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TYLER TO HOST FIFTH ANNUAL WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS INVITATIONAL  
5<sup>th</sup> Annual Rose City Classic Continues to attract the best talent in Women's Gymnastics from  
Texas and surrounding states

Tyler will once again be the site for the Rose City Classic Women's Gymnastics Invitational. The meet will be held at the Louise Herrington Patriot Center on the campus of The University of Texas at Tyler, March 9-11, 2012. Texas East Gymnastics will host athletes of all ages and levels of ability. Many of these athletes have their eyes set on collegiate scholarships and even possible Elite level competition. All of these athletes are exceptionally dedicated!

More than 500 athletes are registered for this USA Gymnastics sanctioned event, the premier women's gymnastics competition in East Texas. Many visiting gymnasts, coaches and parents return year after year, and new participants continue to be attracted to the event each year. Every year, a local charity is supported at the event. This year's charity event partner is Special Olympics Texas-Tyler Rose.

This year is an Olympic year, and that always means an elevated level of enthusiasm for sports such as gymnastics. "Our girls are training at a high level here in Tyler", says Martin Parsley, head coach and Rose City Classic meet director. "They are in the gym working hard day in and day out. It is a full time job for them, but their hard work is paying off". It shows in the results, as last year, Texas East Gymnastics boasted many top 10 finishes at the State and Regional Levels, as well as a Level 9 Western National Champion and four athletes who made the trip to San Diego, California to compete at the Junior Olympic National level.

The Rose City Classic "Main Event" will feature level 10 gymnasts, the highest level of Junior Olympic competition, and will take place Saturday evening, March 10. Sessions will run Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 per session, or \$20 and \$10 for weekend passes.

The Texas East Gymnastics Booster Club is a fund-raising organization that aims to help defray the high costs of traveling and competing in women's gymnastics for our local athletes. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Booster Club, with a portion to be donated to Special Olympics Texas – Tyler Rose. For further information and competition schedule, visit the website [www.texaseastgymnastics.com](http://www.texaseastgymnastics.com)

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