



Volunteer Details: Summer Games

Event Volunteering Information for Summer Games:

- Open to the public
- Anyone who signs up using our online registration at www.soiowa.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 Tuesday, May 18, 2020. You can contact us by:
 - Email ephipps@soiowa.org or Volunteer1@soiowa.org
 - Phone 515-986-5520
 - Refer to our website for info www.soiowa.org/volunteer
- After that Tuesday at 4:30pm the state office staff will be out of the office preparing for the event with little to no access to email and no access to our state office phone.
- State office hours for calling: Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm



What is Summer Games?

More information on Special Olympics Iowa Summer Games athlete competition can be found by clicking on this link: www.soiowa.org/statewide-competitions then by clicking on the Summer Games tab. View our Summer Games Handbook on this site! More in-depth details and athlete schedule with times can be located at the link above.

Sports & Events:

Thursday

- Bocce/Bocce Skills
- Cycling
- Soccer/Soccer Skills
- Tennis
- Track & Field- Race Walk
- Opening Ceremonies

Friday

- Bocce
- Developmental Sports
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Track & Field- running events, throwing events, jumping events
- Olympic Festival
- FIT Program & Healthy Athletes

Saturday (Morning half day only)

- Track & Field-running events and relays



Who can volunteer?

This is the largest Special Olympics Iowa event. It requires several volunteers throughout the three days of competition.

- **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 position as your friends/family members!
- **Groups**- Companies, work places, schools, activity groups, church groups, sports teams, or any other types of larger 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**- We welcome families with children and school age students to volunteer! We typically say children 10 and up who come with an adult chaperone are best suited to volunteer at a Special Olympics Iowa event. However, we do make exceptions on a case by case basis. School groups or classes are welcome to come with a suitable number of chaperones for your group.
- **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.soioowa.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.soioowa.org/volunteer page or call the state office at 515-986-5520
- **Mobility/Activity Accommodations**: If you have mobility restrictions and would still like to volunteer, we are happy to accommodate you by assigning you to an appropriate volunteer position. Please communicate your needs with the event director the day of the event. See the volunteer assignment descriptions section below, email your questions to the contact for this event found on www.soioowa.org/volunteer page or call the state office at 515-986-5520



When?

Date and Times:

- Thursday, May 21; Friday, May 22; Saturday, May 23
- Thursday & Friday morning and/or afternoon shift
- Saturday morning shift
- See www.soiaowa.org/volunteer or your registration information for specific dates/times



How do I volunteer?

Volunteer Sign Up:

- Sign up using our online registration and you're good to go!
- Volunteer sign up can be located at www.soiova.org/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:

- You will select your volunteer slot/assignment when you sign up on the volunteer registration.
- Volunteer slots/assignments are on a first come first serve basis. Sign up the sooner the better!
- If you are a part of a group and you wish to volunteer together, you can sign up for the same volunteer slot/assignment.
- If you are a part of a group and you wish to change volunteer assignments with someone in your group, please coordinate with your group leader/main contact for your group.
- Your volunteer positions may shift slightly from your requested assignment due to volunteer numbers and the assignment process. Please be prepared to be flexible. Thank you.

Volunteer Assignment Descriptions:

- See your volunteer registration information/ link for volunteer assignment descriptions for each shift



Where?

Day of Event Parking Locations:

- **Thursday**- Park in Lots S6, S7 or S8, (East of Jack Trice Stadium). Proceed to volunteer check-In.
- **Thursday Cycling volunteers**- Park in lots S, A or D after going to check-In.
- **Thursday Opening Ceremonies volunteers**- Park on the South side of Hilton and proceed inside Hilton to check-In.
- **Friday**- Park in Lots S6, S7 or S8, (East of Jack Trice Stadium). Proceed to volunteer check-in.
- **Saturday**- Park in Lot 100 (South of Lied Rec. Center). There are no shuttles Saturday. Proceed to volunteer check-in located in the Lied Recreation Center.



