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## News Release

### Olympic Day To Be Celebrated June 18<sup>th</sup> at WakeMed Soccer Park with 2008 Olympian MeChelle Lewis

Cary, N.C.—MeChelle Lewis, track and field Olympian, will be on hand for the Olympic Day Fun Run, celebrated June 18<sup>th</sup> and hosted by the Triangle Sports Commission at WakeMed Soccer Park prior to the Carolina Railhawks game versus Tampa Bay.

Kids ages 3 to 18 are invited to participate in this free event at 5 p.m. on June 18<sup>th</sup>. The Olympic Day Fun Run will take place on the WakeMed Soccer Park practice field, and will be grouped based on age. Distances will also vary by age but are designed to be easily manageable for all participants. Each participant will receive an official commemorative Olympic Day participant certificate from the International Olympic Committee. Following the Olympic Day Fun Run, MeChelle Lewis will sign autographs at WakeMed Soccer Park. During a pre-game ceremony at the Railhawks game, all Olympic Day Fun Run participants will be honored on the field.

Olympic Day is a worldwide commemoration of Baron Pierre de Coubertin's June 23, 1894, convening of the first International Olympic Committee (IOC) meeting at the Sorbonne in Paris, and the founding of the Modern Olympic Games. National Olympic Committees (NOCs) throughout the world will also participate in the international celebration, with each Olympic Committee sending Olympic Day greetings to participating nations.

#### **About MeChelle Lewis**

After running a personal best of 10.97 at the Olympic Trials, MeChelle Lewis made her Olympic debut in 2008, at the Beijing Olympics. Before competing in the Olympics, this Maryland native had a noteworthy career, finishing fifth in the 2007 United States Track and Field National Championship and then competing at the 2007 World Championships. Lewis was a three-time All-American at the University of South Carolina, and one of the American Advertising Federation's Top 25 Most Promising Minorities in Advertising. Currently, Lewis is a professional track and field sprinter, and resides in Cary, N.C. For more on MeChelle Lewis, visit her website at [www.MeChelleLewis.com](http://www.MeChelleLewis.com)

#### **About the Triangle Sports Commission**

Incorporated in 2001, the Triangle Sports Commission is a North Carolina charitable non-profit organization and an all-volunteer sports commission serving the Triangle region. The TSC led the Triangle's recruitment effort for the relocation of USA Baseball from Arizona that resulted in USA Baseball's new headquarters at Durham Bulls Athletic Park and their National Training Complex at

Thomas Brooks Park in Cary. In 2008, the TSC hosted the Lenovo Olympic Celebration featuring 31 Olympic athletes, where Jim Scherr, CEO of the U.S. Olympic Committee, announced the TSC as the USOC's newest Community Olympic Partner. Most recently, USA Table Tennis selected the Triangle Sports Commission to host the U.S. and North American Olympic Trials in 2012 in Cary, North Carolina. For more information on the Triangle Sports Commission, visit [www.trianglesportscommission.com](http://www.trianglesportscommission.com).