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PRAIRIE GAMES

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CHARLESTON, IL--After sponsoring the East Central Illinois Special Olympics on April 29, with its all-time high of 320 participants, Eastern Illinois University's College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation is hosting another fitness testing event. This time its the preliminary competition for four sports of the 1988 Prairie State Games.

Eastern is supporting Region 6 for the tryouts. The prominent cities in this region are Bloomington-Normal, Champaign-Urbana, Charleston, Kankakee, Ottawa and Pontiac.

Soccer tryouts were Saturday (May 21). Cizo Mosina, Eastern's soccer coach, and Joe Kovacs are the coaches for the Prairie State Games.

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Weightlifting tryouts will be held at the O'Brien Stadium weight room June 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Kevin Wold, a member of Eastern's Faculty, and Don Typer will be the coaches.

Tryouts for archery will be Saturday, June 25 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Coaches are Gene and Shirley Henning.

Swimming tryouts will be held at Lantz Pool the same day, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Coaches are Bob Loy, Connie Walker and Jo Grogen.

The Prairie State Games are conducting preliminary competition in each of the eight regions during the months of May, June and July with 3,000 winners going on to participate in the final competition at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, July 20 through July 23.

Participants who live in one region and attend an accredited academic institution in another region may enter the Prairie State Games in either region but not both.

The purpose of the Prairie State Games is to "encourage wholesome athletic competition among residents of the State of Illinois, particularly the youth, and foster incentive for the improvement of athletic activities in the state of Illinois."

Dr. Carol Pyles, Dean of Eastern's College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, indicated that hosting events such as Special Olympics and the Prairie State Games is part of the College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation's mission to provide service-oriented activities to improve the quality of life to the citizens of Illinois.

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A recent Carnegie Commission Report studying higher education emphasized the responsibility of universities to provide such opportunities which develop an appreciation for the value of healthful living concepts and wholesome leisure activities.