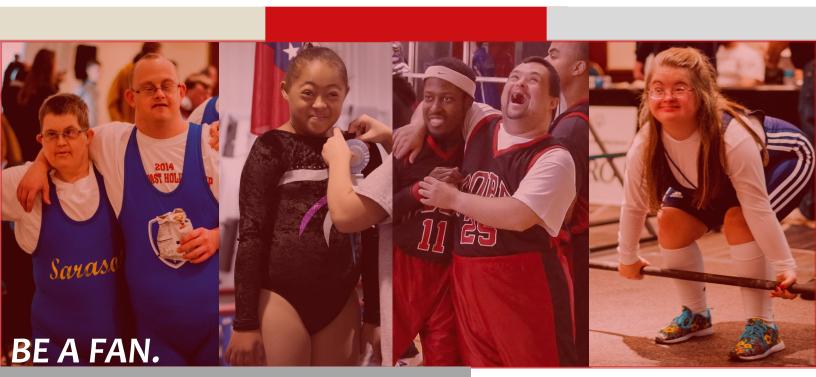


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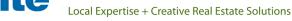






















WELCOME TO 2017 STATE WINTER GAMES

January 20, 2017

Special Olympics Georgia Friends, Fans and Supporters,

Welcome and thank you for joining us at the 2017 State Indoor Winter Games and Southeast Powerlifting Competition in the magnificent Cobb County. This weekend, we watch and cheer with excitement as over 2,800 athletes, coaches and unified partners compete in basketball, bowling, floor hockey, gymnastics and powerlifting.

We welcome athletes, coaches, unified partners, fans, and families from Alabama, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee as they join Special Olympics Georgia at the Southeast Powerlifting Competition. We look forward to cheering you all on in your many events and witness the athleticism, sportsmanship, and esteem that is sure to be shown by our athletes competing this weekend.

We are excited to see the memories made and the bonds of friendships formed, and we encourage you all to share your pictures and videos with Special Olympics Georgia via Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Snapchat using the hashtags #SOGAWinterGames and #SEPowerlifting.

We would like to extend a big thank you and recognition to our Games Organizing Committee members and the over 900 volunteers who have dedicated their time to make this weekend golden. We are fortunate to have and recognize our generous sponsors and Cobb County P.A.R.K.S., who allow us to use these wonderful facilities. We couldn't put on the games without your ongoing friendship and support. Finally, we appreciate our individual supporters and fans. Our athletes would not have these opportunities without your encouragement and partnership.

Athletes, good luck and do your best! Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Am Sheats

Georgia Milton-Sheats, Chief Executive Officer

Opening Ceremony Jan. 20

Welcome: Mike Twiner, Chairman of the Board of Directors

Master of Ceremony: MOBY, Radio Personality, President of Atlanta-based MOBY

Enterprises, Inc.

Welcome on behalf of Cobb County: David Hankerson, Cobb County Manager **Invocation:** Rev. Terrance Johnson, Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Grand Marshal: Evan Hodge, Special Olympics Georgia 2017 World Winter Games Athlete **Parade of Athletes:** Escorted by athletes from Georgia Tech, Kennesaw State University,

and pageant title holders

Presentation of Colors: Knights of Columbus Georgia State Council **National Anthem:** Sabrina Elson, Ms. Outstanding Teen, Cobb County

Sponsor Recognition: Georgia Milton-Sheats, CEO **Entertainment:** Chari Guzman, Ms. Cobb County

Distinguished Service Awards: Georgia Milton-Sheats, CEO **Distinguished Service Awards:** MOBY, Master of Ceremony

Official Oath: Tom Bullock, Glynn County **Entertainment**: Chari Guzman, Ms. Cobb County

Athlete Oath: Antonio Guzman, Cobb County Athlete, and Evan Hodge, Grand Marshal **Lighting of the Torch:** Brenda Reid, Media and Community Relations Manager, Publix

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Top 5 Fundraising Torch Run Departments:

1. Johns Creek Police Department

4. Dougherty County Sheriff's Office

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Opening Declaration: Evan Hodge, Grand Marshal & MOBY, Master of Ceremony

Grand Marshal Evan Hodge



Evan Hodge is a Special Olympics Georgia athlete from Cobb County. He has been participating in Special Olympics Georgia for more than 5 years, competing in Alpine Skiing, Bocce, Bowling, Volleyball and Kayaking. This year, Evan will be competing in Floor Hockey at the State Indoor Winter Games and will be representing the United States in Alpine Skiing at the World Winter Games in Austria in March. Evan is a graduate of Chattahoochee Technical College and works at Publix as a Front Service Clerk.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN

The Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) is the largest annual fundraising effort to benefit Special Olympics Georgia (SOGA). This signature event plays a significant role in SOGA's annual fundraising and awareness.



LETR involves law enforcement officers from across the state who work year-round to raise funds and awareness for SOGA athletes. LETR set another record in 2016, raising more than \$1,070,000! In addition, officers also run the Flame of Hope across the state in the annual Torch Relay in May. Officers carry the Flame of Hope into the Opening Ceremony of State Winter, Summer, Masters Bowling, and Fall Games each year. The top five fundraising departments have the honor of carrying the Flame of Hope during the games and lighting the cauldron.

The Presenting Sponsor of the Law Enforcement Torch Run is Publix Super Markets. Each January for three weeks, Publix associates sell torch icons in their stores to raise money. Thank you for purchasing your torch icons at your neighborhood Publix during the first three weeks in January 2017!

