



Day of Event Volunteer Details: Winter Games

Event: Special Olympics Iowa- Winter Games

Event Volunteering Information:

- This is a reserved volunteer event, not open to the general public
- Thank you to University of Iowa, University of Northern Iowa & Loras College for providing student volunteers for the great event!
- 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 the Friday three days before the start of the Winter Games event. You can contact us by:
 - Emailing the contact for this event found on www.soiowa.org/volunteer page or on the sign up form
 - Emailing Volunteer1@soiowa.org
 - Calling the SOIA state office at 515-986-5520
 - Please refer to our website for helpful information www.soiowa.org/volunteer
- After that Friday 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



Who can volunteer?

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- Thank you to University of Iowa, University of Northern Iowa & Loras College for providing student volunteers for the great event!
- **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



What is Winter Games?

Winter Games Competition Information:

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

Sports & Events:

Monday & Tuesday

- Alpine (Downhill) Skiing
- Nordic (Cross Country) Skiing
- Snowshoeing
- Speed Skating
- Figure Skating

Wednesday

-Celebration



When & Where?

Date and Times:

- January
- Monday & Tuesday- Competition, Wednesday- Celebration
- Times TBD
- See www.soiova.org/volunteer for specific dates & times for this year.

Locations:

Volunteer Check-in located at your event/venue

- **Alpine skiing & Nordic skiing-** Sundown Mountain
 - **Map:** [Click Here](#)
- **Snowshoeing-** Albrecht Acres
 - **Map:** [Click Here](#)
- **Speed skating & Ice skating-** Mystique Community Ice Center
 - **Map:** [Click Here](#)



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.soiowa.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:

- You will select your volunteer slot/assignment when you sign up on the volunteer registration.
- 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:

- **Sport Assistant-** Volunteers will be assigned a more specific job the day of the event and will be under the direction of the designated Sport Event Director. You will be assisting with Alpine skiing, Nordic skiing, Ice Skating, or Snowshoeing. Specific sport jobs include escorting athletes from the staging area to their event, staging athletes for their event by organizing athletes into their assigned heats, timing races, keeping score, or other related roles.
- **Award Assistant-** Under the direction of the Awards Event Director, volunteers will assist in organizing medals/ribbons, presenting athletes with their awards and other related roles.
- **Souvenir Assistant-** Under the direction of the Souvenir Sales Event Director, volunteers will assist with souvenir sales, help athletes pick out items, handle money and credit cards and other related roles.
- **Hospitality Assistant-** Under the direction of the Hospitality Event Director, volunteers will assist with snacks and lunches and other related roles.



Day of Event Information

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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. Prepare to be outdoors if you are not sure!
- Reminder- Please bring coats, sweatshirts, hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, snow pants, hand/foot warmers, snow boots, layers to keep warm!!
- We will give all volunteers a colored bandana to wear on the day of the event to help us identify our volunteers.

Day of Event Weather Reminders:

- Be sure to check the weather prior to the event and dress for the weather especially since this is an outdoor winter event!
- We encourage everyone to be prepared for the weather by bringing sunscreen, sunglasses, coats, sweatshirts, hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, snow pants, hand/foot warmers, snow boots, layers to keep warm!!
- To view the inclement weather plan visit this link:
www.soioowa.org/statewide-competitions then click on the Winter Games Handbook tab.



Day of Event Food & Beverage:

- Each venue will have a designated hospitality area.
- Free complimentary snacks will be provided for volunteers located in the hospitality areas.
- Free complimentary lunch will be provided for volunteers located in the hospitality areas.
- Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate specific dietary needs. Please plan accordingly.