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## **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Friendship Games – Call for Participants**

GLENDALE, California – Homenetmen Glendale Ararat Chapter for the second year in a row is hosting and organizing the Glendale Friendship Games for the Glendale community. Young athletes are invited to take part in a variety of sports tournaments, making these games the largest youth athletic events ever hosted in Glendale, now for the second year in a row.

The Glendale Friendship Games will be held at Glendale High School on October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. All local schools and non-profit organizations are encouraged to send their students, members or teams to participate in basketball, chess, volleyball, soccer, table tennis, swimming, three on three basketball and tennis, and compete with similar aspiring sports stars in their same age level. Registration forms are available on Ararat's web site [www.ararat.org](http://www.ararat.org).

"The goal of these friendship games is to promote unity, bring us all together in a friendly competitive manner. We want to give the opportunity for youth from different backgrounds to take part in these games to celebrate our diversity in a friendly setting. There's no better way to bring people together than with sports," stated Armond Gorgorian, Executive Director for Homenetmen Glendale Ararat Chapter.

Homenetmen Ararat Chapter anticipates a good turn out for these games and encourages all community based organizations and schools in Glendale to participate and get involved. Participants have the opportunity to sign up for each of the sports competitions offered. The organizing committee has met with local athletic directors and coaches from variety of schools and organizations for their input and suggestions for the games this year. The organizing committee is also looking for local businesses to sponsor this event.

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On October 14<sup>th</sup>, a closing ceremony and festival will be held at Glendale High School to bring the games to a close. The festival will include music, food and dancing. The Glendale community is encouraged to attend.

If individuals, schools or organizations are interested in participating in the competitions or for more information on participation and sponsorships, call (323) 256-2564 or visit [www.ararat.org](http://www.ararat.org) to download registration forms. All registered participants will receive a free t-shirt to wear during the games.

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**The Homenetmen Glendale Ararat Chapter** is the largest Homenetmen chapter in the United States, with nearly 2,300 members. The most important part of our organization's function is provision of healthy and clean programs for teenagers and young adults through organized and supervised after school and weekend activities in a family oriented environment.