



Day of Event Volunteer Details: State Equestrian

Event: Special Olympics Iowa- State Equestrian

Event Volunteering Information:

- **REQUIREMENT: DUE TO THE SAFTY OF OUR SOIA VOLUNTEERS & ATHLETES WE ASK THAT ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH HORSES/EQUESTRAIN**
- Anyone who signs up using our online registration at www.soiova.org/volunteer will receive an email **one week prior** to the event with volunteer and event information.

Volunteer Questions:

- Questions about volunteering can be answered **up until 4:30pm on the Thursday of the week of the equestrian event**. You can contact us by:
 - Emailing the contact for this event found on www.soiova.org/volunteer page or on the sign up form
 - Emailing Volunteer1@soiova.org
 - Calling the SOIA state office at **515-986-5520**
 - Please refer to our website for helpful information www.soiova.org/volunteer
- After Thursday at 4:30pm the state office staff will be out of the office preparing for the event with no/little access to email and no access to our state office phone.
- State office hours for calling: Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm (Summer hours-Friday 8:30am-12noon)



Who can volunteer?

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- **Individuals**- Sign up just yourself or maybe you and a few friends or family members! Choose the same volunteer assignment slot as to be at the same event as your friends/family members!
- **Groups**- Large groups are welcome to sign up to volunteer! We try our best to accommodate large groups by keeping members together as best we can.
- **Age Restrictions**- **REQUIRMENT: DUE TO THE SAFTY OF OUR SOIA VOLUNTEERS & ATHLETES WE ASK THAT ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH HORSES/EQUESTRAIN AND BE AT LEAST 14 YEARS OF AGE FOR THIS EVENT**
- **Students**- We welcome students to join us! If you need verification of volunteer hours for school, you can find an Event Director the day of the event to sign a form, email your questions to the contact for this event found on www.soioawa.org/volunteer page, or call the state office at 515-986-5520
- **Employees**- Does your work place designate paid time off for volunteer hours? Come volunteer with us! If you need verification of volunteer hours for work, you can find an Event Director the day of the event to sign a form, email your questions to the contact for this event found on www.soioawa.org/volunteer page or call the state office at 515-986-5520



What is State Equestrian?

State Equestrian Competition Information:

More information on Special Olympics Iowa State Equestrian athlete competition can be found by clicking on this link: www.soioowa.org/statewide-competitions and then by clicking on the Equestrian tab. More in-depth details and athlete schedule with times can be located at the link above.



When & Where?

Date and Times:

- September
- Saturday- 9:00am- 3:00pm all day volunteers preferred
- See www.soiowa.org/volunteer for specific dates & times for this year.

Location(s):

- Granger- Jester Park Equestrian Center
 - Map: [Click Here](#)



How do I volunteer?

Volunteer Sign Up:

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- Sign up using our online registration and you're good to go!
- Volunteer sign up can be located at www.soioowa.org/volunteer at the right hand column under "Register to Volunteer."
- We encourage everyone to register on our online sign up prior to coming to volunteer at the event. The sooner the better!

Volunteer Assignments:

- Volunteer assignments are made the day of the event at your location



Day of Event Information

Day of Event Parking:

- Parking available on site.

Day of Event Volunteer Check In:

- Please go to Volunteer Check-In first thing at your designated time.
- Volunteer Check-in will be located on site at the equestrian center. Follow signs.
- Here you will receive your free volunteer T-shirt and name tag with assignment information.

Day of Event Attire:

- Dress comfortably, in layers (prepared for cold or hot) and casually.
- This is an athletic, active event.
- This is an indoor/outdoor event.
- Please wear the free complimentary volunteer shirt you receive at Volunteer Check-In the day of the event so we are able to identify our volunteers.
- Restrooms at each venue will be available for changing into your shirt. You may also want to consider wearing something that can easily be worn underneath your T-shirt due to heavy traffic in the restrooms.

Day of Event Food & Beverage:

- Free complimentary lunch will be provided for volunteers
- Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate specific dietary needs. Please plan accordingly.