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Win a Trip for Two to the 2012 Olympic Games in London

OKLAHOMA CITY – September 19, 2011 The OKCBF is providing the chance to win a trip for two to the 2012 Olympic Games in London, thanks to the generous sponsorship of OKC Boathouse Foundation Board Member Ann Lacy. This exclusive opportunity, put together by Ludus Tours, is a seven day, six night package valued at \$12,800. Tickets to win this experience cost \$100 and are on sale now. The winner will be drawn at the blu VIP Party on Thursday, Sept. 29.

An annual fundraiser and one of the fall's premier social events, proceeds from this year's blu Party will support Olympic hopeful athletes as they train for the 2012 Olympics. blu tickets are \$75 each or two for \$125 and are available online at blu2011.org. Guests will meet the athletes and the lucky trip winners will join them in London.

The custom-created hospitality and accommodation package combines London culture with Olympic fanfare from August 1-7. The package includes:

- 4-star hotel accommodations in London City Center
- Group guide support from Ludus Tours staff
- "Meet & Greet" session with Olympic Athletes from your favorite sports
- OKCBF Welcome Reception
- Group dinner with OKCBF VIPs
- Guided sightseeing tours of London attractions
- Private airport transfers
- Transportation to/from and tickets to competition venues (canoe slalom, canoe sprint and rowing events)
- Daily Breakfast
- Gift bag with Olympic memorabilia and active wear

This package does not include airfare; however group travel can be coordinated or you can book individually.

The winners of the Olympic trip will get to cheer on Team USA and the OKC athletes who make the Olympic team in 2012. This year, 23 rowers and four kayakers who train at the OKC National High Performance Center made the senior nation team in their respective sports and competed at the FISA World Rowing Championships and ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships.

Already, the USA has qualified crews to compete in rowing and kayaking events at the 2012 Olympic Games in London. The men's pair was one of eight boats the USA qualified during the 2011 Rowing World Championships. The duo of Justin Stangel and Tom Peszek, who train at the Oklahoma City National High Performance Center, advanced the boat for the USA. In the whitewater canoe slalom events, the USA will be sending both a men's and women's single. Additional slalom and flat water canoe sprint athletes will look to qualify their boats for America at next month's Pan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico October 14-30. A last chance rowing qualifier takes place in May 2012 when the USA will look to qualify additional crews.

For more information or to purchase tickets visit oklahomariverevents.org/Olympic-trip or contact Teri Pierce at tpierce@okcbf.org or (405) 552-4040.

The OKC Boathouse Foundation promotes the use and development of the Oklahoma River as a world-class urban aquatic venue and provides access to rowing, kayaking and fitness programs for people of all ages and abilities. OKCBF programs pursue the highest goals of sports and embrace the principles of the Olympic spirit, which inspire athletes to work toward personal excellence, embrace the power of teamwork, and practice respect for all people and the environment. To learn more or get involved, call (405) 552-4040 or visit okcbf.org.

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