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SPORTS FOR ATHLETES OF ALL ABILITIES



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Harmon's Generosity Continues

Bob Harmon joined us at the Johnny Burt Memorial Golf Tournament and *presented a check for \$205,485*. Athletes from the South Davis Warriors were excited to accept the generous donation to support the events and services provided by Special Olympics Utah (SOUT). Harmons support of the athletes and mission of SOUT spans over four decades. Funds are raised yearly through the Harmons corporate golf tournament held in March, the checkout point of purchase in March, and root beer float sales in July at all of the 21 Harmons locations. Stop by any Harmons store to purchase a root beer float. **Harmons Foodies, SOUT athletes, and volunteers are manning root beer float stands every Friday from 3-6 PM and Saturday from 12-6 PM, and they are ready to serve you a refreshing root beer float!** Thank you, Harmons Neighborhood Grocer, for all you do to support the athletes of SOUT – you are the best!

The Black & White Bocce Ball Returns to the Element Event Center

Returning to the *Element Event Center*, the **2023 Black & White Bocce Ball will be held September 8th**. A fun, sporty night of casual dining provided by Harmons, and friendly bocce competition with Special Olympics Utah athletes and guests. This memorable night will include bocce competition, fun music, a chance to win valuable auction items, a dessert dash & more! **Purchase your ticket here!** *All funds raised through Black & White Bocce Ball will support the athletes & mission of Special Olympics Utah.*



Athlete Spotlight

Athlete **Todd Lorenzo** & Unified Partner **Brandon Salvesen** represented Utah proudly on **Team USA at the 2023 Special Olympics World Games** competition that was held in Berlin Germany in June. It was an incredible opportunity for them to make new friends & show off their bowling skills. Todd & Brandon returned home fully decorated with silver and bronze medals, and ready for a full night sleep after their almost 3-week trip to Berlin. **Both Todd & Brandon participate on the Tooele Giants Team.** Todd has been participating in Special Olympics since 2019 in basketball, bocce, bowling, soccer, swimming & track & field! While Brandon has been a valued coach and Unified Partner on the Tooele Giants since 2018 participating in basketball, bowling and track & field.



Brandon Salvesen



Todd Lorenzo



Special Olympics Utah's first State Topgolf competition will be held August 15th at the Midvale Topgolf location. Special Olympics athletes and Unified Partners can compete in singles (athlete only) or Unified pairs. SOUT athletes and Unified Partners can book a free 2-hour session once a week at either the Vineyard or Midvale location during Topgolf's business hours on Monday through Thursday.

All golfers must be under the supervision of a certified coach. Coaches must complete the Topgolf Coach Training. Contact Yolanda at kunder@sout.org or 801-363-1111 X102.

PLEASE DO NOT CALL TOPGOLF DIRECTLY.

The Unified Sports Field Day by West Lake High School students under the guidance of Loretta McClure, provided a valuable platform for students to develop their leadership skills. This event not only allowed them to take charge and organize the activities but also gave them the opportunity to understand the significance of inclusion and promoting a supportive environment.

During the Unified Sports Field Day, teachers and parents were able to gain firsthand experience and knowledge about Special Olympics. By participating in the event, they could witness the power and strength of inclusion in action. This event likely showcased how individuals with different abilities can come together, enjoy sports, and build meaningful connections.



Welcome, Taylor Smith!



Welcome Taylor Smith as the new Director of Sports for Special Olympics Utah! Taylor has worked in recreation and sports management since 2010, throughout that time she has focused on enhancing the lives of individuals with disabilities. She is an official for USA Wheelchair Football, Directs Utah Miss Amazing, as well as serves on the Utah Recreation and Parks Association (URPA) Board. Taylor has obtained a certification as an Adaptive Recreation Sport Specialist and is a Certified Personal Trainer for individuals with disabilities. Taylor is responsible for sports tournaments, invitations, and games, she will also be overseeing all area staff and competitions. Taylor has coached a variety of sports throughout the last 14 years, but she is partial to Softball and Basketball since she played

many years. In her spare time, she enjoys being in nature with her family and their Labrador Retrievers, Trooper, and Barnabas.

