

Pointers **For Parents**

Web Site Brings Kids Closer To The Olympics

(NAPSA)—A new Olympic Web site is providing grade school children with a unique opportunity to learn the values and ideals of the U.S. Olympic team while encouraging and reinforcing reading skills.



Parents and children are giving the “U.S. Olympic Team Base Camp” site a gold medal.

The United States Olympic Committee (USOC) has launched the “U.S. Olympic Team Base Camp” Web site as a way to engage kids with the U.S. Olympic movement, educate kids about the Olympics and inspire kids to pursue their goals. The site also introduces kids to non-mainstream sports in a fun and interactive way.

With the 2002 Salt Lake Winter Games taking place on home soil, kids and parents can use the site as a fun and interactive way to learn about the Olympics, the U.S. athletes and the making of an Olympian.

The site includes interactive cartoons, games, word searches, as well as printable drawings, coloring and assignment sheet pages.

The cartoons are called “Boomtoons,” and feature three-to-four minute lively characters that communicate key values and characteristics of an Olympic athlete—teamwork, discipline and persistence.

The “U.S. Olympic Team Base Camp” can be found on the official Web site of the U.S. Olympic Team at www.usolympicteam.com/kids.