



TRADITIONAL PROGRAMS

“Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.”



Summer Games Entry Forms



Please keep in mind:

- Review **pages 60-62** in the current Coaches' Handbook so you are prepared to complete the appropriate material. The forms must be sent to the State Office to insure that each athlete is registered to compete in the State Summer Games. **Even if the athlete doesn't need room and board, coaches still need to complete all forms** (except a dorm roster page).
- The State Office must have all information on these forms to complete the necessary computer work. **These forms must be submitted by Monday, April 26.** The room and board payment of \$60 per person is due with entry. Scratches must be made by **Thursday, May 6.**
- The Area Directors will send the State Office all first place finishers from the Area Games. The State Office will enter all athletes from these results, so coaches don't have to do all of the writing of individual entries.
- Coaches will receive a list of area winners from the State Office. Coaches must then return completed pages 60-62 and the Delegation Report (roster) with scratches marked.

Please contact Pam Wagner with questions at 515-986-5520 ext. 104 or via e-mail at pwagner@soiowa.org.



Summer Games Information



As you are planning your Spring and Summer Games Entries, here are a few reminders:

- Check events in the Coaches' Handbook
- All athletes can compete in one sport per day (two events, plus a relay, in that sport)

The choices are:

Thursday

Bocce, Cycling, Race Walking
Roller Skating, Soccer
Tennis, Young Athletes Play Day

Friday

Aquatics, Athletics (Track & Field)
Developmental, Wheelchair

Saturday

Athletics (Track & Field)

State Entries are Due:

April 1: Bocce, Cycling, Roller Skating, Soccer and Tennis

April 15: Young Athletes Play Activity Day

April 26: Aquatics, Athletics (Track & Field), Developmental, Race Walking and Wheelchair (review pages 60-62 in the current Coaches' Handbook).



Board and room rates are \$60 per person. Air conditioned dorm rooms will be assigned on a first come basis.

2010-2011 Coaches' Handbook/Newsletter Request Form

April 2010



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SPECIAL PROGRAMS, FORMS & IN MEMORY

Do you want your 2010-2011 Coaches' Handbook? The Special Olympics Iowa Coaches' Handbook will be mailed out in August to those who return a request form. Please complete the form below and return it to: Special Olympics Iowa, PO Box 620, Grimes, Iowa 50111 or by fax: 515-986-5530 or e-mail at jrichey@soiowa.org.

EACH YEAR YOU NEED TO REGISTER FOR A NEWSLETTER AND HANDBOOK!

Name: _____ Area: _____
Home Address: _____
Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Delegation (School/Facility): _____
Address: _____
Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: (Business) _____ (Home) _____ (Cell) _____
E-mail Address: _____
Fax: _____

Send newsletter to: Home School Facility E-mail
Send handbook to: Home School Facility Don't need Handbook



Upcoming Unified Sports Days



Unified Sports provides a wonderful opportunity for the SOIA athletes and their partners to develop a better understanding and respect for one another's abilities.

Drake University Unified Sports Day

Drake University will host the 16th annual Special Olympics Iowa Unified Sports Day for elementary through high school students on **Thursday, May 6**.

Six activities will be offered, and students may participate in one activity in the morning and one in the afternoon.

For more information about this event or to request a registration packet, please contact Kathy Irving at 515-986-5520 ext. 111 or kirving@soiowa.org.

Cornell College hosts 3rd Unified Sports Day April 24

Cornell College in Mt. Vernon will hold its third Unified Sports Day on Saturday, April 24 at the Small Sports Center. Sports offered include basketball skills, bocce, volleyball, soccer kicks, floor hockey, bowling and arts and crafts. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the event lasts until about 1:30 p.m. Lunch and a T-shirt will be provided for athletes, partners and volunteers. The deadline to sign up is Monday, April 5.

For more information or to sign up, contact Erin Hall at 515-986-5520, ext. 119 or ehall@soiowa.org.

In Memory

Randy Creek was 57 years old and lived in Guttenberg, Iowa. Randy participated in Track & Field and loved seeing the big crowds of people. He also participated in Challenge Days and enjoyed doing arts and crafts. Randy loved talking to people and telling them his past experiences of participating in sports. He was a pleasure to coach and will always be remembered.

Kyle Bowers was 30 years old and lived in Creston, Iowa. He participated in bowling, cheerleading, softball, volleyball, athletics and basketball. His bubbly personality won the hearts of many friends over the years. His sensitive, caring nature led him to always feel everyone's happiness. Kyle will be missed by many and will always be remembered as a very special guy.