Summer Games 2023

Our 3-day Summer Games at Granger High School was a wild success. The weather was great, the smiles were a plenty and competition was fierce. We had 633 athletes compete in Cheerleading, Cycling, Dance, Softball, Swimming, and Track & Field. 47 Delegations from around Utah traveled to West Valley City for the Championship competition for our Summer Season. For Opening Ceremony, we were joined by the Knights of Columbus, Knights on Bikes, local Law Enforcement that made up the Law Enforcement Torch Run Final Leg, First Lady Abbey Cox and Hands Together performed. We are so lucky to have the best supporters in the

state; from our amazing day-of event volunteers, to our volunteer Coaches and HOD's all the way to our sponsors. We have to thank our annual sponsors and partner whose donations help to offset the cost of our sports programs. Our programs are offered to our athletes for free and we are only able to do that because of the support we receive from the following businesses:

AlphaGraphics South Salt Lake. Daniels Fund, Harmons Neighborhood Grocer, Hometown Foundation, Les Olsen IT, Merit Medical, Show Up and Real Salt Lake. Thank you so much for supporting our athletes and helping to enrich their lives, ultimately helping them live more fulfilled, longer lives.



Competition
Results

Photos

SOUT Bowling Competition, North & South!



Spend your summer in a 'cool' venue while you practice for Special Olympics Utah's bowling competitions. The Metro Central Area Bowling competition was held July 8th at Bonwood Bowl in Salt Lake City. This Saturday, on July 15th North Area Bowling will be held at Sparetime Lanes in Roy, South Area Bowling at Sunset Lanes in St. George and the Northeast Area Bowling is held at Dinoland in Vernal, all happening

the same day. Don't forget State Games being held August 5th at Bonwood Bowl in Salt Lake City and *NEW* this year at Sunset Lanes in St. George. Summer is looking better and better!

North Logan is Excited to Announce their First Ever Unified Bocce League!

We are teaming up with North Logan Parks and Recreation to start a unified team where any individual with or without an intellectual disability can play together on a team. We've created an inclusive environment within Special Olympics and hope to expand that into our communities and cities.

It's free to register; visit

www.northloganrec.org to sign up!

The league starts June 28th everyone is invited, so spread the word! We'd love to see you there!

We hope to team up with other cities in Utah to get more sports and unified leagues started! Keep an eye out, we might be coming to your city next.

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RECREATION

Bocce Ball League

ABOUT THE LEAGUE
Unified Sports bring persons with and without intellectual disabilities together to train and compete on the same team!

We are looking to form multiple teams of two or four people with mixed abilities.

This will be a seven-week course every Wednesday evening from 6pm to 7pm.

LOCATION
HSC Building (Old RSL)
220 E 2850 N in North Logan

Starting June 28th and going until August 16th
(No games July 12th)

SIGN UP AT
www.northloganrec.org

Walk for Inclusion Presented by Molina Healthcare

On Thursday, June 29th at Liberty Park the community gathered to celebrate Inclusion! The Walk for Inclusion Presented by Molina Healthcare was a mix of fun music, good food, community, games and a non-competitive walk around the park. Our bellies were filled by Eat A Burger, Ground to Earth, Groovy Smoothies & KONA Ice Food Trucks. The Special Olympics Utah Health & Fitness Leaders held a group stretch just before they cut the ceremonial ribbon on First Lady Abbey Cox's command... and the group was off! Walkers enjoyed fishing for prizes with "Bevell's Advocate", getting their face painted by "Just Face It" and testing their skills at a football throw with the "Wasatch Warriors Womans Football" Team. Other community partners who were with us were Best Buddies, Harmony Music & Therapy, Haus of Flint, Miss Amazing, SLC Parks & Rec, Utah Healthy Policy Project and We All Belong. None of this fun would have been possible without our sponsors; Molina Healthcare, USOA, Flux Power Inc, Call Tower & the National Ability Center. Enjoy the photo album by [N3on Photography here](#).



