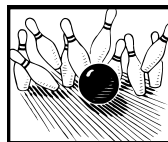




# Special Olympics Iowa Newsletter

“LET ME WIN. BUT IF I CANNOT WIN,  
LET ME BE BRAVE IN THE ATTEMPT.”

## Traditional Programs



### Get Ready For November 19 State Bowling Competition

The Special Olympics Iowa bowling program consists of Area Competitions with the winners advancing to the State Tournament in Des Moines. The entry form for the Area competitions is on page 78 in the 2011-2012 Coaches' Handbook. **Please have your entry form to your Area Director by the entry date listed below.**

If an athlete places first in your Area Competition, they are welcome to enter the State Bowling Tournament on Nov. 19. After Area Bowling Competition, you will receive a **Delegation Report** from the state office showing your state qualifiers. You need to send the Delegation report with scratches marked with your state entry.

The **state entry is due Oct. 28**. State entry forms (page 79) and the Delegation Report you receive from the state office need to be mailed to: PO Box 620, Grimes, IA 50111 or faxed to 515-986-5530.

### AREA BOWLING SCHEDULE

Area	Date	Location	Entry Due
Central	10/07	Marshalltown	9/23
East	10/05	Maquoketa	9/14
	10/14	Davenport	9/14
East Central	10/07 (8-21)	Cedar Rapids	9/20
	10/08 (22+)	Cedar Rapids	9/20
North	10/13	Mason City & Estherville	9/29
North Central	10/20	Fort Dodge	10/13
Northeast	10/15	Waterloo	9/29
Northwest	10/08	Sheldon	10/01
	10/09	Denison	10/01
	10/14	Sioux City/Hull	10/01
	10/15	Hull/LeMars	10/01
South Central	10/07 (8-21)	Atlantic	9/23
	10/08 (22+)	Atlantic	9/23
Southeast	10/15 (22+)	Ottumwa	10/01
	10/17 (8-21)	Ottumwa	10/01
Southwest	10/05 (22+)	Council Bluffs	9/16
	10/12 (8-21)	Council Bluffs	9/16
West Central	10/20 (8-21)	Des Moines	9/16
	10/21 (22+)	Des Moines	9/16

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Iowa hosts  
the **34th Annual**  
**State Volleyball**  
**Tournament**  
**Sat., Oct. 15**  
in the Forker  
Building at Iowa  
State University.

## We need your help!

### Help Special Olympics Iowa receive \$25,000 Vote every day until Oct. 1 to help our athletes!

Special Olympics Iowa received a \$1,000 grant from EMC Insurance, and we are now in the running to receive an additional \$25,000 from them. We need everyone's help to get it. **Please ask all of your friends, family and others to vote daily. It's simple and easy to vote:**

- Voting (by anyone, anywhere) is from July 1 through October 8.
- You can click and vote for us once a day until the contest is over.
- Go to this link and start voting every day

[http://www.countonemc.com/give/nonprofit\\_profiles.asp](http://www.countonemc.com/give/nonprofit_profiles.asp)

### United Way Contributions to Special Olympics Iowa

This year when you receive your United Way contribution form, please consider designating your gift to Special Olympics Iowa. Your contributions will help 11,000 athletes and Unified Sports partners continue to participate in sports training and competitions across Iowa.

### Congrats to Team Iowa Softball from Cedar Rapids

In August, the 2011 Special Olympics Iowa Softball Regional Invitational Tournament was held in Elgin, IL. Team Iowa, consisting of 12 athletes and three coaches from the Cedar Rapids Park and Recreation delegation, earned a silver medal at the tournament. Twenty-eight Special Olympics Traditional and Unified Teams participated in the two-day tournament sponsored by Moose International and the Amateur Softball Association.



## Special Programs

### Young Athlete Play Activity Days in November



Young Athlete Play Activity Days are designed for children with intellectual disabilities between the ages of two and seven. Play Days provide social opportunities for these children who are too young to participate in traditional Special Olympics Iowa competitions (minimum entry age being eight years). Upcoming Young Athlete Play Activity Days include:

**November 8 in Davenport and November 9 in Muscatine.** If you would like more information or to sign up, please contact Kathy Irving at 515-986-5520 ext. 111 or [kirving@soiowa.org](mailto:kirving@soiowa.org).