Special Olympics General Orientation and Quiz

April 2010

All SOIA coaches are required to complete the General Orientation and Quiz that are available online. Please follow these directions:

- Go to www.soiowa.org**
- Move the cursor over “Coach”**
- Click on “General Orientation & Quiz”**

After the training is completed, please print out the 10 question quiz and return the completed form to Rhonda Schwarzkopf. You may contact Rhonda Schwarzkopf at 515-986-5520, ext. 112 or rschwarzkopf@soiowa.org for the written training and quiz.

The revised General Orientation and Quiz came out on March 3, 2008. If you have not completed the training since March 3, 2008, you must do so now. The revised training is good for life.

Class A and B Volunteers

Special Olympics Iowa truly appreciates the thousands of volunteers who share their time and talents with Special Olympics athletes throughout the year. There are two types of volunteers and screening policies:

Class A Volunteers:

- Volunteers who have regular, close physical contact with athletes
- Volunteers in a position of authority or supervision with athletes
- Volunteers in a position of trust of athletes
- Volunteers who handle substantial amounts of cash or other assets of SOIA

Screening includes completion of a Class A Volunteer application form, background check using a national vendor (with re-screening every three years), and photo ID check or identity verification at events. For a current Class A application, contact Erin Hall at 515-986-5520, ext 119 or ehall@soiowa.org or go to the Web site www.soiowa.org.

All Class A volunteers must also complete the Protective Behaviors Training:

- Go to www.soiowa.org**
- Move the cursor over “Volunteer”**
- Click on “Volunteer Information & Applications”**

Volunteers who do not have access to the Internet may request a written version of the training from Erin Hall at the state office.

Class B Volunteers:

- Volunteers who only have limited contact with athletes or who have contact with athletes accompanied by coaches and chaperones.

Class B Volunteers *do not* need to complete an application, however they may be asked to complete a volunteer registration form before the event or sign-in sheet at the day of the event. Volunteers may also be asked to show photo ID at events. For more information on volunteering for a particular event, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Erin Hall at 515-986-5520, ext. 119 or ehall@soiowa.org.





Attention Coaches!

The State Office needs the originals of the new physical/release forms. Much of the information faxed is difficult to read and we don't want to enter any inaccurate information. Please mail the original to: 551 SE Dovetail Road, P.O. Box 620, Grimes, IA 50111. Please contact Jean Richey at 515-986-5520, ext. 102 with questions.



Singers for the Summer Games Opening Ceremonies

SOIA is looking for an athlete who would like to sing the national anthem during Opening Ceremonies at the Summer Games on the evening of May 20 at Hilton Coliseum on the Iowa State University campus. Please send all nominations to Pam Wagner at 515-986-5520 ext. 104 or pwagner@soiowa.org.

Calendar of Events

APRIL 2010

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| 7 | Young Athlete Program | Cedar Rapids |
| 8 | Southwest Area Aquatics Competition | Glenwood |
| 10 | Central Area Spring Games | Marshalltown |
| 10 | South Central Area Spring Games | Graceland College, Lamoni |
| 10 | East Area Spring Games | Eldridge |
| 10 | Polar Plunge (fundraiser) | Iowa State University, Ames |
| 10 | Polar Plunge (fundraiser) | Indianola |
| 10 | Polar Plunge (fundraiser) | Waterloo |
| 14 | Southwest Area Spring Games | Iowa Western, Council Bluffs |
| 14 | West Central Area Spring Games | Simpson College, Indianola |
| 15 | North Central Area Spring Games | Fort Dodge |
| 17 | Challenge Day | Dubuque |
| 17 | East Central Area Spring Games | Coe College, Cedar Rapids |
| 17 | Northwest Area Spring Games | Dordt College, Sioux Center |
| 17 | Polar Plunge (fundraiser) | Northwest Iowa |
| 20 | Young Athlete Program | Oskaloosa |
| 22 | North Area Spring Games | Forest City |
| 23 | Young Athlete Program | River Hills |
| 24 | Cornell Unified Sports Day | Cornell College, Mt. Vernon |
| 24 | Southeast Area Spring Games | Oskaloosa |

MAY 2010

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| 6 | Unified Sports Day | Drake University, Des Moines |
| 20-22 | State Summer Games | Iowa State University, Ames |

A complete calendar of events can be viewed or downloaded from our Web site www.soiowa.org. Move the cursor over "Events" and click on "Calendar of Events." If you are interested in volunteering for any of these events please contact Erin Hall at 515-986-5520, ext. 119 or ehall@soiowa.org.



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