

Freedom Valley YMCA taps Olympian Shannon Miller to be Keynote Speaker for 2009 National Championships

The Daniel J. Detwiler Phoenixville Branch of the Freedom Valley YMCA Girls Gymnastics Team is busy preparing for the 2009 National Championships which they will be hosting at the United Sports Training Center in Downingtown, from June 23-27, 2009. They are very excited to announce that Shannon Miller has been secured as the Keynote Speaker for the Opening Ceremonies.

“We are thrilled that Shannon was available for our meet”, said Head Coach Murdina Misson. “Not only is she a two time Olympian, but she is also a member of the Olympic Hall of Fame. Her portfolio also includes extensive experience as an analyst and commentator for many national and international meets for elite gymnasts. Most importantly for our event, though, is the fact that Shannon is a sought after motivational speaker whose platform is to help young people to set goals and overcome obstacles to

achieve success.”

At the Opening Ceremonies, Shannon will be challenging the girls to do their best, adhering to the YMCA core values: Respect, Honesty, Caring, and Responsibility. She will also be available to sign autographs, pose for pictures with the athletes, and to answer questions.

Between 1000-1500 gymnasts from throughout the country are expected to travel to Chester County to be a part of this competition. The YMCA is looking for volunteers, sponsors, and vendors to be a part of this exciting venture. The volunteers need not have a gymnastics background, just an interest in helping our community and seeing a national level competition.

For more information about the 2009 National Championship, contact Kelly Burton at the Phoenixville YMCA at 610-933-5861 or kburton@fvymca.org.

