



# PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA NEWS

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## **Paralyzed Veterans to Participate in Junior Wheelchair Sports Camp**

Denver, Colorado — The Paralyzed Veterans of America Mountain States Chapter (MSCPVA) is excited to be involved in this year's Colorado Junior Wheelchair Sports Camp (CJWSC), which will be held at Gateway High School in Aurora, Colorado from June 8-12, 2009. The camp is designed for physically disabled children who use a wheelchair to compete in sports.

This year, there will be nearly 125 kids from Colorado, Kansas and Wyoming, in grades 1 -12, competing in over 10 sport activities, including tennis, basketball, archery, rugby, power soccer and Frisbee golf to name a few. The CJWSC allows for disabled youth to experience a day camp similar to their able-bodied peers.

Mary Carpenter, who has been coordinating this event since 1984, continues to do so for the love of the children and what the camp contributes to their lives. She said that the camp allows for kids to see other kids using wheelchairs and be able to compete in sports and succeed. It is also rewarding for Ms. Carpenter to see former campers return later in life and become counselors to the younger participants.

"It is great to be involved in this event again this year," said Mr. James W. Sack, MSCPVA President. "We've been supporters for many, many years and look forward to taking on an even larger role in future camps."

In addition to MSCPVA's contributions, organizations such as the Daniels Fund, Zachry Engineering and the Spina-Bifida Association have generously supported this great event through sponsorships and volunteering their time. Local community based organizations help supply the necessary equipment. MSCPVA is grateful to have the opportunity to get more involved in this incredible program as it continues to grow.

MSCPVA focuses on improving the quality of life of paralyzed veterans and all individuals with physical disabilities through sports and recreational activities. Participating in a sport helps a person physically, emotionally and socially. Expanding opportunities in wheelchair sports and recreation enhance a lifetime of health and fitness.

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*The Mountain States Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, a veterans service organization, was established in 1955 and serves paralyzed veterans in Colorado, Montana, Wyoming and Utah, all of whom have catastrophic paralysis caused by spinal cord injury or disease. A Public Service Announcement made for PVA is available from the chapter. To learn more about MSCPVA visit our web site at: [www.mscpva.org](http://www.mscpva.org).*