

**2009 AAU SCHOLASTIC DUALS AT WALT DISNEY'S
WIDE WORLD OF SPORT COMPLEX:
"GROWING BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER"**

If you are a schoolboy wrestler looking to measure yourself against some of the nation's top wrestling talent, you need look no further than Orlando, Florida during the six-day period from June 21-26, 2009. The ultimate endurance test brings quality teams and wrestlers from across the nation to America's vacation capitol to participate in the highly-competitive and ever-improving AAU Scholastic Duals.

The Executive Committee of AAU Wrestling has elected to expand the 2009 "Disney Duals" from 101 teams in 2008 to 150 next year. The expansion of the "Duals" was made possible with the completion of construction of the new Josten's Center, an all-sport facility comparable in size to the Milk House with the capability of offering another 16 mats for competition. Next year, the 150 teams will bring over 2700 wrestlers to the two Disney's Wide World of Sports® facilities on 32 mats in four divisions.

The 12th annual AAU Scholastic Duals attracted 37 teams in the District (or All-Star) Division while the Community Division attracted 64 teams, 45 in Division I (large school division) and 19 teams Division II (small school division) respectively. The 101 competing teams provided a high water mark for number of teams, up 11 from 2007. Hopefully, the quality of competition and the attraction to Walt Disney World will attract.

The District Division is made of all-star wrestlers from district, regions and states, AAU associations and other individual from geographic locations in close proximity. The champions from the District Division each year are highly-skilled and are normally made of many, many multi-year state placewinners and state champions.

The Community Division has divided into two separate competitive groups: Division I - large school division and Division II - small school division. The Community Division Teams are made of wrestlers from one high school with no more than three wrestlers from outside the school. The Community Division is divided by school enrollments, but a school classified as a small division school (Division II) may opt to compete in Division I.

Finally, the AAU Wrestling Executive Committee is pleased and excited to announce the addition of a District (All-Star) junior varsity division to expand from three divisions to four next year. The qualifications for participating in this division include the competing wrestlers must have wrestled junior varsity during the 2008 – 2009 season and ***DID NOT*** participate in the high school state qualifying tournament series.

In the opinion of AAU personnel, these critical additions to the AAU Scholastic Duals will make it the nation's feature scholastic folkstyle event and will attract teams and individuals from across the United States to trek to America's vacation capitol to measure them against the toughest competition available.