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### **Travel Salem Pins Down 2009 West Coast World Championship Youth Wrestling Tournament**

SALEM, ORE. — Travel Salem has secured the 2009 West Coast World Championship Wrestling Tournament hosted by Rocky Mountain Nationals (RMN). This event will take place at the Oregon State Fair & Expo Center on December 11-12, 2009 with nearly 1,500 K-8th grade participants from across the country hitting the mats for the first time in Salem.

“We’ve looked forward to bringing a National Wrestling Event to this area for several years,” said RMN Events Director Ed Gutierrez. “This will be special for not only the great state of Oregon, but all of us at RMN Events.”

Since 1999, RMN has been hosting some of the largest and most successful tournaments for young wrestlers. RMN Events mission is to promote wrestling and ensure lasting rewards for youth which include: 1) Athletic rigor within a spirit of fair competition; 2) Self-discipline and perseverance through training; 3) Leadership and team-building skills; and 4) Lasting friendships and memorable experiences. Through sportsmanship and related tournament activities, Rocky Mountain Nationals encourages friendships, strengthens families and fosters good citizenship.

The tournament is open to wrestlers from ages 5 – 15 & under. RMN Events offers up to 16 weights in each age division. Registration is now open, visit [www.rockymountainnationals.com](http://www.rockymountainnationals.com) for more information.

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