Spring/Summer Sports Season is Almost Here!

Spring and Summer Sports Season is just around the corner! Sign up an athlete today! To become an athlete that trains ad competes with Special Olympics Utah, an individual must:

- Be 8 years of age or older
- Have an intellectual disability or closely related developmental disability
- Have official Special Olympics Utah participation forms on file (found on SOUT website) **Athlete-Medical-Form** and **Athlete-Consent-Form**

To compete in spring/summer games, forms need to be received by April 1. Once an individual becomes an athlete, Special Olympics Utah will help the athlete and family/care provider connect with or build a delegation (team) to train and compete. Athletes are required to train a minimum of eight weeks prior to the final competition in each season. Special Olympics Utah currently offers the following sports:

- **Summer:** Athletics (Track and Field), Softball, Swimming, and Motor Activities Training Program (MAPT)
- **Fall:** Bocce, Golf, Soccer, 3-on-3 Basketball, and MAPT
- **Winter:** 5-on-5 Basketball

Join us today! For more information please visit [www.sout.org](http://www.sout.org) or call 801-363-1111 ext 227.
Special Olympics Utah’s 2017 Summer Games will be held in the Utah County area on June 2–3. Nearly 1,300 athletes and Unified Sports partners will compete during this two-day event with support from nearly 500 coaches and hundreds of day-of-volunteers. Competition will be held in the following sports:

- Athletics (Track & Field) – Provo High School
- Swim – Provo Recreation Center
- Softball – Footprinters Park, Provo City
- Motor Activities Training Program – Held at each venue

Join us on Friday evening, June 2, for a Special Olympics Utah Block Party at the University Place Mall Park.

To become a sponsor of the Summer Games, contact Wendy Kelly at 801-363-1111, ext. 224. Thank You!
Law Enforcement Torch Runs Coming Soon

Over the years, law enforcement agencies and officers have interacted with Special Olympics Utah athletes in many ways, most visibly through the Law Enforcement Torch Runs. We value the relationship that has been forged between law enforcement officers and Special Olympics Utah athletes through these torch runs.

The Law Enforcement Torch Runs are held in May of each year leading up to the Special Olympics Utah Summer Games in June. One successful model is when several law enforcement agencies work together to organize and conduct one or several coordinated torch runs in a county. SO Utah staff is working with law enforcement agencies all through March to schedule and organize torch runs. If you are connected with a law enforcement agency, please consider participating. Contact D’Arcy at 801-363-1111 with any questions. Thank you.


Volunteer Corner

We need volunteers for all our Spring Area Games!

April 29 - North Area Swim & Athletics
Utah State University, Logan, 9am to 1pm

May 5 - Central Athletics
Provo High School, 9am to 1pm

May 5 - Southeast Athletics
San Juan High School, 9am to 1pm

May 6 - Central Swim
Lehi Aquatics Center, 9am to Noon

May 6 - Southeast Swim
Moab Aquatics Center, 9am to 11am

May 12 - South Athletics
Desert Hills High School, St. George, 9am to 1pm

May 12 - South Swim
Washington City Aquatics Center, 9am to 1pm

May 12 - Metro Athletics
Granger High School, West Valley City, 9am to 3pm

May 13 - Metro Swim
JL Sorenson Recreation Center, Salt Lake City, 9am to 1pm

Come one, come all! Let’s get ready for some fun as we volunteer for the Special Olympics Utah area games in April, May and the State Games in June. It’s always a great time as we support our teams, coaches and athletes.

There are several volunteer opportunities for Day-of-event volunteers from setup to teardown, to timing and food service, to overall event support. We have something for everyone. No prior experience or greater involvement with Special Olympics is required. Day-of-event volunteers are essential to Special Olympics Utah being able to host and run competitions. We need you! Join us!

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Area News

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The world's largest sports and humanitarian event in 2017 will be the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Austria. The World Winter Games will run March 14-25, 2017 and you can watch it on ESPN, which is the official broadcaster of the 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Austria.

Please tune-in March 14-25 and watch and support these Special Olympics athletes.
http://www.specialolympics.org/Games/2017_World_Winter_Games.aspx

The Black & White

Saturday, September 16, 2017
AT 5:30 P.M.

The Falls Event Center
At Trolley Square

602 South 700 East
Salt Lake City

Black Tie Invited
Black & White attire highly suggested
Sneakers Welcome!
Family Friendly Event!

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