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## **350 West Michigan kids can't wait for the 2008 Olympics to start, so they're starting their own!**

**Belmont, Mich.** - The Wolverine World Wide Family YMCA in Belmont will be overrun with between 300 and 400 kids as they kick off opening ceremonies for their version of the 2008 Olympic Games.

Approximately 400 kids from 5 to 12 years old will be participating in a variety of sporting activities in honor of the 2008 Olympic Games. Discus and javelin throw, water balloon toss, shot put, sponge relay and the ever-popular scavenger hunt relay will all be a part of the mock 2008 international event.

Who: 300 to 400 kids ranging in age from 5 to 12 years old

What: The Olympic Theme Field Day from 9:45 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Wolverine World Wide Family YMCA 6555 Jupiter Ave N.E. Belmont, MI

When: Athletes Parade opening ceremonies begin at 9:45 a.m. on Thursday, July 24, 2008

**Note:** The event will take place in a huge field adjacent to the Wolverine World Wide Family YMCA. You can easily park your news vehicles and live trucks near the event. **This event will make for a great live shot.**

Contact: Rick Kamel at 312-775-8399 for live truck parking and Olympic Theme Field Day event map.

### **Background:**

Founded in 1866, the YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids is composed of eight branches that serve 95,173 residents in the Greater Grand Rapids community. YMCA core programs include: aquatics, child care, health and wellness, arts and humanities, and youth/adult sports. All program curricula are structured to develop the YMCA's core values of Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility. The vision of the YMCA is to be the community leader in building strong kids, strong families, and strong communities. Visit [www.grymca.org](http://www.grymca.org)

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