

**PA Youth at the
USATF Youth Cross Country Junior Olympic Nationals
Saturday, December 9, 2006 in Spokane Valley, WA**

Over 2,300 athletes competed on Saturday, December 9, 2006 in Spokane Valley, WA in the USATF Youth Cross Country Junior Olympic Nationals. The Pacific Association was well represented in every age group bracket. The best racing conditions occurred during the Bantam Girls race with the sun peaking out from behind the clouds and temperatures in the mid-30s. As the Youth Girls were led to the starting line for their final stride out the first snow started to fall. Snow quickly turned to rain and then sleet. A slippery, muddy course soon evolved and in the Youth Boys race there was a 30-boy pile up and several lost their shoes. Youth Boy Jeroen Keukenkamp (Buffalo Chips) was expected to be an All American but his shoe was spiked off in the first 200m and he kept running without it and still finished the race. By the Young Men's race the temperatures had dropped to 32 degrees within continuing intermittent rain. Through it all the youth athletes excelled and many placed in the Top 25 earning All American status.

Individual Scores

Age Group	Place	Name	Club	Distance	Time
Bantam Girls	8	Christine Bayliss	Unattached	3K	11:42.29
Bantam Girls	13	Danielle Nivinski	Roseville Express	3K	12:01.74
Bantam Girls	22	Eleanor Velez	Buffalo Chips	3K	12:12.12
Bantam Boys	11	Ryan Colaco	Pleasanton Heat	3K	11:21.99
Bantam Boys	15	Lee Skinner	Buffalo Chips	3K	11:26.49
Midget Boys	14	Evan Baxter	Buffalo Chips	3K	10:42.04
Midget Boys	15	Theo Carter	Pleasanton Heat	3K	10:42.32
Youth Girls	7	Tiffany Heflin	Silver State Striders	4K	15:06.16
Youth Girls	11	Melissa Hopper	Los Gatos AA	4K	15:14.20
Youth Girls	19	Sara Howard	Silver State Striders	4K	15:21.74
Youth Girls	20	Demery Kirsch	Silver State Striders	4K	15:23.09
Youth Girls	22	Corissa Storms	Unattached	4K	15:28.72
Intermediate Girls	1	Jacque Taylor	Santa Rosa Express	5K	18:10.74
Intermediate Girls	2	Kelsey Smith	Unattached	5K	18:11.52
Intermediate Girls	9	Stephanie Barnett	Los Gatos	5K	18:54.04
Intermediate Girls	20	Rebecca Hbetamu	Pacific United	5K	19:11.89
Intermediate Boys	5	Bryan Tibaduiza	Silver State Striders	5K	16:19.41
Young Women	11	Merie Paddeck	Buffalo Chips	5K	20:11.88
Young Men	4	Andrew Peabody	Buffalo Chips	5K	16:07.56
Young Men	8	Cristian Morinico	Roseville Express	5K	16:12.95
Young Men	17	Colin Bauer	Buffalo Chips	5K	16:32.24

Team Scores

Bantam Girls

- Roseville Express TC (7th place)
- Pleasanton Heat (13th place)

Bantam Boys

- Pleasanton Heat (8th place)

Midget Girls

- Buffalo Chips (8th place)
- Tony Williams TC (11th place)

Midget Boys

- Pleasanton Heat (6th place)
- Roseville Express TC (9th place)
- Buffalo Chips (16th place)

Youth Girls

- Los Gatos AA TC (6th place)
- Pleasanton Heat (18th place)

Youth Boys

- Los Gatos AA TC (12th place)
- Pleasanton Heat (19th place)

Intermediate Girls

- Pacific United (5th place)

Intermediate Boys

- Pride Track Cub (15th place)