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TRADITIONAL PROGRAMS

SPECIAL OLYMPICS IOWA NEWSLETTER

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

Mark your calendars now for these important AREA COACHES MEETINGS



Please attend your Area Coaches Meeting where you will hear about new events and important updates in our program.

If you are unable to attend, please make sure your facility has some representation. If you have questions, please contact Rhonda Schwarzkopf at 515-986-5520 or at rschwarzkopf@soiowa.org.

AREA	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Central	8/30	7:00 p.m.	Marshalltown, Fischer Community Center
East	8/31	6:00 p.m.	Davenport, North High School
East Central	9/07	5:30 p.m.	Ambroz Recreation Center, Cedar Rapids
North	9/07	6:30 p.m.	Forest City, YMCA
North Central	9/02	6:30 p.m.	Ft. Dodge, Starlight Village
Northeast	9/07	6:00 p.m.	Cedar Falls, St. Patrick’s Parish
Northwest	9/07	3:30 p.m.	Sioux City West Middle School
	9/07	7:00 p.m.	Sioux Center Middle School
South Central	9/14	5:30 p.m.	Creston, Pizza Ranch
Southeast	9/14	5:30 p.m.	Mt. Pleasant, Jerry’s Pizza
Southwest	9/18	10:00 a.m.	IA Western Community College Loof Hall Rm 023, Council Bluffs
West Central	9/07	6:00 p.m.	Ruby Van Meter (DSM, 28th St.)

Welcome Back Coaches!

We hope you had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to another great year of events and competitions with Special Olympics Iowa. Please check our Web site, www.soiowa.org, for updates, photos and other information.

Gold Medal Gala is September 18

Celebrate It All at this year’s Gold Medal Gala to benefit Special Olympics Iowa on Saturday, September 18 in West Des Moines. Watch for more details in this newsletter and on the SOIA Web site at www.soiowa.org.



Special Olympics

Be a fan.



Eunice Kennedy Shriver Day is September 25

We invite you to PLAY ON by joining the athletes of Special Olympics Iowa and buddies of Best Buddies, the real heroes of a movement to unify communities, and to honor Eunice Kennedy Shriver (EKS) by becoming an agent of acceptance and action throughout the world. EKS Day will be celebrated annually on the fourth Saturday of every September.

The Day celebrates the vision, commitment and achievements of Eunice Kennedy Shriver and the tradition of making a difference that began in her backyard. EKS Day events will honor her inspiration, impact and indomitable spirit and challenge generations to play on by becoming agents of acceptance and action in their communities.

Find out more about how you can partner with your friends, schools and communities to celebrate EKS Day on September 25 by visiting www.soiowa.org. Toolkits and other resources will be added in the coming weeks. If you have questions, contact Joyce Allard at jallard@soiowa.org.

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Coaches Sports Training Certification Clinic is August 14 in Creston

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

Please complete the registration form and return it to Rhonda Schwarzkopf by 8/09/2010
10:00 a.m. Softball Training _____ Yes, I will attend this training.
12:00 p.m. Bocce Training _____ Yes, I will attend this training.

Training site: VF Field Highway 34 (west of Kum & Go) Creston, IA

Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____
Delegation: _____

SOIA will provide water and a light dinner.
Please return the registration form by 08/09/10 to:
Rhonda Schwarzkopf Special Olympics Iowa PO Box 620 Grimes, IA 50111
Fax: 515-986-5530 or email to rschwarzkopf@soiowa.org



Unified Golf Tournaments

Unified Golf has continued to grow every year. You don't want to miss these fun events,
so sign up as soon as possible.

Please contact Kathy Irving at 515-986-5520 or kirving@soiowa.org for these events:

- Spencer: Aug. 15 (deadline 08/02)
- Cedar Rapids: Aug. 21 (deadline 08/10)
- Jester Park: Sept. 18 (deadline 09/06)
- Muscatine: Sept. 15 (deadline 09/03)
- Waterloo: Sept. 10 (deadline 09/12)



Please contact Cathy Richey at 515-986-5520 or crichey@soiowa.org for these events:

- Akron: Oct. 9 (deadline 9/17)
- Marshalltown: TBA



Sept. 25 Flag Football Coach and Athlete Certification Training Clinic

Tait Cummins Sport Complex
3000 C Street SW
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

The Clinic is open to the first 150 athletes to register!

Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
Delegation: _____

Please circle one: I am an: ATHLETE COACH

SOIA will provide water and a light lunch. Registration due 9/15/10 to: Rhonda Schwarzkopf
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FOOTBALL & BASEBALL EVENTS

Special Olympics Iowa will host the 33rd Annual State Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, October 16 at the Forker Building at Iowa State University. Entries are due by September 1.



Cargill hosts Special Olympics Iowa night at the ballpark

Cedar Rapids, Sat., Aug. 21 Cargill will host the 19th Annual Cargill - Special Olympics Iowa (SOIA) night at the ballpark with the Cedar Rapids Kernels at 6:35 p.m. Special Olympics Iowa athletes wearing a medal or ribbon are admitted to the game free. Proceeds from the silent auction and 50/50 raffle will benefit Special Olympics Iowa. There will be a fireworks display at the end of the game.



