



Tailgate for Teammates

Nothing brings fans together like a good old-fashioned tailgate! Tailgate for Teammates will offer a sense of camaraderie, inclusion and pride among athletes and their supporters. Guests will indulge in classic tailgate cuisine, take part in fun and festive sports-themed activities, bid for prizes in an auction, and cheer for athletes competing in upcoming Special Olympics Iowa events.



Event Details:

Date: September 17, 2016

Location: Ron Pearson Center (Formerly the Hy-Vee Conference Center), West Des Moines

Pricing: \$75 for individual, \$250 for team of four

[More Information](#)

Staff Column: Tailgate for Teammates Takes Different Spin on Fall Gala



The Tailgate for Teammates, happening September 17, is an annual event that takes a different spin on a fall gala. Rather than the dress up black tie event, it is a much more laid back event that has the athletes of Iowa focused. The evening is filled with games, laughter and best of all inclusion - which is a huge focus for Special Olympics.

Athletes are able to enjoy themselves mingling with guests or challenging them in a game of bag toss, or getting their picture taken to remember the evening. Most of the athletes' favorite part of the evening is

being featured on player cards with their picture and some facts about them on the back. The athletes sign these and hand them out to guests as conversation starters and ways to show off their accomplishments throughout their Special Olympics career! [Read More](#)

Staff Column: Class A Applications



As the schools and facilities start gearing up for another fantastic year of Special Olympics Iowa sport competitions, I have one item to refresh/remind you on - the Class A Volunteer Application. My name is Sally Briggs and I process all the Class A applications. We have updated our website with the Class A Volunteer information. From the home page hover over "Get Involved" and click on "Class A Volunteers" or use this [link](#).

Here are some common tips to remember when filling out the Class A Volunteer application:

- Who should fill out the Class A application?
 - Anyone who has direct contact with athletes, in a position of authority, supervision or trust of athletes
 - Coach, Unified partner, chaperone, one on one, board member, LETR (Law Enforcement Torch Run) volunteers, Committee members, anyone that transports, stays over night with athletes, handles substantial amounts of cash or other assets for Special Olympics Iowa

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Dunkin' Donuts Cop on a Rooftop Event September 9



Law enforcement officers will stake themselves atop 18 participating Dunkin' Donuts locations across the state of Iowa on September 9 to help raise money for Special Olympics Iowa (SOIA) in the 2nd annual Cop on a Rooftop event.

"Cop on a Rooftop" is a unique fundraiser where local officers stand on the roof of a local business while volunteers help collect donations at the entrance and drive-thru of the business. You'll be able to get a free coffee coupon from participating Dunkin' Donuts stores when you make a donation to SOIA. This event is one of many planned and implemented each year by the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) in support of SOIA.

Each year, the LETR initiative continues to grow. In 2015, LETR worked with 750+ law enforcement officers to raise more than \$875,000 for Iowa athletes.

Event Details

Who: Local law enforcement officials

What: Cop on a Rooftop for Special Olympics Iowa

When: Friday, Sept. 9 from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Where: Participating Dunkin' Donuts locations in Iowa

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LETR Golf Tournament



The Law Enforcement Torch Run is hosting the 6th annual LETR Golf Tournament benefiting Special Olympics Iowa on September 26, 2016 at Beaver Creek Golf Course in Grimes, IA.

You can register to play for \$85, which includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, goodie bag and lunch provided by Chili's.

*In addition, you can dine at Chili's restaurant locations throughout Iowa from August 1 to October 31 and Chili's will donate 15 percent of your pre-tax purchase to Special Olympics Iowa! [More Information](#)

Event Details:

Date: September 26, 2016

Location: Beaver Creek Golf Course, Grimes, IA

Cost: \$85

[Registration Details](#)

SOIA Involvement at the 2016 Iowa State Fair

Special Olympics Iowa athletes had several opportunities to display their accomplishments this year at the 2016 Iowa State Fair.



On Wednesday, August 10 athletes and their families were invited to take part in the annual State Fair parade that kicks off the fair. Athletes held up banners and waved at parade watchers as they made their way from the Capitol Building in downtown Des Moines to the State Fairgrounds. Our Statewide Partner

Wells Fargo was also on hand at the parade that day as they let SOIA athletes ride in the Wells Fargo stagecoach. [Read More](#)



SOIA Seeks Volunteer Translator

Special Olympics Iowa is looking for a volunteer to help translate important documents into Spanish for future use. We have several forms, including our Physical and Consent form, that we would like to also have in Spanish on our website and available at the state office.