Where? (continued)

Day of Event Volunteer Check-in Locations:

- Please go to Volunteer Check-In first thing after you park.
- **Thursday**- Volunteer Check-In will be in Lot S6 (In the tent east of Jack Trice Stadium). After you check-in proceed to the shuttle service.
 - **Map:** [Click Here](#)
- **Thursday**- Opening Ceremonies will be in Hilton Coliseum
 - **Map:** [Click Here](#)
- **Friday**- Volunteer Check-In will be in Lot S6 (In the tent east of Jack Trice Stadium). After you check-in proceed to the shuttle service.
 - **Map:** [Click Here](#)
- **Saturday**- Volunteer Check-In will be in Lied Rec. Center (Racquetball Courts). No shuttle.
 - **Map:** [Click Here](#)



Day of Event Shuttle for Thursday & Friday:

- For volunteers on Thursday and/or Friday a free shuttle bus service will transport you from volunteer check-in at Lot S6 to the venue at which you will volunteer. Please go through volunteer check in first.
- The same free shuttle bus on Thursday and/or Friday will transport you back to Lot S6 after your shift is completed to get back to your vehicle.
- **Thursday**- Shuttle runs for VOLUNTEERS 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- **Friday**- Shuttle runs for VOLUNTEERS 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- **Saturday**- There are no shuttles. Park in Lot 100 (just directly south of Lied Recreation Center) and proceed to volunteer check-in inside Lied Recreation Center.



In-Depth information about shuttle:

Thursday Shuttles (go to page 15 for inclement weather transportation)

Shuttle One – Competition: Will make a continuous loop from Parking Lots S6 - S8 located east of Jack Trice Stadium to the Maple-Willow-Larch residence hall driveway bus stop for bocce to the Lied Recreation Center from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. Because of the cycling event, cars & buses will not be allowed on some parts of Center Drive & South 4th Street.

Shuttle Two – Opening Ceremony: Will take people from the west side of Maple-Willow-Larch residence halls to Hilton Coliseum for the Opening Ceremony. The shuttle will run from 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm. It will return everyone back to the residence halls from 8:45 pm to 9:15 pm or after the conclusion of the event.

Friday Shuttles (go to page 15 for inclement weather transportation)

Shuttle One – Competition at & near Lied Recreation Center: Will make a continuous loop from the S Parking Lots S6 - S8 located east of Jack Trice Stadium to the Maple-Willow-Larch residence hall driveway bus stop for bocce to the Lied Recreation Center bus stop from 6:30 am to 5:00 pm. Please note that that at peak times the morning buses fill quickly so arrive early to allow plenty of time to get the venues.*

Shuttle Two – Competition at Beyer: Will make a continuous loop from the Lied Recreation Center bus stop to Beyer Hall for swimming. Delegation members staying at the residence halls & need a ride to Beyer Hall can catch the shuttle at the Lied Recreation Center bus stop. It will run from 6:30 am until the end of the swimming competition.

Shuttle Three – Celebration Dance: Will run from the Maple-Willow-Larch Residence Halls to the west side of Hilton Coliseum for the Celebration Dance. The shuttle will run from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm. After the dance it will run from 9:00 pm to 9:30 pm to take the delegation members back to the Residence Halls.

* Several HIRTA buses will be utilized in addition to the regular shuttle buses & will be used for wheelchair athletes with a chaperone. Please have any other team members utilize the CIT shuttle buses. Please note that at peak times on Friday morning that the HIRTA buses will also fill up quickly so arrive early to allow plenty of time get to the venues.

All delegation members are to ride on the Special Olympics Iowa provided shuttle buses and not Cyride, the ISU transportation vehicles. Please DO NOT block the shuttle buses. The buses must run on time to ensure that the athletes and Unified Sports partners arrive in plenty of time for their events.



Where? (continued)

Event Locations:

ISU Campus- Ames, IA

- **Please do not park at the location of the events. See parking information section below.**
- **Cycling**- Iowa State Center Parking Lot (Outdoors near Hilton Coliseum & Jack Trice Stadium)
- **Bocce**- East of Maple Willow Larch Dorms (Outdoors)
- **Developmental Sports**- Forker Building (Indoors near Lied Recreational Center and Forker Tennis Courts)
- **Olympic Festival**- Lied Recreational Center Parking Lot (Outdoors)
- **Opening Ceremonies**- Hilton Coliseum
- **Soccer/Soccer Skills**- Lied Recreational Center (Outdoors in the east soccer fields)
- **Souvenir Sales**- Lied Recreational Center Parking Lot (Outdoors)
- **Swimming**- Beyer Hall (located near the corner of Sheldon Avenue & Union Drive)
- **Tennis**- Forker Tennis Courts (Outdoors right across Lied Recreational Center)
- **Track & Field**- Lied Recreational Center (Indoors- Running events & jumps; Outdoors- Throwing events)

Where? (continued)

Campus Map





Day of Event Food & Beverage:

