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### **Evening with Deontay Wilder**

TUSCALOOSA, AL. -- On August 23rd, 2008, Tuscaloosa native, Deontay Wilder edged Morocco's Mohammed Arjaou, to bring home the 2008 Olympic Boxing bronze medal. Wilder, from Skyy Gym in Northport was the only member of the US Boxing team to win a medal in the 2008 games.

Skyy Boxing and the Tuscaloosa Sports Foundation are proud to announce their teaming up for "An Evening with Deontay Wilder" to raise money for the Kid Gloves Foundation.

Jay Deas, owner of Skyy boxing and trainer/co-manager of Deontay Wilder said, "The Kid's Glove Foundation is a mutually beneficial investment in the kids. It was created to keep kids in the gym and off the street, which in turn will create disciplined and outstanding young men in and out of the classroom."

"An Evening with Deontay Wilder" will provide an opportunity for the public to meet the only Olympic boxing qualifier and medal winner in the history of this state, while raising money for a great cause. It will include an autograph and picture session, sparring sessions from some of the up and coming, and potentially future Olympic champions from the Kid Glove Foundation and a raffling of Wilder's boxing gloves.

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After only three years of boxing, Wilder has created an impressive resume by winning National Golden Gloves Title, the USA Boxing National Title, the Olympic Trials National Title and the Bronze Medal at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. He accomplished this with only 30 total bouts of experience, which has never been done in the history of boxing. Wilders dedication and heart has made him a huge supporter for the Kid Gloves Foundation.

The foundation currently has between 20 to 25 kids actively involved with the program. It is designed for any kids, from any background, to come participate and learn the art of boxing, while staying out of trouble. It was founded in Covington, Tennessee and the Northport chapter was created shortly thereafter by Jay Deas.

The event will be held in the Northport Civic Center on Tuesday November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 from 7p.m. to 9 p.m. General admission tickets are \$20, while VIP tables of 10 are \$250. Kids under the age of 5 are free & those 6-10 are just \$5.00 There will be a kids toys giveaway and free kids raffle.

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