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# Press Release

## **Triangle Sports Commission to Host U.S. and Canadian Olympic Teams at Bound for Beijing Banquet July 31st**



**Cary, NC, July 7, 2008:** On July 31<sup>st</sup>, the Triangle Sports Commission will host the Bound for Beijing Banquet honoring the United States and Canada Olympic Baseball Teams. The two teams will be in the Triangle to play four games prior to departing for Beijing, China on August 5<sup>th</sup>. The Bound for Beijing Banquet is a unique opportunity to see the teams up close and personal, welcome them to North Carolina, and wish them luck as they journey to China to represent their countries in the XXIX Summer Olympic Games.

The Bound for Beijing Banquet will be held at the Embassy Suites in Cary at 6:30 p.m. on July 31<sup>st</sup>. The entire rosters of the U.S. and Canadian teams will be present, as well as USA team manager Davey Johnson and USA team general manager Bob Watson, both of whom own World Series rings from their Major League Baseball careers. Tickets will go on sale to the general public on July 7<sup>th</sup> at [www.trianglesportscommission.com](http://www.trianglesportscommission.com).

"We are very excited about this opportunity to host our Olympic Baseball team, and our Olympic guests from Canada, too," said Hill Carrow, the Triangle Sports Commission's Volunteer CEO. "During our recruitment of USA Baseball to the area, the Olympic connection was an important part of the motivation, so to see that come to fruition is very rewarding."

"This will be one of the few opportunities for Triangle residents to visit with our Olympians in a relatively intimate environment," said Paul Seiler, USA Baseball CEO. "It can make cheering for America's team during the Beijing Games even more meaningful when you have a chance to meet the players personally."

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Sponsors of the event include the Cary Chamber of Commerce, Cary Economic Development, Embassy Suites Raleigh-Durham/Research Triangle, Greater Raleigh Convention & Visitors Bureau, 99.9 The Fan, and the Durham Bulls.

Sponsorship opportunities still exist and are an excellent way for your company to show your support of these top Olympic teams, the Olympic movement, and Olympic and amateur sports. For details on sponsorship please contact Faryn Driscoll at [fdriscoll@trianglesportscommission.com](mailto:fdriscoll@trianglesportscommission.com) or 919-678-1651.

**About the Triangle Sports Commission:** Incorporated in 2001 as a North Carolina non-profit organization, the Triangle Sports Commission is 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 and secured local partnerships valued at over \$13 million among the City of Durham, Town of Cary, and the Durham Bulls that resulted in USA Baseball's new headquarters and major international games at Durham Bulls Athletic Park and their National Training Complex at Thomas Brooks Park in Cary. The TSC focuses on Olympic and amateur sports and this fall will host a major celebration of North Carolina Olympians.

**About USA Baseball:** USA Baseball is the National Governing Body for the sport of baseball and represents the sport in America as a member of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and the International Baseball Federation (IBAF). USA Baseball is responsible for promoting and developing the game of baseball on the grassroots level, both nationally and internationally. As the commissioner's office for amateur baseball, USA Baseball is a resource center for its various membership groups, fans, and players. Virtually every major national amateur baseball organization in America is united as a USA Baseball National Member. As a result, USA Baseball governs more than 12 million amateur players in ballparks and playgrounds throughout the country.