

World Dwarf Games • August 3-10, 2013



Michigan State University
East Lansing, MI USA

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Where will the 2013 World Dwarf Games be held?

The World Dwarf Games will be held at Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI from August 3rd through August 10th, 2013.

Why East Lansing, Michigan and Michigan State University (MSU)?

The Lansing area hosted the Cerebral Palsy/Les Autres Games in 1985. At the 1985 CP/LA Games a group of dwarf athletes organized themselves in competition against other dwarf athletes. From these roots, DAAA was born. We look forward to welcoming our international friends to the birth-place of DAAA. MSU is a strong advocate for disability sports and maintains facilities that are ideally suited for disabled sporting events. MSU maintains one of the largest intramural sports programs in the United States.

What is the drive time to East Lansing from my city? Which airports are near by?

East Lansing, Michigan is a drivable destination for many of our athletes. Following are approximate drive times from some major cities: Detroit (1 hr., 35 min.); Chicago (3 hr., 45 min.); Cleveland (3 hr., 50 min.); Toronto (5 hr., 30 min.); Nashville (8 hr., 25 min.); Washington DC (9 hr., 45 min.); New York City (11 hr.); Charlotte (11 hr., 30 min.); Boston (13 hr., 30 min.).

Airports that are close to Lansing are: Lansing Airport (LAN)(about a 15 minute drive from the MSU campus), Flint Airport (FNT) (45 miles), Grand Rapids Airport (GRR) (48 miles). The closest international airport is the Detroit Metro Airport (DTW), 75 miles from the MSU campus. The Michigan Flyer provides a shuttle bus service from Detroit Metro to Lansing 8 times per day.

Why should I attend?

The World Dwarf Games is an event that every dwarf athlete should experience at least once in their lifetime. Whether you are a serious athlete or participating for your first time, the World Games provide an opportunity to form lifelong friendships with dwarf athletes and families from around the world who have interests that are similar to your own.

Who can compete in the World Dwarf Games? Do I need to qualify?

Anyone who meets the eligibility requirements for IDAF can compete in the World Games, those under 6 years old to our most senior "master" athletes. You do not need to competitively "qualify" to participate in the World Games. All athletes, regardless of skill level, are welcome to compete in the World Games. Details of DAAA's eligibility requirements can be found on our website at www.daaa.org/DAAA_faq.html. Each country's IDAF sanctioning body will be solely responsible for the final composition of each team that represents their respective country. All teams competing for the United States will be entered by DAAA into the World Games and will compete under the Team USA name with like uniforms. International teams must be entered into competition by their IDAF sanctioning body. Final approval of team entry's will be solely at the discretion of IDAF.

How many athletes are projected to attend?

We anticipate over 500 athletes will participate in the 2013 World Dwarf Games. These athletes will range in age from 4 years old to over 65 years old and will consist of recreational, developmental and elite athletes.

How many international athletes will attend? What countries will be represented?

Of the 500 athletes that are anticipated to compete, we expect that over 200 athletes will be from outside of the United States. These athletes will be competing for such countries as Australia, Bulgaria, Canada, France, Germany, Ghana, Great Britain, Ireland, Mexico, Northern Ireland, India, Serbia, Slovenia and Sri Lanka.

What events will I be able to compete in?

Athletes will have the opportunity to compete in archery, badminton, boccia, floor hockey, curling, powerlifting, shooting, soccer, swimming, table tennis, track and field, and volleyball.

Will there be events that will occur in addition to the athletic events?

In addition to 5-6 days of athletic competition, we are planning an opening evening reception, off-site tour(s) and a closing reception. An opening Parade-of-Nations event will also be held.

What type of housing is available?

Athletes and families are encouraged to stay in dormitory housing on the University grounds. The dormitory is a short walk from the competition venues. Each room accommodates 2 people, with rooms configured in a two-room suite arrangement with a single bathroom shared between two rooms. The university will provide a meal plan for those staying in the dormitory housing. The dormitory provides a wonderful opportunity to interact with all athletes who are competing in the Games. We are also working with several local hotels for room blocks for the event.

When and how do I register? What are the costs?

We anticipate that registration materials will be published in the fall of 2012. As with all IDAF events, a completed registration form, medical form (required every 2 years), waiver forms and registration fees will be required from all athletes who wish to compete (boccia-only competitors will not require a complete medical form). The final registration fees will depend in part on the success of our fundraising efforts.

How can I help raise funds for the World Dwarf Games?

If you are interested in providing a financial gift to assist DAAA with supporting the World Games, simply mail your gift to DAAA at 708 Gravenstein Hwy., North, #118; Sebastopol, CA 95472. In addition, we will be developing a sponsorship program for those benefactors interested in sponsoring all or portions of the World Games. Additional details on our sponsorship programs will be available soon. DAAA also offers on-line donation capability at our website www.daaa.org. Please keep checking our websites www.2013worlddwarfgames.org and www.daaa.org for additional information on donations and sponsorship opportunities. Please contact Mike Cekanor, DAAA Board Vice President at daaa.mike.cekanor@gmail.com or Amy Andrews at daaa.amy.andrews@gmail.com if you can be of assistance with fundraising.