



The 6th Annual Disability Sports Festival was held on Saturday, October 6, 2012 at California State University, San Bernardino from 9:00 – 3:30 pm. The Disability Sports Festival is a free one-day sporting extravaganza for people of ALL abilities and ANY age. Last year, there were almost 700 participants, ages 8 months to 84 years old. This year, 800 participants were expected including 100 veterans. Astoundingly, over 900 participants and 1000 volunteers showed up on October 6! It was by far, the biggest event in the history of the Sports Festival and, it is quickly becoming one of the biggest one-day cross-disability sporting events in the country.

At this year's event, participants were:

- Introduced to over 20 sports with most sports being coached by an elite athlete with a disability, like tennis, basketball, kayaking, swimming, archery, hand-cycling, track and field, wall climbing, golf, baseball, martial- arts, volleyball, dancing, and many more.
- Given a chance to seek out information and resources in the community with over 30 community entities present to answer any questions they may have.
- Given free breakfast, lunch and a goody bag.
- Able to meet new friends.

The keynote speaker during Opening Ceremonies was Kari Miller, who had competed in the 2012 London Paralympic Games for the US Sit Volleyball team and led her team to catching the silver medal this year. Kari was on leave while serving her country in Bosnia for the Army when she was hit by a drunk driver and lost both of her legs. This year, she shared her story on overcoming her barrier during the Opening Ceremonies and also coached volleyball participants.

If you are interested on learning more information on this fully inclusive sporting event and how to get involved with the planning of next year's sports festival, please visit the website at www.disabilitysportsfestival.org or you may call the Disability Sports Festival Office at (909)537-5352.

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