



## 2011 National Veterans Wheelchair Games

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
August 1 - 6, 2011  
[www.wheelchairgames.va.gov](http://www.wheelchairgames.va.gov)

### What are the National Veterans Wheelchair Games?

- The National Veterans Wheelchair Games is the largest annual wheelchair sports event in the world.
- From August 1-6, 2011, more than 500 military Veterans, all wheelchair users, will be in Pittsburgh for a week of competition in 17 different medal events including track and field, swimming, weightlifting and basketball.
- Games are presented each year by Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA), and demonstrate both organizations' mission to care for and rehabilitate Veterans.
- **Like serving our great Nation, the National Veterans Wheelchair Games are not just about the medals - they're about taking part in life.**

### Athletes' Messages

- "From quad rugby to handcycling, power soccer to wheelchair slalom, the National Veterans Wheelchair Games are an exciting combination of competition, camaraderie, and courage."
- "Attending the Games for the very first time changed my life."
- "It is important that VA and PVA give us this opportunity, especially for newly injured Veterans, to get involved in wheelchair sports."
- "Because of the introduction to wheelchair sports that I got at these Games, I went on to become an accomplished wheelchair athlete."
- **It is our goal to have VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System and Keystone PVA well represented at our Games and to host a very rewarding experience for the athletes. Please help spread the word to potential participants.**

### Volunteers

- Roughly four volunteers are required for every athlete. In other words, over two thousand volunteers help make the Games possible. Hundreds of residents will also take part as *fans in the stands* to cheer the athletes on.
- Volunteers are needed to help with each athletic event, equipment set-up, registration, transportation, athlete meals, hospitality and many other areas.
- If you would like to volunteer, or become involved in this exciting event, there are lots of opportunities. **Please contact Karen Cinnamon in the Games Volunteer Office at (412) 822-3096 to help.**



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### Funding

- The Games are primarily funded with a combination of money donated to VA and from PVA's extensive corporate sponsor program.
- Community businesses and local fundraising efforts add to the experience and enable many of the teams and participants to come to the Games each year.
- Our local organizing group is responsible for raising approximately \$300,000. Your contributions would be greatly appreciated.
- Monetary donations should be sent to the Keystone Paralyzed Veterans of America, Attn: James Riemer, Vice President, 1113 Main Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15215. **Please help us to make this event a showcase and the best Games ever for our Veterans!**

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