (a \$70 value!)

Children: \$25.00 (a \$50 value!)

* Friday Passes: (Includes level 10/Open sessions!)

Adults: \$18.00

Children: \$8.00

* Saturday Daytime Passes: (Does NOT include the Big Show Finals!)

Adults: \$15.00

Children: \$8.00

* Thursday and Sunday Passes:

Adults: \$15.00

Children: \$8.00

* Midnight Dance Party tickets: \$20.00

* "Hang with the Olympians" ice cream social: \$25.00

* "Ice Cream For Breakfast" Olympian Meet and Greet: \$20.00

* **BACK THIS YEAR: "Family Weekend Pass:"** \$110 Good for up to TWO adults and TWO children or Seniors FROM THE SAME FAMILY!

****PRICES AT THE DOOR WILL BE \$2.00/TICKET MORE!****

ALL ATHLETE PARTY TICKETS AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL TICKETS
MUST BE PURCHASED ONLINE THIS YEAR!

<http://www.showclix.com/event/GreatWestGymfest>

GWGF REGISTRATION CHECKLIST:

(This is to help make sure that you have all the information in order!)

- Completed Registration on our USAG online link
 - > Please double check all the following:
 - ~ USAG Numbers
 - ~ Spelling of names
 - ~ D.O.B
 - ~ Destira Leo sizes (Very important!)
 - ~ Level
 - ~ Coach's USAG
- Check for all individual and team entries enclosed. (Remember there will be no refunds after January 10, 2019!)
- Hotel and travel reservations made (Book flights into Spokane.)
- Midnight Dance Party tickets ordered
- Sign up for the "Hang With The Olympians" and "Ice Cream For Breakfast" Ice Cream Socials
- Parent Information sheet copied and handed out to your parents
- Tickets for all sessions ordered through our website:
<http://www.showclix.com/event/GreatWestGymfest>

*** You will receive additional information online and by e-mail regarding extra activities, session times, etc. Final session times will be posted in January, and 'Last minute' details will be posted by January 28!**
Check our website at www.greatwestgymfest.com for more info, and if there is anything we can do for you, PLEASE don't hesitate to call us! Have a great season, and we will see you in February!*

**** PLEASE EMAIL ALL COMPLETED MATERIALS TO: **
REGISTRATION@GREATWESTGYMFEST.COM**

****YOUR REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE COMPLETE UNTIL COMPLETE PAYMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED!!**

****MAIL PAYMENT FOR ENTRIES TO
GWGF
11805 E. NUNN ROAD
ATHOL, ID 83801**

We are so very glad
you are coming! See
you in February!