

North Shore Gymnasts Finish Strong at Peppermint Twist

North Shore Gymnastics' Levels 4-6 Girls' Teams competed in the annual Peppermint Twist which was held at the Minneapolis Convention Center December 2-4. Many of the North Shore gymnasts received their best All-Around scores of the season, giving the teams a competitive boost going into the State Meet.

With a total of 107.850, NSGA's Level 4 Team earned Second Place in their competition. **Olivia Jahnke** (age 8, Hanover) took home the First Place medal in Vault with a score of 9.400 and a Third Place medal in the All-Around with a score of 36.200. Teammates also finishing in the top 10 were **Maria Fahlander** (age 8, Plymouth) in Sixth Place, scoring 35.6000 and **Katherine Busch** (age 9, Plymouth) in a tie for Tenth Place, scoring 35.225.

NSGA's Level 5 team turned in their highest team score of the season, 105.600; garnering the team a Fourth Place finish. **Nicole Albertson** (age 12, Orono) was the team's top finisher in Eighth Place with an All-Around score of 35.850 and took home the Second Place medal in the Floor Exercise with a score of 9.325.

Taking home Sixth Place was NSGA's Level 6 Team. In the 7-10 Age Group, **Bella Burke** (age 10, Orono) finished Seventh with her All-Around score of 33.575. Scoring 8.500, **Saylor Campbell** (age 9, Plymouth) placed Fourth in the Floor Exercise. Tying for Sixth Place in the Uneven Bars event was **Sara Murley** (age 9, Orono) with a score of 8.400. In the Age 11 Group, **Amanda Krampf** (Delano) placed Eighth in the All-Around, scoring 33.025; closely followed by teammate **Abigail Ylitalo** (Plymouth) who tied for Eleventh with her score of 32.900. **Taylor Burnham** (Delano) tied for Fifth Place in the Vault competition, scoring 9.200. Finally, in the 12+ Age Group, **Kate Schmid** (age 12, Plymouth) took home Fourth Place in the Uneven Bars with her score of 8.900.

The Level 5 and 6 Teams are gearing up for the State Competition to be held December 10 & 11 at Hamline University in St. Paul.

North Shore Gymnastics Association, Orono, was founded 37 years ago and is a 501c3 non-profit organization. It is the club's purpose to acquaint children at all levels of physical ability, potential and growth with the sport of gymnastics in an atmosphere of safe, fun and positive learning; and to help each child develop gymnastics skills, good sportsmanship and discipline. North Shore Gymnastics Association is also the practice facility for the ISD #278 (Orono) and ISD # 277 (Mound) girls' high school gymnastics teams. **For more information please call 763-479-3189 or visit us at www.northshoregym.org.**