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**CVB to host Inaugural Louisiana State Games**

**MONROE-WEST MONROE, LA-** The Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau (MWMCVB) and presenting sponsor Centurylink are proud to announce the Inaugural Louisiana State Games (LSG) will take place May 10-31, 2014, in Monroe-West Monroe.

The LSG is a sports festival created for Louisiana's amateur athletes and is a member of the National Congress of State Games. Similar to the International Olympics, the festival will consist of at least 10 sports providing Louisiana's amateur athletes, of all ages and skill levels, a meaningful opportunity to participate in a true amateur sport competition.

"We are proud to be chosen as the permanent host location for the Louisiana State Games," Scott Bruscato, Senior VP of Sales at the MWMCVB, said. "Each year, this event will bring athletes from around the state and region to our area to compete in over 10 different sports."

Events in the 2014 LSG include a 5K road race, 3D archery, baseball, softball, boxing, beach volleyball, junior golf, 65+ combo tennis, BMX racing, track & field, boys & girls basketball, and disc golf.

The LSG serves as a qualifier for the State Games of America, which takes place every 2 years. All medal winners from a sanctioned state games competition is eligible to compete in the State Games of America.

Competition is open to residents of the state of Louisiana who have lived here at least 30 days and who meet the requirements of the individual sport. Residents from Arkansas are also eligible to compete, since there is no sanctioned state games event in Arkansas.

Registration information and forms can be found on the LSG's website, [www.louisianastategames.com](http://www.louisianastategames.com).

For more information about the LSG, contact Scott Bruscato, Louisiana State Games Director, at (318) 387-5691 or [sbruscato@monroe-westmonroe.org](mailto:sbruscato@monroe-westmonroe.org).

For more information about the National Congress of State Games, visit [www.stategames.org](http://www.stategames.org).

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