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Reading's Emily Chen (back row, second from right) is heading to the Junior Olympics in Ohio next month.

Emily Chen qualifies for Jr. Olympics

Reading resident Emily Chen, an 11-year-old rhythmic gymnast, has qualified for the 2008 Level 5 USA Junior Olympic Compulsory Championship, which will take place on June 5-8 in Columbus, Ohio.

Emily qualified for the national competition by placing first all-around at

the Rhythmic Region 4 Championship, which took place in Newton in April.

This is the first time Emily has qualified for a national event. When not participating in NESAs rhythmic gymnastics program, Emily is a member of the ACAS Traditional Chinese Dance Troupe and a fifth

grader at the Birch Meadow Elementary School in Reading.

Emily practices at the New England Sports Academy and is coached by Varduhi Nahapetyan. Emily joins nine other NESAs rhythmic gymnastics team members who qualified for the national tournament.

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