

2016 Summer Games Recap



Special Olympics Iowa held the 32nd annual Summer Games at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, May 19-21. The Games consisted of three days of competition in sports like aquatics, athletics, tennis, bocce, developmental, soccer and cycling.

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SOIA would like to thank all of the volunteers, parents, sponsors, partners and, of course, athletes who made the 2016 Summer Games possible!

Check out more great coverage of the [2016 Summer Games!](#)

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Summer Games Lost and Found

There are several lost and found items from Summer Games being kept at the state office. If you are looking for an item please contact Rhonda Schwarzkopf at (515)-986-5520.

*NOTE: A men's gold wedding band was among the items found. Please call the office with a detailed description of the band if you believe it to be yours.

Plane Pull

Our 3rd annual Plane Pull is taking place Saturday, June 4, 2016 and there's still time to sign up!

Teams of up to 20 people will test their strength against a UPS 757 airplane that weighs more than 120,000 pounds. The teams will compete to see who can pull the airplane 12 feet in the fastest time. For the first time ever, teams will get to pull twice, with their fastest time counting as their final time. Both pulls will be consecutive. Teams can enter into one of seven categories.

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Plane Pull

Special Olympics Iowa

Strong Enough to Pull a Plane?
Now Your Team of 20 Can PROVE IT!

Get your team of up to 20 members together and pull a UPS 757 weighing more than 120,000 lbs! Teams will pull twice, with best time used as final time.

Divisions:
Civic
High School/College
Public Safety
Co-ed
Special Olympian
Family (50% of team members must be ten years old and younger)
Open

Teams must raise a minimum of \$1,000 • See website for division requirements
Register at: www.soiowa.org/planepull
Saturday, June 4, 2016
10:00 a.m.
Des Moines International Airport

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Saturday, June 4, 2016

Endeavor Air/South Cargo Ramp, Des Moines International Airport

Event starts at 10 a.m.

\$1,000 per team (\$50 per person for a team of 20)

There's still time to sign a team up!

[More Information](#)

Des Moines Register Reveals All-Iowa Special Olympics Elite Athletes

Just ahead of the 2016 Summer Games, The Des Moines Register revealed the All-Iowa Special Olympics Elite Athletes. The athletes chosen represent the spirit of the Special Olympics Iowa movement and have gone above and beyond to show their dedication to sport and sportsmanship. They represent SOIA in competitions, service to their fellow athletes, and leadership within the organization and their community.



The Elite Athletes will be honored at the Register's All-Iowa Sports Awards Banquet on June 18 in Des Moines. The banquet will feature keynote speaker Peyton Manning. [Read More](#)

SOIA Athlete Competes in 2016 Principal Charity Classic

Special Olympics Iowa athlete Brian Rolek was asked for the second year in a row to compete at the Principal Charity Classic Pro-Am on May 31, 2016.

A Pro-Am takes place before the professional event and joins ordinary golfers on a team with a PGA Tour golfer. This year Rolek teamed up with pro Blaine McCallister. [Read More](#)



Casey's Cup Campaign

NOW through Labor Day, Casey's General Stores across Iowa are participating in the annual Casey's Cup Campaign. Through this statewide campaign, a photo of four SOIA athletes and four Law Enforcement Torch Run officers are featured on 44 oz. drink cups. A percentage of each cup sale during the campaign is donated to SOIA.



2016 Athletes Featured On Cup:

- Ben Anderson of Ankeny
- Claire Berns of Des Moines
- Brian Rolek of West Des Moines
- Angela Collins of Muscatine

2016 Law Enforcement Torch Run Officers Featured On Cup:

- Beth Reuter, DCI
- Chad Leonard, Dallas County Sheriffs Office
- Vern Dillon, Department of Corrections
- Shannon Sampson, Cedar Rapids Police Dept



Event Details:

NOW through Labor Day, Summer 2016
Casey's General Stores across the state of Iowa

[More Information](#)

Swing with Celebrities Golf Tournament

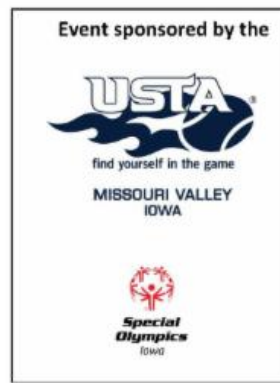


The Swing with the Celebrities Golf Tournament presented by Brian Ferentz is a unique opportunity for individuals and organizations to raise money and support Special Olympics Iowa athletes by joining current and former University of Iowa athletes and staff for a day of golf.

This year's tournament will be held Wednesday, June 29, 2016.

