



TRADITIONAL PROGRAMS

SPECIAL OLYMPICS IOWA NEWSLETTER

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

2010 State Summer Games Are A Success



The 2010 State Summer Games took place May 20-22 at Iowa State University in Ames. More than 2,700 athletes from across Iowa participated in bocce, cycling, roller skating, aquatics, athletics, soccer skills, 7-on-7 team soccer, tennis and developmental events. Athletes also enjoyed:

- ◇ The Olympic Festival with balloon hats/animals, cheerleading clinics, face painting, crafts, games, golf and movies.
- ◇ Opening Ceremonies with special guests: Iowa State University Vice President of Student Affairs Tom Hill, Ames Mayor Ann Campbell and Ames High School basketball standout Harrison Barnes. Global Messengers Teresa Trickey led athletes in the SO oath, Tyler Wenninghoff gave opening remarks and SOIA athletes Jesse Stelken and Josh Jostad sang the national anthem.
- ◇ Sports clinics provided by the ISU basketball, football, soccer and cheerleading teams.
- ◇ The Healthy Athletes screening program saw more than 300 athletes who received valuable exams and information.
- ◇ A celebration dance at Hilton Coliseum Friday night. Athletes had a great time dancing with new and old friends.

A big thanks to the more than 1,200 coaches and chaperones and 2,000 volunteers! We couldn't have done it without you!

Special Olympics Iowa State Equestrian Competition

June/July
2010



Saturday, September 11
Jester Park Riding Stables in Granger



List of Classes:

- Horsemanship– Walk Only, Western and English
- Egg and Spoon (must trot)
- Barrel Race
- Ball Drop– 1 Bucket
- Key Hole Racing
- Pole Bending
- Baton Relay

Contact the State Office for entry forms. **Forms are due no later than August 1, 2010.**

Unified Golf Tournaments

Unified Golf has continued to grow and improve each year. You don't want to miss these fun events, so don't forget to sign up! You could miss your chance for a hole-in-one! **Please contact Kathy Irving at 515-986-5520 ext. 111 or kirving@soiowa.org for the following events:**

- Davenport: June 26
- Estherville: TBA
- Cedar Rapids: August 21
- Jester Park: TBD
- Muscatine: September 15
- Waterloo: TBA



Sarah Bidney offers free golf lessons to SOIA athletes

PGA Teaching Professional Sarah Bidney is once again offering free lessons to SOIA athletes. Space is limited and will be on a first-come, first-serve basis to participate. If space is available, athletes may attend more than one lesson. All registrants must have a SOIA Physical/Release on file to participate. If you would like to sign up, please return the registration form below. For more information, please visit the website at www.soiowa.org or contact Cathy Richey at crichey@soiowa.org or by calling 515-986-5520, ext. 117.

All lessons will be held at **Sugar Creek Municipal Golf Course**, 1505 6th St., Waukee, IA

Golf Lessons Registration Form

Athlete Name: _____ Age _____

Delegation: _____

Coach's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail _____

Golf Experience (years): _____

June 2, 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. Full

June 30, 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. _____

July 21, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. _____

August 4, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. _____

August 18, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. _____

If you wish to attend more than one session, indicate your first choice, second choice, etc.
We will contact you to let you know which sessions have room.

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2010 Challenge Days: "Believe and Achieve"

Carroll, June 12 _____
 Council Bluffs, TBA _____
 Name: _____
 Facility: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Zip: _____



Challenge Day events provide athletes with severe intellectual and physical disabilities the opportunity to compete and have fun. Switch-activated equipment allows athletes in wheelchairs to shoot a basketball, putt a golf ball or hit a volleyball. Individuals who have never had an opportunity to participate in sports can participate in this program.

