

Colorado Springs Students will join Olympians and Paralympians to announce special events at Olympic Training Center on April 18

Colorado Springs - On Wednesday, April 18, at the Olympic Training Center, the U.S. Association of Blind Athletes (USABA) and three-time Paralympian Matt King will announce two unusual and exciting events coming to Colorado Springs this summer: The 2007 International Blind Sports Association (IBSA) World Youth and Student Games and Camp Vision. Students from Divine Redeemer School, Olympians, and Paralympians will all be present to share in the excitement of this announcement. KISSIDUGU, a high-octane West African drum and dance group from Boulder, will also be in attendance to provide entertainment.

The *2007 IBSA World Youth and Student Games*, July 12 – 16, will draw more than 300 blind youths from 27 countries to compete in four sports. Colorado College will serve as the athlete village and competition venue for judo and goalball. Swimming events will be held at the U.S. Olympic Training Center and track & field will be held at St. Mary's Grace Center.

Camp Vision, hosted by Divine Redeemer School, July 9 – 13, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, will give Colorado Springs youths an opportunity to learn about culture, sport, and disabilities through personal experiences with Olympians, Paralympians, and IBSA World Youth Games athletes.

Two-time Olympian and children's book author Erin Mirabella will provide a glimpse of what Camp Vision will be like as she shares some of her athletic experiences and introduces her new series of children's books, [The Barnsville Sports Squad Series](#).

KISSIDUGU drummers will give students a sneak preview of the excitement in store for them at the IBSA World Youth and Student Games Opening Ceremonies, July 12, 6:30 pm, Colorado College Washburn Field. The group will teach Divine Redeemer students some drum beats. For more information about purchasing IBSA Games opening ceremony tickets and registering for Camp Vision contact Kim at kim@thekinglink.com or 630-0422 ext 10.

The U.S. Association of Blind Athletes is a non-profit organization member of the United States Olympic Committee whose mission is to ensure that the blind and visually impaired have the same sport competition and training opportunities as their sighted counterparts. USABA strives to educate the public about the misconceptions of the blind and disabled through its athletes and sporting events.