[More Details](#)

USTA Sponsored Tennis Competition August 27



Save the date – Saturday, August 27

North Scott High School Tennis Courts

200 S. 1st Street, Eldridge

**For Special Olympics athletes, ages 8 and up
Singles match play with ranking of 2.0 & higher**

Balls: Red foam, orange, green and yellow

2.0-2.9 3.0-3.9 4.0-4.9 5.0-8.0

Check in 8:30 Match play 9:00-3:00

Awards ceremony & pictures 3:10

**Free t-shirts & lunch for athletes, coaches
and volunteers. Plus daytime fireworks!**

Contact John for a registration form

jterpkosh@movalley.usta.com

completed registrations due back by July 29th

More Information

JTC Softball Tournament Benefiting SOIA

THE 5TH ANNUAL



July 16th - 17th, 2016

**12 inch Men's Rec D & Co-Ed Softball Tournament
Coralville Creekside Ball Park**

\$175 Entry Fee - 24 Team Limit

Benefiting the Special Olympics of Iowa

*Tournament format will be 3 game Round Robin Saturday.
Single elimination and consolations brackets on Sunday (guaranteed 2 games on Sunday).
8 games. 1 weekend.*

Proceeds will benefit the **Special Olympics of Iowa**

1st, 2nd and 3rd Place teams will receive Prizes.

Raffles, and Live Bands.

Sponsored by **Hills Bank** and other local businesses
and Trust Company

Contact: Allen Correll at 319-331-3901, Curtis Iburg at 319-471-3892, or email ldsoftball2007@gmail.com
Also check www.facebook.com/JTCTourney for more information.

Fit Focus

We have just completed the "March to Summer Games" campaign. Here are the highlights!

1. 11 Delegations participated with 120 total individuals registered
2. 73 Special Olympics athletes and 47 Unified Partners
3. 79 people completed the program and walked 10,110 miles for the 10 week program.
4. Average of 128 miles per person
5. 50 people joined the 50 Mile Club
6. 37 people walked over 100 miles
7. West Harrison Schools walked a total of 3628 miles.



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Top Team Averages

- #1. West Harrison=241.8 miles per person
- #2. Sioux City Knights=217.5 miles per person
- #3. G & G Living Center= 208.7 miles per person
- #4. Team Angela= 197.3 miles per person
- #5. Waterloo Country View= 108 miles per person
- #6. Cedar Valley Ranch= 51.8 miles per person
- #7. Muscatine= 29.1 miles per person
- #8. IKM-Manning= 13.6 miles per person

Top Individuals Totals

- #8. Logan Hansel from G&G Living Center=143
- #7. Angela Oberlander from Team Angela=151
- #6. Kaylee Holcomb from West Harrison=159
- #5. Andrea Emery from SC Knights=162
- #4. Sawyer Sparks from West Harrison=180
- #3. Cari Davis from SC Knights= 264
- #2. Christina Rasmussen from SC Knights= 288
- #1. Dylan Jorgenson from SC Knights=310

[More](#)

Pigskin Madness Tickets Coming Soon!

We're gearing up for the NFL season and our annual Pigskin Madness tickets will be on sale soon! For just \$20 you have eight chances to win each week of the regular NFL season - that's 17 weeks of play!

Each week, the highest scoring ticket will win \$225 with payouts given to the eight highest and three lowest scores. Want to help your friends get in on the fun? We will send you a book of 25 tickets to sell - you do not need to pay anything up front. Just turn in the sold tickets and money to the SOIA state office.

[More details to come!](#)

Questions? Contact Jeanette Steinfeldt at 515-986-5520 or jsteinfeldt@soiowa.org.

Coaches Corner

Coaches Training Certification Clinics

To see a list of upcoming training clinics, visit our [online calendar](#) and click on the Coaches Training check box on the left. If you have questions or would like to register for a course, please contact [Rhonda Schwarzkopf](#).

Upcoming Deadlines

2018 USA Games Technical Delegate Applications

Special Olympics North America is looking for qualified individuals to serve as volunteer technical delegate and assistant technical delegate for the 2018 Special Olympics USA Games to be held in

Seattle, Washington, July 1-6, 2018.

Application deadline: June 20, 2016

Application Details

Coaches' Guide Now on SOIA Website

The new and improved Coaches' Guide can now be found on the SOIA website. In the Competitions drop list, click on Participation Forms, and the link is on the left in the orange Helpful Links section. [CLICK HERE TO SEE THE GUIDE](#)

Calendar Highlights

For a full listing of events, [visit our online calendar!](#)



June

- 4 - Plane Pull
- 4 - Area Director Meeting
- 11 - New Hope Village Challenge Day
- 18 - All-Iowa Sports Awards Banquet
- 29 - Swing with Celebrities Golf Tournament

July

- 8 - Softball Skills- West Regional - Manning
- 9 - Conference Softball Tournament - Des Moines
- 9 - Conference Softball Tournament - Cedar Rapids
- 14 - Softball Skills- East Regional- Muscatine
- 16-17 - JTC Softball Tournament

August

- 6 - State Softball Tournament
 - 13 - Vinton Unified Mini Golf
 - 14 - Spencer Unified Golf
 - 20 - Cedar Rapids Unified Golf
 - 27 - USTA/Iowa All-Stars Tennis Tournament
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