

## **PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT For Immediate Release**

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### **2009 JCCCNC Track Meet**

*SAN FRANCISCO (June 4, 2009)* – The 2009 Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCCNC) Track Meet will be held on Sunday, June 28, 2009 at Palo Alto High School.

With fun and healthy activities for all ages, your entire family, team or class can participate in a variety of track and field events at the Palo Alto High School Track.



Bring lunch and picnic with your family and friends to make it a full day of fun in the sun. Sign up your whole team, class or family! Win a \$75 Target gift card for the largest group or family! Events will be held in eight age divisions, ranging from those 6 years and under to a Masters Division for those 30 and older. The day begins with registration at 8:30 a.m., and events kicking off at 9:00 a.m. Palo Alto High School Track is located at 50 Embarcadero Road in Palo Alto.

A San Francisco father said, “My three year-old daughter ran in the 25 meter dash last year and still talks about it. She’s been practicing on her own for the 25 meter again! She can’t wait to participate again. She’s also looking forward to the softball throw and soccer kick.”

Entry fee is only \$10 per person, regardless of the number of events entered and also includes a commemorative event t-shirt.



Practices for San Francisco will be held on June 16, 18, 23 and 25 from 6:30-7:45 p.m. at the George Washington High School located at 30<sup>th</sup> and Anza Streets. Practices are also scheduled to be held on the Peninsula and in San Jose. For more

information about San Francisco practices, please call Craig Hamakawa at (415) 505-1654. For information about Peninsula practices, call Michelle Nieda at (650) 948-4664 and for San Jose practice information contact Tom Oshidari at (408) 257-5609.

The deadline to enter is Wednesday, June 17. To download an entry form, visit the JCCCNC website at <http://www.jcccnc.org/events/apr-jun.htm#track>. For more information, call Jennifer Hamamoto at the JCCCNC at (415) 567-5505, ext. 227, or e-mail [jhamamoto@jcccnc.org](mailto:jhamamoto@jcccnc.org).

### **History of the Track Meet**

This year marks the fourth year that the JCCCNC has hosted the track meet. This event has its roots in the San Francisco JAACL Nisei Olympics, first held in 1953. Many of the recent event's organizers had participated in the Japanese YMCA Nisei Olympics, held successfully for about a decade until Japanese Americans were forced to evacuate in 1942 due to World War II.

Throughout its long history, the event was held at numerous locations, including Kezar Stadium in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco State University's Cox Stadium, Skyline College and Chabot College in Hayward, among others.

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### **About JCCCNC**

Envisioned by the Japanese American community, JCCCNC will be an everlasting foundation of our Japanese American ancestry, cultural heritage, histories and

traditions. The JCCCNC strives to meet the evolving needs of the Japanese American community through programs, affordable services and administrative support and facilities for other local service organizations. The JCCCNC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit community center based in San Francisco.