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Dear Prospective Olympian and Parents;

Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind is pleased to announce the 2011 Junior Blind Olympics trip, hosted by the Los Angeles Optimist Club International, in Los Angeles, California, from April 7th thru April 12. A series of exciting events including Magic Mountain, the Jr. Blind Olympics and another special event to be determined are being planned.

Several stops will be scheduled along south I-15 to pick up passengers. Further information will be made available when the registration closes.

Please note the following important information:

- Bus transportation will leave USDB's Ogden campus at approximately 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 7th and will return early Tuesday morning, April 12th.
- **Completed registration packets are due February 18th (no exceptions)** and require a \$30 non-refundable registration fee which will be used to offset the cost of transportation. Please make checks payable to Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.
- Chaperones will be provided through USDB and school district personnel-including TVI's and Orientation and Mobility Specialists. Parents are welcome to attend the Jr. Olympics and observe their son/daughter's participation--but will not be designated as chaperones, or be riding the bus.
- Participants must be at least 10 years old to ride the bus—but not older than 22 years of age (younger students may still participate if parents provide the transportation and remain with the student throughout all events. Parents are responsible for their own travel costs including (room and board and entertainment fees).
- Students must be medically independent (oral medications can be administered through chaperones) and ambulatory (meaning that students can walk independently/sufficiently on their own).

- Students will be required to bring a minimum of \$80.00 to cover food and personal expenses (i.e. souvenirs). The students will be responsible for six meals. A good rule to go by is that the meals will cost between \$6.00 -\$12.00 depending on the meal (breakfast, lunch, or dinner). There will also be two rest stops that students may purchase additional snacks, so please plan accordingly.
- This year the students will be selling candied popcorn. This will help cover transportation costs and additional expenses for this trip. This is in addition to the \$30.00 registration fee. The flyer included in this packet will provide more information. Each student will be responsible to sell 50 bags of popcorn. We have changed the variety slightly to adjust for popular flavors. The bags are not too costly and should be easy to sell.

A popcorn order form is enclosed. Once you submit your popcorn order, the popcorn will be available for pick-up at designated areas (to be determined).

- Money from sells must be in the form of a check made out to USDB—Junior Blind Olympics. The proceeds go directly to the general Jr. Blind Olympic fund to offset the significant transportation and trip costs.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Westergard in the Blind School-Region 1 office at 801-629-4718 or email at susanw@usdb.org. This will be a great opportunity requiring some effort on the students' and parents' part, but this is a rewarding effort. Don't let this pass you by! The adventure at the Jr. Blind Olympics awaits you!

Sincerely,

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