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Top Climbers in Country to Compete at 2013 Canadian Nationals at The Boulders May 18-20th

Central Saanich, BC - The Boulders Climbing Gym in Central Saanich will play host to the top climbers in the country over the May 18-20th Victoria Day weekend, during the 2013 Canadian National Climbing Championships.

The Canadian championships will feature the best youth climbers in the country, as well as a number from the United States, competing in a range of age categories in two disciplines: speed climbing and difficulty climbing.

"If you've never been to see a climbing competition, then you owe it to yourself to come out and watch the Nationals over the long weekend," said Boulders Board Chair Kimanda Jarzebiak. "We will have some of the best young athletes from across the country at the event, and I know they will put on a fantastic show for all the fans."

Almost 80 climbers have registered to date for the event including 30 from Alberta, 24 from British Columbia and 19 from Ontario. The United States is also represented by 4 climbers. "Registration for the event closes on May 14," noted Sebastian Powell, Manager of the facility, "and given that a total of 220 climbers have qualified for Nationals, we anticipate that we will have many more register by the closing date."

The Nationals begin with qualifying rounds in the Difficulty/Lead Climbing events from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm on Saturday May 18th, with semi-finals on Sunday May 19th from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm and finals on Monday the 20th from 9:00 am to Noon. The Speed Climbing competition (all rounds) takes place beginning at 1:30 pm on Sunday May 19th. An award ceremony will follow all events at 12:30 pm on Monday May 20th.

Climbers to Watch

Elan Jonas-McRae - Presently the top ranked Junior male climber in Canada, the 18-year old Jonas-McRae is a Nanaimo, BC native who trains at The Boulders. He is coming off recent wins in the Junior categories at both the BC provincial championships and the western regional championships, as well as an impressive sixth place finish at the US Open Nationals.



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Alison Stewart-Patterson - Stewart-Patterson is from Kamloops, BC and now lives in Victoria and trains at The Boulders. She is the number one ranked Junior female climber in the country and is coming off first place finishes in both speed and difficulty at the BC provincials and a first place finish in difficulty at the western regionals. Alison has represented Canada a number of international events, including the World Cup in Briancon, France in 2012.

Marc Eveleigh - 18-year old Marc Eveleigh hails from Calgary, Alberta and placed first in the Junior category at the Alberta Cup and a second place finish at the western regionals. He was a Pan Am Champion in 2010 in Ecuador and currently is ranked fifth in the Junior Boys National standings.

Robert Stewart-Patterson - Brother of Alison, and also a native of Kamloops who trains at The Boulders, Stewart-Patterson took first in the Junior Boys Speed Climbing category at the BC provincials and placed an impressive 4th at the speed climbing event at the US Nationals. Robert has represented Canada at a number of open events, including the World Championships in Paris, France in 2012.

Allison Vest - From Canmore, Alberta, the 17-year old Vest is the third ranked Junior female climber in Canada, and placed third in the Pan American Championships in Chile, as well as a second at the western regionals.

Elise Sethna - A 19-year old from Canmore Alberta, Sethna won the national Bouldering title in 2012. She has travelled to various World Cups to represent Canada and has made the semi-finals in 3 World Youth Climbing Championships.

About The Boulders Climbing Gym

The Boulders Climbing Gym is a not-for-profit society, with the mandate of making climbing accessible for everyone, regardless of ability or ability to pay. With over 13,000 square feet (1,208 square metres) of climbing space, The Boulders Climbing Gym is a community facility and a unique social enterprise, providing adaptive recreation and rehabilitation programs, youth recreational and competitive programs, as well as facilitating a climbing academy at Stellys Secondary School. All instructors are certified by the Association of Canadian Mountain Guides. See www.climbtheboulders.com for more details.

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