Cop on Top

Fort Dodge

August 6-8

Ames

August 14

Iowa City/Coralville

August 20

August 21

August 22

Entry Forms Available Online

Registration forms for upcoming Games and Competitions can be found on our Web site at www.siowa.org and looking under Competitions and clicking on Entry Forms.

Special Olympics Iowa and ISU Football: A Great Team!



The Iowa State University Athletics Department is once again inviting all athletes and coaches of Special Olympics Iowa, as well as their friends and families, to enjoy a Cyclone football game at a discounted rate. This year's game is on Saturday, October 2, and the opponent is Texas Tech. Tickets are available for just \$10 each! Reserve your tickets by returning the order form below and your payment NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17. A limited number of tickets are available and orders will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.



Iowa State Football Day Ticket Form

ISU v. Texas Tech
Saturday, October 2

Please return this form and payment NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 17. A limited number of tickets are available and orders will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Orders should be sent to:

Special Olympics Iowa Attn: ISU Football Tickets PO Box 620 Grimes, IA 50111

Please note that transportation to/from the game is up to each person/facility. All persons must purchase a ticket, including adults who are accompanying athletes. For more information, contact Linda Gascho at (515) 986-5520.

Name _____

Address _____ City, State, ZIP _____

Phone number _____ E-mail : _____

I wish to purchase (#) _____ ISU v. Texas Tech tickets at \$10 each = \$ _____

Handling Fee \$3.00

Total \$ _____

____ Check Enclosed

____ Credit Card (MasterCard, VISA, Discover)

Card Number _____

Exp Date _____ Security Code _____

Signature _____

Wheelchair seating requested for (#) _____

Calendar of Events

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CALENDAR, HANDBOOK/NEWSLETTER REQUEST

Coaches: See first page of newsletter for area coaches' meetings.

AUGUST

6-8	Cop on Top	Ft. Dodge
7	State Softball Tournament	West Des Moines
12	Challenge Day	Council Bluffs
14	Softball Skills Competition	Muscatine
14	Cop on Top	Ames
15	Unified Golf Tournament	Spencer
18	Athlete Golf Clinic	Waukee
20-22	Cop on Top	Coralville
21	Unified Golf Tournament	Cedar Rapids
21	Cargill Night at the Ballpark (fundraiser)	Cedar Rapids
22	Taste of Ames	Ames
27	Jim Jordan Memorial Golf Tournament (fundraiser)	Blank Golf Course, Des Moines

SEPTEMBER

9	Dahl's / Prairie Meadows Golf Tournament	Ankeny
10	Unified Golf Tournament	Waterloo
11	State Equestrian Competition	Jester Park Equestrian Center
11	Bowling Kick-off	Mason City YMCA
15	Unified Golf Tournament	Muscatine
18	Unified Golf Tournament	Jester Park, Polk City
18	Gold Medal Gala (fundraiser)	West Des Moines
22	Over The Edge (fundraiser)	Des Moines
24	Northeast Area Soccer Skills Competition	UNI, Cedar Falls
25	Eunice Kennedy Shriver Day	
25	Truck Convoy (fundraiser)	Des Moines
25	Iowa State Football Fundraiser	Ames

Please watch for emails and the SOIA Web site (www.soioa.org) announcing details for upcoming training schools. A complete calendar of events can be viewed from our Web site www.soioa.org. Move the cursor to Upcoming Activities and click on Full Schedule. If you are interested in volunteering for any of these events please contact Erin Hall at 515-986-5520 or ehall@soioa.org.

2010-2011 Coaches' Handbook/Newsletter Request Form

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 email at jrichey@soioa.org

SOIA is going GREEN! To receive future newsletters via e-mail, just e-mail: jrichey@soioa.org

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

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Name: _____ Area: _____

Home Address: _____

Town: _____ Zip: _____

Delegation (School/Facility): _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ Zip _____

Phone: (Business) _____ (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Send newsletter to: ___ Home ___ School ___ Facility ___ Email
 Send handbook to: ___ Home ___ School ___ Facility ___ Don't need Handbook

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DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Development Update

Are You Fan Enough to Go Over the Edge?



Are you a courageous enough fan? Are you a thrill-seeker? Are you looking to add some excitement to your life? Well we have a TALL challenge for you!

Be one of a few to go Over the Edge for Special Olympics Iowa by rappelling off a 345 ft tall building, the Financial Center in downtown Des Moines.

Join us Wednesday, September 22 and go Over the Edge for SOIA!



Register online today: <http://www.soiowa.org/Pages/OverTheEdge.aspx>

Thanks!

We would like to thank everyone who played part in helping get Team Iowa to the National Games in Lincoln this summer.

Thanks to the family members and friends that bought T-shirts, to Hy-Vee as the Presenting Partner, the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines for donating their time and food for lunches for Team Iowa, as well as all the Team Iowa Fans from across the state!

Don't Forget!

You can order Special Olympics Iowa merchandise on our website! Just go to: <http://www.soiowa.org/Pages/OnlineStore.aspx>

Pictures from the 2010 National Games!





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