*Please mail your completed form to:
 Kathy Irving; PO Box 620;
 Grimes, Iowa 50111
OR Fax to 515-986-5530
 (Attn: Kathy—Challenge Day Sign Up)



Young Athletes Play Activity Days



Young Athletes Play Activity Days are designed for children with intellectual disabilities between the ages of two and seven. Activity Days provide social opportunities for children who are too young to participate in other SOIA competitions (minimum entry age is eight years).

A Young Athletes Activity Day is currently scheduled for Cedar Falls (**River Hills**) on **July 15** and for Waterloo (**Castle Hill**) on **July 14**. For more information or to sign up, please contact Kathy Irving at kirving@soiowa.org or by calling 515-986-5520 ext. 111.

Coaches Sports Training Certification Clinic June 9 in Cedar Rapids

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

A training clinic has been scheduled for June 9 in Cedar Rapids at Cleveland Park. Please complete the registration form and return it to Rhonda Schwarzkopf by **Tuesday, June 8, 2010**.

4:00 p.m. Bocce Training _____ Yes, I will attend this training.
OR
 4:00 p.m. Soccer Training _____ Yes, I will attend this training.
 5:30 p.m. Dinner Break
 6:00 p.m. Softball Training (team & skills) _____ Yes, I will attend this training.

Training site: Cleveland Park
 1800 1st Avenue SW
 Cedar Rapids, IA

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

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Golf Coaches Sports Training Certification Clinic Scheduled for June 2 in Waukee

PGA Teaching Professional, Sarah Bidney, will offer a coaches training session to SOIA coaches on June 2 in Waukee at the Sugar Creek Golf Course in conjunction with the athlete clinic. Coaches will observe Sarah while she instructs the SOIA athletes on the fundamentals of golf. Following the clinic, Sarah will also hold a 30 minute question and answer session for the coaches. Coaches will then be invited to hit golf balls with Sarah.

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- New and recertification training will be offered.

Please complete the registration form and return it to Rhonda Schwarzkopf by **Tuesday, June 1, 2010.**

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Golf Training _____ Yes, I will attend this training.

Training site: Sugar Creek Golf Course
1505 6th Street
Waukee, IA

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

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Calendar of Events

JUNE 2010

5	Gourmet Gala	Ames
12	Challenge Day	Carroll
26	Unified Golf Tournament	Davenport
28	Swing with the Celebrities Golf Tournament (fundraiser)	Coralville

JULY 2010

11	Final Leg Ceremony	Ames
18-23	National Games	Lincoln, Nebraska

AUGUST 2010

7	State Softball Tournament	West Des Moines
21	Unified Golf Tournament	Cedar Rapids
27	Jim Jordan Golf Outing (fundraiser)	Des Moines

A complete calendar of events can be viewed or downloaded from our website www.soiowa.org. Move the cursor over "About Us" and click on "Schedule 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.

2010-2011 Coaches' Handbook/Newsletter Request Form

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REQUEST FORM & UPCOMING EVENTS

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) _____
 E-mail Address: _____
 Fax: _____

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



Upcoming Summer Softball Events

Softball Skills Competition

Atlantic – July 11 and Muscatine – August 14



Kathy Blazek of Atlantic and Jason Miller of Muscatine will each host a Softball Skills Competition. This is a fun day for Special Olympics Iowa athletes who do not have the ability to play on a team. For more information, please contact Kathy (Atlantic) at 712-249-0511 or Jason (Muscatine) at 563-263-9996. **Entries are due in the State Office by Friday, June 18.**

State Softball Tournament

Saturday, August 7

SOIA will have conference play in our softball competition, with the 20 winning teams advancing to the state tournament. The conference will be divisional by location and ability. Coaches will be notified of their conference by the end of June. **Team entries are due in the State Office by June 10, ratings by June 15.**

Attention Coaches!

You will notice that there is either an (09-10) or an (10-11) on the address label that was used to send this newsletter to you. If you have an (10-11), that means you've registered to receive the 2010-2011 coaches' handbook and will receive the coaches' newsletter. If you have an (09-10) above your name, please complete and return the registration form in this newsletter as soon as possible.



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