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Excitement Builds as 2013 World Youth Climbing Championships Just Two Weeks Away

Central Saanich, BC - Excitement is building as the Boulders Climbing Gym prepares to host the 2013 International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) World Youth Championships from August 15-19, 2013.

Over 400 athletes from approximately 35 countries, along with an estimated 2,000 spectators are expected to attend this world class event, making it the largest sporting event happening in the Greater Victoria Region this summer.

"I am extremely thankful for all the efforts of our volunteers in getting ready for this event," said The Boulders Board Chair and Event Organizer Kimanda Jarzebiak. "We are all looking forward to welcoming the world to the Boulders and to watching these amazing young athletes compete on the international stage."

The event begins at 8:00 pm on Thursday August 15th with Opening Ceremonies. On Friday and Saturday, August 16th and 17th, the qualifying rounds in the lead/difficulty climbing category will begin at 9:30 am on both days and continue until complete. Sunday the 18th is the Speed Climbing day, with practice rounds beginning at 8:30 am and qualifying rounds at Noon. Finals will start at 4:30 pm. On Monday, semi-finals for lead/difficulty begin at 9:30 am, with the finals beginning at 4:30 pm. The Awards and Closing Ceremonies begin at 7:30 pm.

In addition to the climbing competition, a marketplace will be set up at the venue, featuring local foods and crafts for everyone in attendance.

The Boulders Climbing Gym is adjacent to Stelly's Secondary School in Central Saanich (1627 Stelly's Cross Road). Admission to all events on Thursday through Sunday is free. There will be a \$5 daily admission fee for the semi-finals and finals on Monday the 19th. Free parking is available at the school but will be limited. Additional parking will be available at Centennial Park or Brentwood Bay Elementary, both a ten minute walk from the school.

To prepare for the championships, a number of teams will be arriving in early August to begin training sessions at the Boulders. The Swiss team will arrive at the Boulders August 2nd for their first of five training



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sessions, while the 40+ United States contingent will arrive on August 5th, and train August 6th-8th and again on August 12th. Team Canada will arrive for training sessions on August 11th and 12th.

About the International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC)

The International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) was created in 2007 and is a non-governmental international association with a non-profit-making purpose of international interest. The principal purposes of the IFSC are the direction, regulation, promotion, development and furtherance of international climbing competitions (Lead, Speed and Boulder). The IFSC fosters links, networks, and friendly relations among its members, their climbers and officials. The IFSC is recognised by the IOC and is member of ARISF, SportAccord and IWGA. For more details, please visit the IFSC web page at <http://www.ifsc-climbing.org>

About the Boulders Climbing Gym

The Boulders Climbing Gym is a not-for-profit society, with the mandate of making climbing accessible for everyone, regardless of ability or ability to pay. With over 13,000 square feet (1,208 square metres) of climbing space, The Boulders Climbing Gym is a community facility and a unique social enterprise, providing adaptive recreation and rehabilitation programs, youth recreational and competitive programs, as well as facilitating a climbing academy at Stelly's Secondary School. All instructors are certified by the Association of Canadian Mountain Guides. See www.climbtheboulders.com for more details.

Home of the 2013 IFSC World Youth Climbing Championships, August 15-19, 2013

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