

GATORADE INVITATIONAL

2/19/08 The 2008 Track and Field season will start off with a bang as Copper Canyon High School will Host the Gatorade Invitational March 1st.

2007 State Champion teams Cactus, Agua Fria, Desert Vista, and Tolleson are all bringing their Squads

The Copper Canyon Coach and Meet Director is very excited about the meet. "The addition of Gatorade as a title sponsor has given us the opportunity to put together an outstanding field of teams. It is our hope that this becomes one of the finest early season meets in the country."

The format is unique as the 28 schools entered can put their athletes in one of 3 divisions. Freshmen/ Sophomore / Open Varsity / Elite

Running a finals only format will assure some great season early performances.

The girls events will be highlighted in the distance races where Mountain Ridge's Nadya and Nastia Bishton will battle Jessica Tonn and Sarah Penny from Xavier. We could see some of the top times in the United States from this group.

The boys events will be just as exciting with Desert Vista's Allante Battle running against Giorgio Giurdanella in the sprint events. Raymond Polk of Brophy will lead a fine group of hurdlers including Cedrique Smith of Agua Fria and Jerrell Petersen of Centennial.

The field events are also loaded; Desert Vista will again bring in a great group of pole vaulters led by sophomore Shaylah Simpson, who will be challenged by Lindsay Mckinney of Sunrise Mountain. Sedona Red Rocks Kali Gajewski, and Steve Figueroa lead an outstanding group of throwers.

The meet begins at 8:00am Saturday March 1st, at Copper Canyon High School located at 9126 W Camelback Rd., Glendale AZ.