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**LOCAL GYMNASTS COMPETE AND PLACE IN**

**12th ANNUAL EVEREST CHALLENGE CUP**

**HUNTERSVILLE, N.C.**, October 25, 2017 – Everest Gymnastics recently hosted the 12th Annual Everest Challenge Cup this past weekend at their training center in Huntersville. This year, gymnasts in USAG Levels 2-5 from all over the Carolinas attended and performed their routines on the vault, bars, beam and floor.

“It’s a true privilege to see old and new faces competing and growing in their skill level each and every year,” said Qi Han, owner and coach at Everest Gymnastics. “We are very proud of our gymnasts and want to thank each gym that was a part of the weekend celebrations.”

Each individual gymnast competed within a USA Gymnastics (USAG) Level, indicating the competitor’s skill. Along with the individual achievements of the local Everest gymnasts, all four Everest teams, representing each level, placed in the top three gymnastics teams for that level. The Level 5 Everest Team placed first in their level, the Level 4 Everest Team placed first in their level, the Level 3 Everest Team placed second in their level and the Level 2 Everest Team placed third in their level.

Other gyms that competed include: First in Flight Gymnastics in Gastonia, NC; Sonshine Gymnastics in Holly Springs, NC; Spartanburg Gymnastics Training Center in Roebuck, SC; Enso Elite in Huntersville, NC; and Shooting Stars Gymnastics in Hickory, NC.

**About Everest Gymnastics**

Qi Han and Yiwen Chen opened Everest Gymnastics Training Center, Inc. in 2004. Named after the highest mountain in the world, Everest hopes to share that there is no mountain you can’t conquer with heart, hard work and dedication. As of 2015, Everest Gymnastics Training Center is the only U.S. National Team Training Facility in North Carolina. It hosts a variety of programs including recreational gymnastics, competitive teams, trampoline and tumbling, afterschool programs and even skill clinics. For more information visit [Everest-gym.com](http://www.everest-gym.com/page/show/2921234-home).

**Please see the names of all Everest gymnasts and their hometowns listed here:**

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| **Gymnast** | **Hometown** |
| **USA Gymnastics Level 2 Team** | |
| Kaprice Selland | Charlotte |
| Sophia Arrowood | Forest City |
| Lucy Cole | Huntersville |
| Maya McKay | Charlotte |
| Maliyah Simmons | Charlotte |
| Jenna Melin | Huntersville |
| Olivia Barnes | Cornelius |
| **USA Gymnastics Level 3 Team** | |
| Emmy Cunningham | Davidson |
| Anneliese Lynn | Huntersville |
| Anna Miller | Charlotte |
| Maddie Smithey | Huntersville |
| Katherine Jones | Davidson |
| Olivia Hale | Huntersville |
| Aubri McDonald | Huntersville |
| **USA Gymnastics Level 4 Team** | |
| Evelyn Fickes | Davidson |
| Kylie Ryan | Huntersville |
| Sydney Baldwin | Cornelius |
| Ryleigh McCoy | High Point |
| Isabella Rockel | Harrisburg |
| Josephine Ferrari | Cornelius |
| Tessa Sims | Huntersville |
| Chloe Owenby | Stanley |
| Mackenzie Showers | Huntersville |
| Logan Stump | Harrisburg |
| Reagan Melin | Huntersville |
| **USA Gymnastics Level 5 Team** | |
| Emma Ivey | Huntersville |
| Maya Bradley | Cornelius |
| Sarah Savisky | Cornelius |
| Leya Headen | Charlotte |
| AaRena Byrd | Charlotte |
| Madelyn Demarest-Rice | Cornelius |

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