

Presented by the Richard Nixon Library & Birthplace Foundation

American / Chinese



Ping Pong Diplomacy

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2008 OFFICIAL WELCOME EVENTS

- 9:30 AM** American/ Chinese Teams arrive at Richard Nixon Presidential Library & Museum for Welcome Ceremony around the Lobby Presidential Seal
- 10:00 AM** Laying of wreaths at Memorials of President and Mrs. Nixon
- 10:15 AM** Escorted tour of Library galleries, gardens, Birthplace, Presidential Helicopter and Loker Center.
- 11:15 AM** Reception and Lunch
- 1:00 PM** Depart Library for Orange County sightseeing
- 2:00 PM** Tour Casa Pacifica, in San Clemente, President and Mrs. Nixon's former residence, served as the Western White House during the Nixon Administration.
- 6:00 PM** Official Celebration Dinner Gala, featuring keynote remarks by General Brent Scowcroft, who accompanied President Nixon on his historic trip to China in 1972 and served as National Security Advisor to President Richard Nixon and President George H. W. Bush.
- Special Dinner entertainment** featuring an exciting table tennis demonstration between team members.

MEDIA NOTE: Player and VIP press availabilities all morning and at the evening event.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2008 FUN & GAMES

Table Tennis events in the White House East Room

10:00 AM Instructional Youth Clinic (One hour)

- Part 1: Lesson (30")
 - o Rematch team players give table tennis lessons to school-age players.
- Part 2: The Practice (30")
 - o 4 tables in East Room with youth participant queue line.
 - o 1 US or Chinese player and 1 youth participant at each table.
 - o Youth participants rotate.

11:00 AM Collegiate Challenge Qualifying Competition (30")

- 2 USC players and 2 UCLA players on 2 tables
 - o Bracket tournament style
 - Round 1 (30")
 - 1 USC v. 1 USC on 1 table
 - 1 UCLA v. 1 UCLA on 1 table
 - o 1 winner of USC qualifying and 1 winner of UCLA qualifying left at the end of the qualifying competition
 - Final Match (Part of *Rematch* program)
 - 1 USC v 1 UCLA on 1 table

11:30 PM Skills Exhibition (30")

- US/Chinese players display skills and tricks on one table.
 - o 3 players from US team and 3 players from Chinese team, 5 minutes each.

12:00 PM "Challenge a Champ" Competition (One hour)

- Visitors will have an opportunity to challenge a Chinese or American champion.
 - o \$5 per challenge
 - o Most points in 5 minutes wins

1:00 PM Events Conclude

Afternoon: Sightseeing to Hollywood

5:30 PM Reception and Dinner, hosted by the Consul General of the Consulate of the People's Republic of China in Los Angeles

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2008 THE REMATCH COMPETITIONS

The White House East Room

- 8:30 AM** **Arrival at Nixon Library**
- Player press availability
- 9:00 AM** **Opening Ceremony (20'')**, featuring Chinese and American performers, introduction of the players, and VIP welcome remarks.
- 9:20 AM** **Youth Competition (30'')**
- 1 singles match between two talented 15 year old girls
(Best out of 5 games = first to win 3 games wins the match)
- 9:50 AM** **Collegiate Competition (30'')**
- 1 singles match between qualifying players from USC and UCLA
- 10:20 AM** **Intermission (10'')**
- 10:30 AM** ***The Rematch* Competition (2 hours)**
- Qiao Yunping v. Tawny Banh (Women's match)
 - 1 singles match (30'')
 - Zhang Lei v. Khoa Nguyen
 - 1 singles match (30'')
 - Song Shichao v. Mark Hazinski
 - 1 singles match (30'')
 - Liang Geliang v. George Braithwaite (1971-'72 original team members)
 - 1 singles match (30'')
- 12:30 PM** **Farewell and Awards Ceremony (15'')**
- 12:45 PM** **Program Concludes**

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