### College students encouraged to apply for Fellingham Internship Deadline is Oct. 25 for Spring 2012 Internship

"Special Olympics Iowa (SOIA) has an outstanding internship opportunity for a college student beginning in January of 2012," said SOIA Vice President of Games & Competition Pam Wagner. "The experience will enhance a student's education and career experience. It provides professional development through varied experiences in a successful nonprofit."

The internship is tailored to utilize the student's academic preparation and areas of interest while also providing experience in sports management, marketing, event management, training and outreach, healthy athlete programming, communications, development, leadership and administrative responsibilities.

**The ideal candidate** is a senior level student or graduate from an Iowa college or university within the past year (Dec. 2010-May 2012); has a 3.0 GPA or higher, excellent written and verbal communication skills, good organizational and time management skills, and the ability to manage multiple projects and deadlines. The internship will be completed in accordance with the policies and procedures of the intern's academic institution. Length of appointment: 15 – 16 weeks with the expectation the student will commit to a minimum of 40 hours per week. Starting date and duration: Jan. to May. The stipend is \$2,000.00 per month.

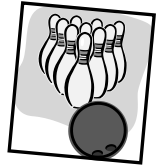
**The application deadline is midnight Tues., Oct. 25, 2011.** A job description and application forms may be downloaded from the SOIA website at [www.soiowa.org](http://www.soiowa.org). Submit all required application materials (as outlined on the application form and job description) electronically in PDF format to [pwagner@soiowa.org](mailto:pwagner@soiowa.org). **Important note: late or incomplete applications will not be considered.** If you have questions, please contact Pam Wagner at 515-986-5520 or [pwagner@soiowa.org](mailto:pwagner@soiowa.org)



# Coaches Training Clinic

## Oct. 26 Coaches' Sports Certification Training Clinics in Cedar Rapids

Coaches' certification training clinics have been scheduled for October 26 in Cedar Rapids. Training will take place in three locations. Training sessions **include bowling, cycling, athletics (track and field), basketball, volleyball, power lifting and aquatics**. Please complete the registration form and return it to Rhonda Schwarzkopf by October 21.



### Dinner & Training Site: Amboz Recreation Center at 2000 Mt. Vernon Road SE

4:30 p.m. Bowling Training \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will attend this training.

or

Cycling Training \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will attend this training.

5:30 p.m. Light Dinner

6:00 p.m. Athletics Training (track & field) \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will attend this training.

### Training Site: Jefferson High School at 1243 20<sup>th</sup> Street SW

7:15 p.m.

Basketball Training (skills & team) \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will attend this training.

or

Volleyball Training \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will attend this training.

or

Power Lifting Training \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will attend this training.

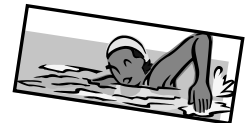
Aquatics Training \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will attend this training.



### Training Site: Bender Pool at 940 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE

7:15 p.m.

Aquatics Training \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will attend this training.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Delegation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return the registration form by October 21 to:** Rhonda Schwarzkopf at Special Olympics Iowa, PO Box 620, Grimes, IA 50111; Fax: 515-986-5530 or Email: [rschwarzkopf@soiowa.org](mailto:rschwarzkopf@soiowa.org)

**Physical Release Form Reminder** - Please use the new physical release form (Application for Participation) in the 2011-2012 Coaches' Handbook. It is also available on our website at [www.soiowa.org](http://www.soiowa.org) under the compete tab and participation.

## Coaches Sports Training Certification Clinic October 12 in Carroll

A training clinic has been scheduled for October 12 at the Carroll Recreation Center (716 N. Grant Road) in Carroll.

- New and existing coaches are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- New and recertification training will be offered in the sports listed below.

4:30 p.m.      **Soccer** Training (Skills & Team)      \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will attend this training.  
5:30 p.m.      Light Dinner  
6:00 p.m.      **Basketball Training (skills & team)** \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will attend this training.  
7:00 p.m.      **Aquatics**      \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will attend this training.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

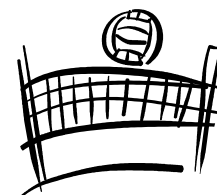
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Delegation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return the registration form by October 7 to:** Rhonda Schwarzkopf at Special Olympics Iowa, PO Box 620, Grimes, IA 50111; Fax: 515-986-5530; or email Email: [rschwarzkopf@soiowa.org](mailto:rschwarzkopf@soiowa.org)

## November 28 SOIA Athlete Volleyball Clinic Sponsored by the NAIA

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics will sponsor a SOIA Volleyball Clinic in conjunction with the NAIA Volleyball Championship. The clinic will be held at the Tyson Events Center in Sioux City on Monday, November 28 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.