- Each venue will have a designated hospitality room or tent.
- Complimentary snacks and water will be provided for volunteers located in the hospitality areas.
- Complimentary lunch will be provided on Thursday and Friday for volunteers located in the hospitality areas. (Chick-Fil-A)
- Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate specific dietary needs. Please plan accordingly.
- Hospitality Areas:
 - Track & Field, Soccer, Tennis, FIT, Olympic Festival: Outside Lied Recreation Center
 - Bocce: East of Maple Willow Larch
 - Cycling: ISU Center

Day of Event Attire:

- Dress comfortably, in layers and casually. This is an athletic, active event.
- Be sure to dress for the weather especially for volunteer positions that are outdoors.
- There are some indoor events and some outdoor events. Both can be either hot or cold depending on the weather. Please dress accordingly.
- 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 Weather Reminders:

- Be sure to check the weather prior to the event and dress for the weather especially for volunteer positions that are outdoors.
- We encourage everyone to be prepared for the weather by bringing sunscreen, a hat for shade, water, sunglasses, rain gear, cold weather gear, hot weather gear, etc.
- See inclement weather plans below:



Venue Rain / Inclement Weather Plans

Remain in the residence halls or campus buildings during storm warnings. Follow instructions given by ISU personnel. KASI 14.30 & WHO 10.40 am will provide current weather information. Make sure you allow plenty of time to get from the S Lots to the venues.

Athletics – Track Events & Field Jumping Events

- No change in location or schedule.

Athletics – Field Throwing Events

- One hour delay if clearing weather is forecasted.
- Location change to the lower level of Hilton Coliseum if the weather forecast prohibits outdoor competition.

Bocce

- Location change to Sports Iowa located at 2176 232 Lane, Ames if the weather forecast prohibits outdoor competition. There is no parking at the venue site. Shuttle buses will provide transportation. Delegation are not allowed to drop off or pick up any team members.

Celebration Dance

- No change in location or schedule.

Cycling

- There will be a delay in the start dependent on the weather. If heavy rain &/or lightning continues past 10:00 am then the 10 K race will be cancelled. Athletes who participate in the 10 K only should meet with Ray Strekal to determine if the athletes will enter a different race. If heavy rain &/or lightning continues past 11:00 am, then the 5 K race will be cancelled. If an athlete is only registered for the 5 K race then the athlete should meet with Ray Strekal to determine if the athlete will enter the 250 M or 1 K race. At this point, all athletes & Unified Sports partners will only compete in one race. If heavy rain &/or lightning continues past 12 noon, the entire cycling competition will be cancelled. If the event is cancelled athletes will receive a Certificate of Achievement.

FIT

- No change in location or schedule will remain in outside tent.

Healthy Athletes

- Location change to the Forker Building for outside disciplines.

Olympics Festival

- No change in location or schedule will remain in outside tent.

Opening Ceremony

- No change in location.
- Parade of Athletes will be cancelled. Delegations will enter on the west side of Hilton Coliseum when they arrive & will be seated immediately according to where the Area banners are located.

Soccer Skills

- One hour delay if clearing weather is forecasted.
- Location change to the infield of the Lied Recreation Center if the weather forecast prohibits outdoor competition.

Soccer Team

- One hour delay if clearing weather is forecasted.
- Location change to the infield of the Lied Recreation Center if the weather forecast prohibits outdoor competition. Field size will be 50 M x 35 M & 5-a-side soccer will be played.

Sport Clinics

- Location change to the Lied Recreation Center racquetball courts.

Swimming

- No change in location or schedule.

Tennis

- Level I-Tennis Skills & Doubles (May 24): One hour delay. Competition will start after the delay or be moved to Ames Racquet & Fitness South located at 3600 University Boulevard; Ames (*).
- Level II (May 23): No change in location or schedule. Competition will remain in the Forker Building, Gym 184.
- Level III (May 23): One hour delay. Competition will start after the delay or be moved to the Forker Building, Gym 175.
- Levels IV & V (May 23): One hour delay. Competition will start after the delay or moved to to Ames Racquet & Fitness South located at 3600 University Boulevard; Ames (*).

*Tennis players, coaches & volunteers will take one shuttle bus to Ames Racquet & Fitness at the end of the one hour delay. A shuttle bus will then return to Ames Racquet & Fitness at the end of the competition to return everyone to the Lied Recreation Center bus stop. Meet outside of Gym 175 prior to leaving for Ames Racquet & Fitness.