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**Tripp Shelton Places 4<sup>th</sup> out of 24 in National Jr. NBA Skills Challenge Finals in Orlando**

**CLEMMONS, NC** – May 27, 2009 – Twelve-year-old Tripp Shelton, local and regional winner of the Junior NBA/Junior WNBA Skills Challenge, placed fourth in the National Skills Challenge Finals in Orlando, Florida.

Shelton participated in the Junior NBA skills challenge at the West Forsyth Family YMCA in January. The YMCA recently added the challenge to enhance its basketball program. Participants are timed on their ability to run through a circuit of drills including layups, free throws, dribbling and passing. Shelton advanced to the regional competition in Charlotte, winning his age group.

Shelton was then chosen as one of 24 finalists to compete in the National Finals last weekend. He placed fourth in the nation in the 11/12 age group.

To find out more about the West Forsyth Family YMCA basketball program, please contact Scott Spillman at [s.spillman@ymcanwnc.org](mailto:s.spillman@ymcanwnc.org) or (336) 712-2000.

**About YMCA of Northwest North Carolina**

When the first YMCA was established in 1844 in London, England, its mission was to promote positive Christian values as well as healthy behaviors and activities. Today, the YMCA movement has spread to more than 130 countries around the world, supporting and influencing the lives of millions of men, women and children of all backgrounds. The YMCA of Northwest North Carolina association, a United Way agency, has been serving Winston-Salem and the surrounding areas since 1888. We have created a tradition of enhancing the lives of people in our community through an ever-growing list of programs and opportunities. We're proud to serve the people of Northwest North Carolina by helping to build strong kids, strong families and strong communities. Our association currently serves more than 51,000 YMCA members and more than 100,000 people with our memberships and programs. The YMCA of Northwest North Carolina has adopted Healthy Community 2015 initiatives to prepare youth and teens to succeed, strengthen and support families, develop caring communities and adopt healthy living habits. The YMCA offers financial assistance for memberships and programs through the Open Doors Program. Learn more about the YMCA of Northwest North Carolina at <http://www.ymcanwnc.org>.

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