

# teennewsbreak

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## The Summer Olympics

The Summer Olympics in Beijing, China, begins on Aug. 8 and will dominate the headlines throughout the summer. Here are some of the stories that will be following → Drug testing: After several former champions were stripped of Olympic medals because they used performance-enhancing drugs, testing will be stricter than ever in Beijing. The U.S. team does not want any athletes disqualified for accidentally using something that could give them a positive result. Some come from synthetic drugs that are not steroids, the Americans are bringing more of these ones than in the games. → New Sports: Bicycling, rowing, and canoeing are added to the lineup, and others are dropped. This year, BMX bike racing will be an event for the first time. On the other hand, baseball and softball will be Olympic sports in 2008 for the last time. → Who will win? In the 2008 games in Greece, the U.S. captured the most medals, 36, and the second gold medals, 29. China finished third overall, with 63 medals, but second in the U.S. in gold, with 32. In 2008, China will get all eyes to top the Americans at home in the gold medal count — and several experts believe it might succeed.

### News Quiz

- The Presidential election happened earlier than you think. How many candidates were there in 2008?
  - John McCain
  - Barack Obama
  - Michelle Obama
  - Barack Obama and Michelle Obama
- Several states will be holding the primaries, all at the same time.
  - California
  - Illinois
  - North Carolina
  - All of them
- The Olympics were held in a part of the location that was not there in 2008.
  - Beijing
  - London
  - Los Angeles
  - San Francisco
- A lot have changed since the last Olympics.
  - Michelle Obama
  - Barack Obama
  - San Francisco
  - Beijing
- Some sports in the Olympics have changed.
  - Baseball
  - Baseball and Softball
  - Baseball and Softball
  - Baseball and Softball

### What Do You Think?

- Do you plan to watch the Olympics? What year? Are you excited? Why?
- When you watch the games, do you always cheer for your home team?
- Have you ever seen a medal? What medal? What medal is the most valuable?
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Share Your Thoughts!

1. I am really excited about the way the Olympics are going.

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