

SPECIAL OLYMPICS IOWA NEWSLETTER



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TRADITIONAL PROGRAMS

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

2010 Summer Games Schedule



Thursday, May 20

9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Residence Hall Check-in -Commons area: Maple-Willow-Larch (M-W-L)

Competition:

Cycling 9:00 a.m.-Iowa State Center Parking Lot

Roller Skating 10:00 a.m.-Skate North in Des Moines

Tennis 10:00 a.m.-Forker Building tennis courts

Soccer Skills 10:30 a.m.-soccer field east of M-W-L

Soccer (7-a-Side) 10:00 a.m.-soccer fields east of M-W-L

Bocce 10:30 a.m.-Lied Recreation Athletic Center

Race Walk 1:00 p.m.-Lied Recreation Athletic Center

Young Athletes 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.-Forker Building room 175

4:15 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Dinner-Assigned Residence Hall Dining Centers

6:15 p.m.

Parade line-up for Opening Ceremonies-Parking lot C-2-Hilton Coliseum

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Opening Ceremonies-Hilton Coliseum

Friday, May 21

6:30-8:30 a.m.

Breakfast- Assigned Residence Hall Dining Centers

8:00 a.m.

Coaches Meeting (if inclement weather)- M-W-L Commons

8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Competition:

Athletics 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.-Lied Rec. Athletic Center

Aquatics 8:15 a.m.-3:00 p.m.-Beyer Hall

Developmental Events 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.-Forker Building

Healthy Athletes 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.- (This includes Opening eyes, FUN Fitness and Health Promotions in the Forker Building and Special Smiles and Fit Feet outside the Forker Building.

11:15 a.m.-1:45 p.m.

Lunch-Assigned Residence Hall Dining Centers

4:15 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Dinner-Assigned Residence Hall Dining Centers

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Celebration Dance-Hilton Coliseum

Saturday, May 22

6:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.

Breakfast-Assigned Residence Hall Dining Centers

8:00 a.m.

Coaches Meeting (if inclement weather)-M-W-L Commons

8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Competition:

Athletics-Lied Rec. Athletic Center

12:00 p.m.

Closing Ceremonies-Lied Rec. Athletic Center



State Program Dates

2010

Softball Tournament — August 7

Equestrian — September 11

Volleyball Tournament — October 16

Bowling Tournament — November 20

2011

Winter Games — January 10-12

Mid-Winter Tournament — March 11-12

Summer Games — May 26-28

May 2010



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 by **Wednesday, May 26**. For more information, please visit the Web site 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 50263

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. _____
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, please indicate your first choice, second choice, etc. We will contact you to let you know which sessions have room.

The Principal Charity Classic Birdies for Charity

For the third year, SOIA is participating in a program sponsored by The Principal Charity Classic®. Birdies for Charity® is a fundraising vehicle, through which participating charities solicit pledges from supporters based on the number of birdies made by PGA Champions Tour players during the three-day Principal Charity Classic. Donors will either pledge a one-time flat amount, or a per-birdie amount for each birdie made by the Champions Tour players during the three-day Principal Charity Classic. For more information, go to www.soiowa.org and click on Support Us. To pledge your support, please visit www.principalcharityclassic.com/birdies.



Upcoming Summer Softball Events

Softball Skills Competition

The rules for Softball Skills is found on pages 114-115 in the Coaches' Handbook. The entries for this competition are due by June 18.

SOIA State Softball Tournament

Saturday, August 7, 2010 at Raccoon River Valley Softball Complex in West Des Moines

Entries are due June 10 and the Softball Skill Assessment is due by June 15. Again this year, SOIA will have conference play in our softball competition, with the winning 20 teams advancing to the State Tournament. The conference will be divided by location and ability. Some conferences will have a league play-off, while others will have a one-day conference tournament. Coaches will be notified of their conference by the end of June.

2011 World Summer Games

The 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games will be held June 25 to July 4 in Athens, Greece. Two Special Olympics athletes from Iowa will be part of Team USA. One female athlete and one male athlete will each compete in the Athletics (track & field) competition. Applications for participation are not yet available. As soon as the applications are received by the state office, an e-mail will be sent out to SOIA coaches and a notice will be put in the monthly newsletter as well as the SOIA Web site.

