



USA Deaf Sports Federation

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USADSF TO HOST NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA

Proceeds to support USA Team to Summer Deaflympics in Taipei, Taiwan

SIoux FALLS, SD: The USA Deaf Sports Federation is hosting a New Year's Eve Gala to kick off the Deaflympic year in style! On December 31, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. athletes, coaches, staff and other supporters of Deaflympians will ring in 2009 at a fundraising Gala at the Admiral Fell Inn in Baltimore, Maryland.

At the Gala, a full floor featuring music by Deaf M Productions and entertainment by Warren "Wawa" Snipe and a spectacular fireworks display at the Inner Harbor in downtown Baltimore is sure to dazzle the revelers. "The night will be filled with endless fun," said Gala coordinator Brianne Burger.

Tickets are priced at \$100 per person for admission, including unlimited food and drink (alcoholic/non-alcoholic). There are also two other pricing options, \$80 for two hours of open bar and champagne at midnight and \$50 for people who prefer not to drink alcohol and for people who are under 21. Appetizers will be provided for all party attendees.

There will be a raffle at midnight, featuring prizes from a variety of businesses that have donated towards the Gala.

"We are excited to kick off the march towards the Summer Deaflympics, and there's no better way to do it than to party it up on New Year's Eve with us," said Burger.

There is no deadline to purchase tickets, Burger adds. "It is recommended that people buy tickets sooner than later." Tickets can be purchased by mailing a check or money order payable to USADSF to Chris Kaftan, 19117 Broadwater Way, Gaithersburg, MD 20879. **Once payment has been received, the money is non-refundable.** If people wish to make hotel reservations, Admiral Fell Inn has a discounted rate for rooms at \$139 per night. Attendees can book rooms at www.harbormagic.com.

For more information about the Gala, contact Burger at burger@usdeafsports.org. Further details can also be found from the USADSF website at <http://www.usdeafsports.org>.

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