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2011 Los Angeles Sparks Open Tryouts – April 30 and May 1

LOS ANGELES – On Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1, the Los Angeles Sparks are offering an incredible opportunity to try out for the WNBA's premier team!

If you feel you have what it takes to play on the professional level, know a thing or two about rebounding, shooting and passing and ball handling, this is your chance! For just \$75, the Sparks invite all professional basketball hopefuls to this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Tryouts will be held at the St. Bernard High School Gymnasium in Playa del Rey.

By hitting the hardwood, you not only get to showcase your talents to Sparks Head Coach Jennifer Gillom and Vice President/General Manager Penny Toler, but you'll also receive a lower-level ticket to opening night of the Sparks' 15th WNBA season on Friday, June 3 at STAPLES Center as they take on the Minnesota Lynx at 8:00 p.m.

Space is limited to 60 participants, so sign up today! An incredible opportunity like this does not come around often, so if you think you have what it takes to make the Sparks roster, what are you waiting for?

To download the registration form and waiver, [CLICK HERE](#).

In addition, for the fifth consecutive year Sparks fans are invited to share in the open tryout experience. For only \$5 each tryout day, the Sparks are offering the opportunity to observe how the 2011 roster will be built, and perhaps get the first look at a true diamond-in-the-rough! The first open session will be held April 30 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and the second from 4-6 p.m. that day. After the final session on May 1 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Jennifer Gillom and Penny Toler will host a public Q&A session.

Sparks' representatives will be on-hand to answer any questions and offer great deals on 2011 season tickets.

For more information on the open tryouts, contact Kevin McConnell in the Sparks' basketball operations department at (213) 929-1300 or kmccconnell@la-sparks.com.

About the Los Angeles Sparks

The Los Angeles Sparks, an original Women's National Basketball Association team, enter their 15th season in 2011. The Sparks are one of six WNBA franchises that fall under the league's independent ownership model. Winner of back-to-back WNBA championships in 2001 and 2002, Los Angeles' roster of star athletes includes 2008 WNBA MVP and Rookie of the Year Candace Parker, four-time WNBA champion and all-time leading scorer Tina Thompson, and two-time WNBA champion DeLisha Milton-Jones. The Sparks play their home games at STAPLES Center in the heart of downtown Los Angeles. For ticket information, call (877) 44-SPARKS or visit LASparks.com.