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Seniors Can Now Sign Up for 2009 Oklahoma Senior Games

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Men and women age 50 and older can now sign up for the 2009 Oklahoma Senior Games to be held in Tulsa from October 1 – 10. The State Games, hosted by City of Tulsa Parks and presented by Gold Medallion Senior Housing & Health Care, will feature 21 sports including basketball, tennis, bowling, track & field, croquet, 10km run, pickleball, badminton, cycling, table tennis, swimming, shuffleboard, and more. Archery competition will be held on Saturday, Sept. 12, in Oklahoma City.

Athletes can sign up online at www.oklahomaseniorgames.org. Entry fee for the 2009 Oklahoma Senior Games is \$38 through August 14. After that date, the fee will be \$43. Final entry deadline is September 1. Anyone 50 years of age on or before December 31, 2009 is eligible to enter. Out-of-state athletes are welcome to participate. All OSG entrants will receive a free T-shirt.

Participants will compete in age groups: Singles: 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85+. Doubles/Teams: 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75+, 80+.

An Opening Gala will be held Thursday, Oct. 1, at the Greenwood Cultural Center, 322 N. Greenwood Ave. in Tulsa from 6 to 9 p.m. The free event for registered OSG participants will include dinner, dancing to a live band – “After Dark”, OSG Board Silent Auction, and the opportunity to socialize with other athletes. Also scheduled is a special Casino Night at the new River Spirit Casino in Tulsa on Tuesday, Oct. 6, from 6 to 11 p.m.

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The Crowne Plaza Hotel, 100 E. 2nd St. (Downtown Tulsa) is offering a special \$69 per night room rate plus free parking for Oklahoma Senior Games participants. Those interested should call 918-582-9000 and ask for the “Oklahoma Senior Games” special room rate.

Sports specific information, rules and regulations as well as online registration are available at www.oklahomaseniorgames.org.

Entry forms also can be obtained by emailing a request to Sue Price, Games Coordinator, at sprice@cityoftulsa.org, or by calling 918-596-2527.

Tulsa Parks will host the Oklahoma Senior Games again in 2010 which will be a qualifying event for the 2011 National Senior Games to be held in Houston, Texas. The Oklahoma Senior Games is the only sanctioned qualifying senior games in Oklahoma and is a charter member of the National Senior Games Association. Dana Brown, Oklahoma Senior Games Executive Director, also serves as the Chairperson of the National Senior Games Association Board of Directors.