**SOIA athletes DO NOT need to compete in volleyball to attend this clinic.**

The clinic is a wonderful opportunity for athletes to learn volleyball skills. Players from the NAIA tournament will serve as clinicians for the training. Benefits to coaches and athletes for attending the clinic include:

- Learn new volleyball skills
- Improve on existing volleyball skills
- Play with some of the best volleyball players in the nation

**If you are interested in participating in the training, please complete the following form and return to Rhonda Schwarzkopf by November 18.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Delegation: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a Special Olympics Iowa:      Coach \_\_\_\_\_

I am a Special Olympics Iowa:      Athlete \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the application to: Rhonda Schwarzkopf at Special Olympics Iowa, PO Box 620, Grimes, IA 50111; Fax: 515-986-5530; or email: [rschwarzkopf@soiowa.org](mailto:rschwarzkopf@soiowa.org)



# Calendar of Events



## October

1	Medfest	University of Iowa, Iowa City
1	Flag Football Competition	Cedar Rapids
5	Southwest Area Bowling (Ages 22+)	Council Bluffs
5	East Area Bowling	Maquoketa
7	East Central Area Bowling (Ages 8-21)	Cedar Rapids
7	Central Area Bowling	Marshalltown
7-9	Cop on Top	Marshalltown
7	South Central Bowling (8-21)	Atlantic
8	Unified Golf Tournament	Akron
8	East Central Area Bowling (Ages 22+)	Cedar Rapids
8	Northwest Area Bowling	Sheldon
8	South Central Area Bowling (Ages 22+)	Atlantic
9	Northwest Area Bowling	Denison
12	Southwest Area Bowling (Ages 8-21)	Council Bluffs
13	North Area Bowling	Mason City & Estherville
14	Northwest Area Bowling	Sioux City & Hull
14	East Area Bowling	Davenport
15	Gold Medal Extravaganza	Prairie Meadows Events & Conference Center, Altoona
15	Northeast Area Bowling	Waterloo
15	Northwest Area Bowling	Hull & LeMars
15	Southeast Area Bowling (Ages 22+)	Ottumwa
15	State Volleyball Tournament	ISU, Ames
15	Polar Plunge (fundraiser)	West Lake Park Beach, Davenport
17	Southeast Area Bowling (Ages 8-21)	Ottumwa
20	North Central Area Bowling	Fort Dodge
20	West Central Area Bowling (Ages 8-21)	Des Moines
21	West Central Area Bowling (Ages 22+)	Des Moines
21-23	Cop on Top	Ames
22	Polar Plunge (fundraiser)	Brown's Lake, Salix (Sioux City)
22	Unified Sports Day	Upper Iowa University, Fayette
22	Tennis Clinic for Athletes & Coaches	Bettendorf
28-29	Global Messenger Workshop	Grimes

## November

8	Young Athletes Play Activity Day	Davenport
9	Young Athletes Play Activity Day	Muscatine
11	NE Area Roller Skating	Cedar Falls
12	Challenge Day	Coralville
11-12	SUPER Plunge (fundraiser)	Big Creek State Park, Polk City
12	Polar Plunge (fundraiser)	Big Creek State Park, Polk City
12	SE Iowa Polar Plunge (fundraiser)	Geode State Park, Mt. Pleasant
13	Polar Plunge (fundraiser)	Kennedy Park, Ft. Dodge
19	Dubuque Polar Plunge (fundraiser)	Dubuque Water Ski Club
19	State Bowling Tournament	Des Moines
28	NAIA Athlete Volleyball Clinic	Sioux City

Please watch for emails and check the SOIA website ([www.soiowa.org](http://www.soiowa.org)) announcing details for upcoming training schools. A complete calendar of events can be viewed from our website at [www.soiowa.org](http://www.soiowa.org) and click on the full schedule. If you would like to volunteer for any events, please contact SOIA Volunteer Coordinator Erin Hall at 515-986-5520 or [ehall@soiowa.org](mailto:ehall@soiowa.org).



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