



VALLEY UNITED STRIDERS ALL STAR TEAM

VYC Parents, Friends and Families,

Welcome to the 2011 Valley Youth Conference Track & Field season. We have an exciting season in store for you, beginning with our first track meet on March 26; continuing through mid-season. The conference will come together for our annual Valley United Invitational April 16th & 17th and culminate our season with the Individual Event Championship (IEC) May 21.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the VYC official post-season All Star Team; the VALLEY UNITED STRIDERS (VUNS). Born in 2000, Valley United has served as a vehicle for the top athletes of the VYC to unite together and compete locally and nationally.

The Valley United Striders compete in the USA Track & Field circuit. USATF offers a much higher level of competition than our own Valley Youth Conference, locally, regionally and nationally. Locally, we compete in the Southern California Association of USATF. Regionally we compete in Region 15, which includes Southern California, San Diego, and Las Vegas. Region 15 is one of the top three regions in the United States. Nationally, we compete at the USATF Junior Olympics, the highest level of competition in the country.

Over the past decade Valley United has proven itself to be a dominating force locally and a nationally recognized power house. Valley United has produced many National Champions, broken and set Records, and won National Team Titles. Just this past season one of our Youth Boys Amir Ali Patterson brought home three National Titles in Shot Put and Discus. Amir was also awarded SCA highest honor; the Youth Boys Athlete of the Year! Also bringing home the gold was our Midget Boys 4x100 relay (Morris Bowman, Deonte Perry, Austin Lietz and Darren Cruz).

This year our season begins Monday May 23rd. Our first track meet is the LA Jets Invitational (not mandatory, but highly recommended) May 27, 28 & 29. On June 10, 11 & 12 the USATF Southern California Association meet will be held at Cerritos College. The top eight finishers from this meet advance to the Region 15 Championship meet on June 24 & 25 in San Diego, Ca. The top eight athletes from San Diego and Las Vegas areas will also be at the Regional meet. The top five athletes and relay teams will advance to the Junior Olympics, this year held on July 26 - July 31, at Cessna Stadium, Wichita State University - Wichita, KS. More information about the above mentioned meets can be found on our web-site listed below.

As we turn the corner and enter our second decade, it is my goal as your new President to continue the level of excellence set forth by our previous President. We are always striving towards making the transition between Valley Youth Conference competition and USATF competition easier for all involved. We welcome everyone to the Valley United Striders and look forward to an awesome and exciting season. Please visit our web-site at www.valleyunitedstriders.com click VYC Parents for more information.

Thank you,

Daniel Jordan Sr.
President, Valley United Striders