Volunteer Spotlight

This month's volunteer spotlight is focused on one of our High School volunteers! Victoria is a student at Hunter High and has helped at our North Area Basketball and Track, Summer Games and the Utah Open! She has dedicated many hours to Special Olympics Utah over the past 3 years and we appreciate all her help!

If you're interested in volunteering at an upcoming event please reach out to volunteer@sout.org.



Resources for people with ID

Individuals with ID have the same right to information as everyone else. However, they may need help finding and understanding information not designed specifically for them. Several resources are available to help people with ID find the information they need.

One of the best places to start is with a local disability organization. These organizations often have libraries or resource centers stocked with books, magazines, and other materials written in a way that people with ID can understand. They may also offer classes or workshops on how to find and use information.

Another great resource is the internet. There are a number of websites that are designed specifically for people with ID. These websites offer a variety of information, including news, weather, health, and education. They may also have interactive features to help people with ID learn and grow.

When searching for information online, it is important to use reputable websites designed for people with ID.

There are a number of websites that are not appropriate for people with ID. These websites may contain offensive or harmful content.

It is also important to remember that not all people with ID learn in the same way. Some people with ID learn best by reading, while others learn best by listening or watching. It is important to find information presented in a way that is easy for the individual to understand. Finally, it is important to remember that people with ID are individuals. They have their own unique interests and needs. When searching for information, it is important to consider the individual's specific interests and needs.



Monument Valley



Healthy Hearing made it to Monument Valley in Navajo Nation on June 24th! Our Healthy Hearing clinical director, Paige Morisak, and other volunteer audiologists screened around 35 individuals. Delivering health services to the Navajo Nation in Utah has helped further Special Olympics Utah's mission in providing individuals with intellectual disabilities with sports and fitness resources. We hope to start a Unified Fitness Club and a sports team in Monument Valley in the near future.

Upcoming Events: July & August

July

14 - 15	Root Beer Float Sales	All Harmons Locations
15	South Area Bowling Tournament	Sunset Lanes, St. George
15	North Area Bowling Tournament	Sparetime Lanes, Roy
15	Northeast Area Bowling Tournament	Dinoland Lanes, Vernal
20	Unified Fitness Club	Glendale Middle School, SLC
21 - 22	Root Beer Float Sales	All Harmons Locations
27	Unique Summer Camp	Utah Tech University, St. George
28 - 29	Root Beer Float Sales	All Harmons Locations
29	Healthy Athlete Screenings	Uintah High School, Vernal
30 - 31	National Jr. Golf Tournament	Glenmoor Golf Club, S. Jordan

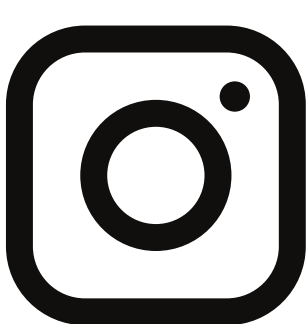
August

1 - 3	National Jr. Golf Tournament	Glenmoor Golf Club, S. Jordan
5	North State Bowling Tournament	Bonwood Bowl, SLC
5	South State Bowling Tournament	Sunset Lanes, St. George
14 - 20	Utah Open Golf Tournament	Riverside Country Club, Provo
15	Topgolf Championship	Topgolf, Midvale
19	Cache County Sheriff's Truck Pull	Fair Grounds, Logan
26	Wasatch Front Police Motor Rodeo	Industry Circle, W. Jordan

For more information on any of these events, call, 801-363-1111

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FASTEST TIME WINS
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To sign up your team, contact Deputy Salanoa at hsalanoa@cashesheriff.org

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