Applicants must be able to attend the 2011 National Training Camp (date and location are TBD) and be able to be out of the country from approximately June 16 to July 6, 2011. In order to apply for the games, athletes must have received a gold medal in an Athletics (track & field) competition at the 2009 or 2010 SOIA State Summer Games in Ames. Please contact Rhonda Schwarzkopf at 515-986-5520, ext. 112 or rschwarzkopf@soiowa.org if you have any questions.



TRADITIONAL & SPECIAL PROGRAMS

May 2010



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SPECIAL PROGRAMS, THANK YOU & OTHER

Challenge Days: "Believe and Achieve"

Carroll, June 12, 2010 _____
 Glenwood, 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)

Saturday, May 22 and Sunday, May 23

Adventureland discount coupons for Saturday, May 22 or Sunday, May 23 will be available during the State Summer Games at the information booth at the Lied Recreation Center and also at the SOIA check-in at the residence halls. Each coupon will entitle up to six SOIA coaches, family members and friends to a special discount price of \$21 per person (tax included). Athletes who come to Adventureland on May 22 or 23 will get in for FREE by wearing a medal or a ribbon from the 2010 Summer Games. For more information, please contact Erin McKeown at 515-986-5520, ext. 108 or via e-mail at emckeown@soiowa.org.

Thank You SOIA Volunteer Area Directors!



SOIA is truly thankful to the generous and hardworking volunteer Area Directors (ADs) who ensure that quality sports training programs and athletic competitions are available to all eligible individuals in their specific geographic area. Our ADs are faithfully committed to the SOIA movement. They are dynamic, energetic, and trustworthy leaders who promote the spirit of sportsmanship to everyone involved with the organization.

ADs volunteer year-round, planning and managing all area competitions while raising funds to support and meet the financial needs of their area. They recruit, provide orientation and train volunteers for all area athletic competitions, while fulfilling the hopes and dreams of thousands of SOIA athletes. Some of the Area Directors have volunteered for SOIA since 1981.

ADs are not paid to serve in this important role. They are volunteers who truly care about SOIA athletes, their families and the community in which they live. ADs are role models to every athlete in SOIA. They continually strive to achieve the SOIA mission. **We greatly appreciate all of the time and effort that the ADs put forth to make SOIA the great organization it is today.**

Central Area Director, Sandy Bennett

NW Area Director, Peg Koele

East Area Director, Nancy Shannon

SC Area Director, Colleen Gangestad

EC Area Director, Sally Briggs

SE Area Directors, Brad and Julie Bengé

North Area Director, Holly Jane Kusserow-Smidt

SW Area Directors, Martin Wright and Will Schafer

NC Area Directors, Liz Rusher and Lee Decicco

WC Area Director, Debby Eldred

NE Area Directors, Joe and Eileen Wilson

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TRAINING CLINIC REGISTRATIONS

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.

- New and existing coaches are welcome to attend.
- New and recertification training will be offered.

Please complete the registration form and return it to Rhonda Schwarzkopf by **Wednesday, May 26, 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: _____

Rhonda Schwarzkopf E-mail: rschwarzkopf@soiowa.org
Special Olympics Iowa
PO Box 620
Grimes, IA 50111 P: 515-986-5520 F: 515-986-5530



Coaches Sports Training Certification Clinic Scheduled for 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 **Friday, June 4, 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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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 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



Calendar of Events

MAY

6	Unified Sports Day	Drake University, Des Moines
20-22	State Summer Games	Iowa State University, Ames
28-30	Cops on Top (fundraiser)	Ames, Ankeny, Altoona & Des Moines area Walmarts
22-23	SOIA Adventureland Weekend	Altoona

JUNE 2010

5	Gourmet Gala	ISU Alumni Center, Ames
12	Challenge Day	Carroll

JULY 2010

18-23	National Games	Lincoln, Nebraska
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A complete calendar of events can be viewed or downloaded from our Web site 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.



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