If you or someone you know would be interested in helping with this, contact Gary Harms at 515-986-5520 or gharms@soiowa.org.

[More Information](#)

Upcoming State Events

Unified Golf Dates and Locations:



Akron Unified Golf

Date: September 10, 2016

Location: Akron Golf Club

Muscatine Unified Golf

Date: September 14, 2016

Location: Muscatine Municipal Golf Course

Davenport Unified Golf

Date: September 21, 2016

Location: Red Hawk Golf Course

Jester Park Unified Golf

Date: September 24, 2016

Location: Jester Park Golf Course, Granger, IA

[More Information](#)

**Equestrian State Championship Date and Location:**

Date: September 17, 2016

Location: Jester Park Equestrian Center, Granger, IA

[More Information](#)

Volleyball State Tournament Date and Location:

Date: October 8, 2016

Location: Forker Building, Iowa State University in Ames, IA

[More Information](#)

Flag Football State Tournament Date and Location:

Date: October 15, 2016

Location: Ellis Park, Cedar Rapids, IA

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SOIA Granite City Fundraiser September 22



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Notre Dame Football Raffle

You could win tickets to the November 19 Notre Dame football game against Virginia Tech at Notre Dame Stadium! Iowa Knights of Columbus councils are selling raffle tickets (\$10 each) now.



For more information, call your local Knights of Columbus Council or contact John Kliegl at jkliegl@soiowa.org or 515-418-7339.

**Pigskin Madness Tickets on
Sale Now - Just in time for**

the first NFL game on September 8!

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

HIGHEST Three Team Total: \$225
Second Highest: \$100
Third Highest: \$70
Fourth Highest: \$40
Fifth Highest: \$35
Sixth Highest: \$30
Seventh Highest: \$25
Eighth Highest: \$20
LOWEST Three Team Total: \$15
Second Lowest: \$10
Third Lowest: \$5

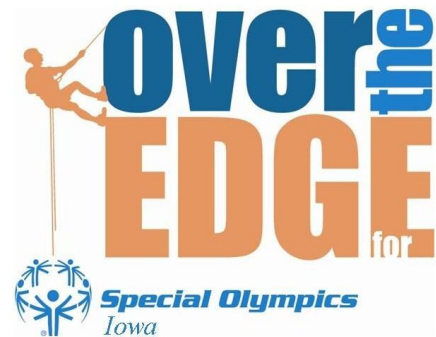
Want to help your friends get in on the fun? We will send you a book of 25 tickets to sell - you do not need to pay anything up front. Just turn in the sold tickets and money to the SOIA state office. [More Details](#)

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



Go Over the Edge for Special Olympics Iowa October 26!

The fear of heights is one of the most common phobias in the world...but why let that stop you? Over the Edge is a unique opportunity for individuals and organizations to raise money and support SOIA athletes by rappelling off the 345-ft. Financial Center in downtown Des Moines!



[Register Online](#)

Participants must raise a minimum of \$1,000 to guarantee a rappel spot. Space is limited so fundraise early!

[More Information](#)

World's Largest Truck Convoy for SOIA

The World's Largest Truck Convoy® is a national one-day celebration of the trucking industry, allied partners and law enforcement all working together to help raise money for Special Olympics Iowa.



Iowa's law enforcement officers escort the Convoy from Veterans Parkway (exit 101 off Highway 5) and travel 20 miles to the Iowa State Fairgrounds. SOIA athletes and families, community organizations, companies and law enforcement agencies welcome the truckers as they enter the fairgrounds for lunch

and a celebration with awards to recognize participating truckers for the support they give to Special Olympics.

Event Details

Date: Saturday, October 8, 2016

Location: Veterans Parkway to Iowa State Fairgrounds (celebration at Jalapeno Pete's) - Des Moines

Cost: \$100 per participant

Registration: [Register online](#) or mail/fax the [Registration form](#)

[More Information](#)

Fit Focus

"Fall into Fitness" is a walking club designed to enable Special Olympics Iowa athletes and Unified Partners opportunities to become more active. It is a flexible program that will be easy for teams to maintain. Each club will meet at least once per week to walk together. More activities can be added to give variation to your fitness program. Miles/activity will be recorded on a bi-weekly basis. Miles will be used in a competition and incentives-based format. Individuals and teams with the highest average miles will receive awards at the conclusion of "Fall into Fitness." In addition, the 5-station FIT Program pre- and post-assessments will be completed to record fitness progress.



