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YMCA Gymnastics Team off to USAG State

Warsaw, Indiana – The Kosciusko Community YMCA “Kosco Kippers” is a competitive gymnastics team for ages 5 and older. Of the twenty-six member Kosco Kippers gymnastics team, fifteen outstanding gymnasts will be advancing to USAG State. YMCA Coach Tonya Welsh says, “The Kosco Kippers have enjoyed a lot of success this year and it’s been a pleasure to coach these athletes. The girls should do well at USAG state tournament and I hope our success follows us to state.”

To qualify for the state competition, each gymnast must receive an all-around score of 32.00 or higher at any designated local meet in Indiana. The meet consists of competitions in vault, uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercises. Each score received for these events is added together for the all-around score. Gymnasts compete at different levels at different meets around Indiana throughout March.

Alison Clingan with an all-around score of 32.60 and Betty Barnett 33.40 qualified for the Level 3 State Meet. Ana Kolton 33.75, Megan Cardin 32.35, Nicole Sechrist 32.15, Madi Mutchler 32.30, Taneisha Brown 32.125, Anna Wainscott 32.525 and Alexis Hughes 32.80 qualified for the Level 3 and 4 State Meet and will be going to Hobart, Indiana on March 6th and 7th.

Jazzmine Brown with a score of 32.05, Kaia Hummitch 32.125, Georgia Alley 33.20 and Mallory Walerko 33.90 qualified for the Level 5 State Meet and will be going to Mishawaka, Indiana on March 13th and 14th.

Lexi O’Connell qualified for the Level 6 State Meet with a score of 32.075. The Level 6 State Meet will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana on March 20th and 21st.

Shannon Winslow with an all-around score of 33.975 qualified for the Level 7 State Meet. The Level 7 State Meet will be held in Valparaiso, Indiana on March 27th and 28th.

Steve Jungbauer, Kosciusko Community YMCA CEO, says, “It’s wonderful to have so many gymnasts advancing on to compete at the state level. We are happy to be providing them the opportunity to learn and grow in their skills with such a talented coaching staff.” For more information contact Tonya Welsh at (574) 269-9622.

The Kosciusko Community YMCA, a not for profit organization, provides community based programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all of Kosciusko County. All the efforts and offerings of the YMCA are guided by the core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. The Kosciusko Community YMCA does not deny any youth, adult, or family membership or participation based on their inability to pay. Need-based scholarships are available.