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# Olympics 2012



Olympic Park, London

America's Olympians represent both the joy of competition and the results of hard work and determination that people from all walks of life can achieve. Olympics embody the spirit of teamwork and fair play, which are also American values.



## Videos



Training Future Olympians



Road to 2012: Nastia Liukin



Road to 2012: Synchronized Swimming



Road to 2012: Wheelchair athletes -- the need for speed

Road to 2012: Queen Underwood

**"A lifetime of training for just ten seconds."**

*- Jesse Owens*

## Catch Up with Olympics



CNN

FoxNews

New York Times

Time Magazine

Washington Post



## Articles of Interest

Obama Announces Presidential Delegation to the Opening Ceremony of the 2012 Olympic Games in London

Remarks to the International Olympic Committee's World Conference on Women and Sport

Age-Defying Sprinter Evelyn Ashford Still Inspires

Is Cricket Coming Back to Olympics?

Trying for Olympics is Worth Sacrifices, U.S. Rower Says



Evelyn Ashford

**“Sports programs teach girls of every income level and ethnic background about leadership and teamwork, about supporting one another.”**

*— Sec. Clinton*

## Olympics Trivia

American Eddie Eagan is the only person to have won gold medals in both the Summer and Winter Games. He was a boxing champion in the 1920 Antwerp Games, and also won gold at the 1932 Lake Placid Games in the team bobsled event. The U.S. Olympic Committee announced the 530 member 2012 U.S. Olympic Team on July 10, 2012.

The oldest and youngest Olympians on the 2012 Olympic Team – equestrian athlete Karen O’Connor, 54, and swimmer Katie Ledecky, 15

Tyson Chandler checks -in as the tallest member of Team USA at 7 feet, 1 inch, and at 4 feet, 11 inches, three athletes are tied as the shortest members of Team USA – diver Katie Bell, wrestler Clarissa Chun and gymnast Gabby Douglas.

### Women and Olympics

At the first modern Olympic Games in Athens 1896, no women competed, as de Coubertin felt that their inclusion would be "impractical, uninteresting, unaesthetic, and incorrect." Women participated

for the first time at the 1900 Paris Games with the inclusion of women's events in lawn tennis and golf. Women's athletics and gymnastics debuted at the 1928 Olympics. Over time more women's events were added. In 2012, women's boxing was introduced, resulting in no remaining sports that do not include events for

### Quiz

In which year USA boycotted the Olympic games?

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Michael Phelps

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## Selected Articles

25 Amazing athletes overage: Read on and be inspired! *The Saturday evening post*  
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vol:284 iss:3 pg:44

The 2012 Olympics: assessing the public health effect. *Lancet*  
Wellings, Kaye yr:2011 vol:378  
iss: 9797 pg:1193 -1195

Capital values: The 2012 Olympics. *The Economist (US)*, July 23, 2011, Vol.400(8743), p.26 (US)

A historical perspective of the Paralympic Games.(Report). *Journal of Physical Education, Recreation & Dance.* DePauw, Karen yr:2012  
vol:83 iss:3 pg:21.

A Leg Up On Life. *Runner's world* [0897-1706] yr:2011  
vol:46 iss:7 pg:021.

A need to align the modern games with the modern times. *Case Western Reserve law review* Cleary, Jennifer yr:2011  
vol:61 iss:4 pg:1285

### Olympics in USA

1904 : St. Louis  
1932 : Los Angeles  
1984 : Los Angeles  
1996 : Atlanta

### Olympics and Social Media

Social Media, Blogging and Internet Guidelines for 2012



The Olympic Athletes' Hub

### eJournalUSA



eJournal USA: Sports Strengthen Communities

Titles from ebrary

<http://elibraryusa.state.gov/>



### Beware!

Malicious E-Mail Attachment on Olympics Making Rounds on the Internet. Bits, Blog entry. A

schedule of the 2012 London Olympics has been circulating on the Internet that, alas, is not a schedule, but a Chinese cyber attack. The advice:



When anyone tells me I can't do anything, I'm just not listening any more.

*Florence Griffith Joyner*

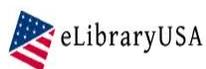
I swam my brains out.

*- Mark Spitz*



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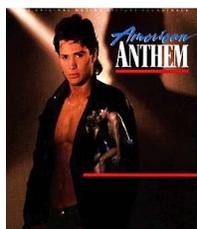
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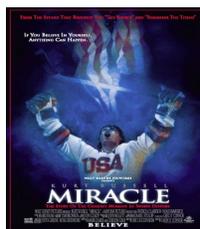
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## Useful Websites

[American College of Sports Medicine](#)

[Empowering Women and Girls through Sports](#)

[International Olympic Committee](#)

[Let's Move](#)

[London 2012 Games](#)

[Official 2012 Website](#)

[Team USA](#)

[2012 Team USA roster by sport](#)

[Sports Medicine](#)

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[Track Town USA](#)

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First lady Michelle Obama, surrounded by Team USA athletes on May 14, announced a new **Let's Move** partnership with the U.S. Olympic Committee.

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