[Fall into Fitness Flyer](#)

Coaches Corner

Upcoming Coaches Training Certification Clinics

September 6- Northeast Area

St. Pats Commons

7th & Main Street, Cedar Falls, IA

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

This training will follow the Northeast Area Fall Coaches Meeting.

September 22- West Central and South Central Area

Indianola Middle School

403 South 15th Street, Indianola, IA 50125

4:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Contact Bruce Wilson at bwilson@soiowa.org or 515-986-5520 for more information or to register.

September 24- Mason City

Mason City Family YMCA

1840 S Monroe Ave, Mason City, IA

9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Contact Katie Rasmussen at krasmussen@soiowa.org or 515-986-5520 for more information or to register.

Updated Coaches' Guide Available Online!

SOIA's updated **2016-2017 Coaches' Guide** is now available on our website. It can be found under the "Competitions" tab on the homepage or at this [link](#).

Fall Coaches Meeting Dates

Sept.1- North Central
Sept.6- Northwest
Sept.6- Northeast
Sept.7- West Central
Sept.8- Southwest
Sept.13- Southeast
Sept.13- South Central
Sept.13- Central
Sept.14- North

*When you attend a Fall Coaches Meeting you will receive the updated Coaches' Guide for 2016-2017 and will get an opportunity to discuss the new revisions.

Reminders!

Special Olympics Iowa Physical and Consent Form

Formerly called our "Application for Participation," the process of sending physicals to the state office is the same, it just has a new name now!

[More Information](#)

Physicals to Practice

Athletes must be 8 years of age or older to compete with Special Olympics. However, children 6 or 7 years of age are allowed to practice with teams, but cannot compete in competitions. If a child does practice with a team they still need to turn in a physical to the state office. Contact [Rhonda Schwarzkopf](#) at 515-986-5520 with questions.

SOIA Logos

Guidelines and downloadable versions of the SOIA logo are available on our [website](#). Contact [Stephanie Kocer](#) with questions.

Upcoming Polar Plunge Dates!



-October 15, Davenport
-October 29, Siouxland
-November 5, West Des Moines
-November 6, Fort Dodge

[More Information](#)

Calendar Highlights

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



September

- 9- River Hills Challenge Day
- 9- Dunkin' Donuts Cop on Rooftop
- 10- Akron Unified Golf
- 14- Muscatine Unified Golf
- 17- Equestrian State Championships
- 17- Tailgate for Teammates
- 21- Davenport Unified Golf
- 23- Northeast Area Soccer Skills
- 24- Jester Park Unified Golf Outing
- 26- LETR Golf Tournament
- 28- Sioux City Play Day

October

- 4- Southwest Area Bowling: Ages 8-21
- 7- East Area Bowling
- 7- South Central Area Bowling: Ages 8-29
- 8- Volleyball State Tournament
- 8- South Central Area Bowling: Ages 30+
- 8- Truck Convoy
- 11- Southwest Area Bowling: Ages 22+
- 13- Buena Vista University Unified Day
- 13- North Area Soccer Skills Competition
- 13- Central Area Bowling
- 14- MedFest for Ruby Van Meter and Smouse
- 14- Northwest Area Bowling
- 15- Flag Football State Tournament
- 15- Upper Iowa University Unified Day
- 15- Northwest Area Bowling
- 15- Northeast Area Bowling
- 15- East Central Area Adult Bowling
- 16- Northwest Area Bowling
- 18- West Central Bowling: RVM and Smouse
- 19- North Area Bowling
- 20- North Central Area Bowling
- 20- West Central Bowling: Ages 8-21
- 21- West Central Bowling: Ages 22+
- 21- East Central Area Youth Bowling
- 22- Southeast Area Bowling (Adult)
- 24- Southeast Area Bowling (Youth)
- 26- Over the Edge

November

- 4- Council Bluffs Play Day
- 9- Davenport Play Day
- 10- Muscatine Play Day
- 11- Northeast Area Roller Skating
- 15- Southwest Area Unified Sports Training Day
- 17- Northwest Area Unified Sports Training Day
- 19- Bowling State Tournament
- 29- Southeast Area Unified Sports Training Day

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