The top five fundraising departments are:

- 1. Johns Creek Police Department: \$65,720
- 2. Marietta Police Department: \$18,851
- 3. Marta Police Department: \$17,403
- 4. Dougherty County Sheriff's Office: \$15,630
- 5. Dunwoody Police Department: \$13,821

Presenting Sponsor





Be sure to check out and participate in one of the coolest events in Georgia on **Saturday, February 25!** It's the eighth-annual **Polar Plunge at Acworth Beach in Cobb County.** Join other brave souls as they plunge for a cause and freeze for a reason! For more information and to learn how YOU can participate, visit: **www.2017plungega.org.**

Event Sponsors include:

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"Athletes, your accomplishments both on and off the playing field are truly inspirational! Good luck this weekend at Winter Games."

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"Amerigroup is proud to support Special Olympics Winter Games. BlueCross BlueShield of Georgia congratulates all Special Olympics Winter Games athletes."

2017 State Indoor Winter Games and Southeast Powerlifting Competition

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Friday, January 20, 2017

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm **Basketball Team Competition**

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Agency Check-in at Cobb Civic Center

6:45 pm - 7:15 pm Opening Ceremony Line-up at Cobb Civic Center

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm **Opening Ceremony** 8:45 pm - 9:15 pm 8:45 pm - 9:45 pm Coaches Meeting

Dance

Powerlifting Presented By:



THRASHER

"We are cheering you on athletes!"

Team Basketball Skills Presented By:

"We're your biggest fans, athletes!"

Saturday, January 21, 2017

8:00 am - 10:00 pm **All Competitions**

9:00 am - 7:00 pm Southeast Powerlifting Competition 9:30 am - 3:30 pm Healthy Hearing and Health Promotion, Marietta Middle School (near Olympic Town)

Olympic Town, Marietta Middle School 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Team Basketball Play Presented By:

Individual Basketball Skills Presented By:

"Winter Companies is proud to sponsor such a talented, dedicated and hard-working group of athletes. Never give up! We wish you all the best in the games and all you do!"

Sunday, January 22, 2017

8:00 am - 2:00 pm Competition

Bowling Presented By:



"Cox Enterprises is

proud to be a Platinum

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"For over 20 years, MetLife has been a proud sponsor of the Special Olympics Georgia Winter Games. Through our MetLife Foundation Volunteer Project Fund, we are committed to providing opportunities for athletes, community, and our employees to come together to share in this exciting event. Thank vou, athletes, for your spirited competition and for inspiring us all through your endeavors!"



"Lockheed Martin has a long history of being a partner with Special Olympics Georgia. Our employee volunteers are dedicated to making a difference in the

lives of the Special Olympians from Georgia. Our employees and the company are proud to be a sponsor of such a prestigious event!"

ALL VENUE DIRECTIONS START FROM I-75

Cobb Civic Center (770-528-8450) - 548 South Marietta Pkwy. SE, Marietta, GA 30060 - I-75 NB Exit 263. Merge onto S. Marietta Parkway. Turn left onto Fairground. Cobb Civic Center will be on your right.

Brunswick Zone (770-435-2120) - 2750 Austell Rd. SW, Marietta, GA 30008

I-75 NB Exit 260 (Windy Hill Road). Go left onto Windy Hill. Turn left onto Austell Road. Brunswick Zone is on right.

Cobb Gymnastics Center (770-528-8475) - 542 Fairground St. SE, Marietta, GA 30060 - 1-75 NB Exit 263. Left onto S. Marietta Parkway. Turn left onto Fairground. Cobb Gymnastics Center is on right—behind Civic Center.

Fair Oaks Rec. Center (770-528-4333) - 1465 W Booth Rd. Ext. SW, Marietta, GA 30008 - I-75 NB Exit 261. Merge onto GA-280 S/ Delk Rd. Turn right onto Booth Rd. Turn left onto Sandtown Rd. SW. Turn right onto Booth Rd. SW. Turn left onto W Booth Rd. Ext. SW. Continue straight back through into the park.

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Marietta Middle School (770-422-0311) - 121 Winn St. NW, Marietta, GA 30064 - 1-75 NB Exit 263. Merge onto S. Marietta Parkway. Continue on S. Marietta Pkwy., passing the Civic Center. Turn right at the intersection near CVS Pharmacy (at the end of loop). Turn left on to Polk Street. Right on Winn Street. Marietta Middle Schools Gyms will be on your left.

Smyrna Community Center (770-431-2842) - 200 Village Green Cir. SE, Smyrna, GA 30080 - I-75 NB Exit 260 (Windy Hill Road). Go left onto Windy Hill. Turn left on Atlanta Road. The Center is on your right at Village Green Circle.

Salvation Army (770-724-1640) - 202 Waterman St. SE, Marietta, GA 30060

I-75 Exit 263 NB. Merge onto South Marietta Pkwy. Turn right onto Atlanta St SE. Turn right onto Waterman St. Salvation Army is on the right.

Windy Hill Athletic Club (770-953-1100) - 135 Interstate N Pkwy., Atlanta, GA 30339 - I-75 NB Exit 260. Right onto Windy Hill Rd. Go approx. 3/10 of mile and make a right on Interstate N Parkway SE. Windy Hill Athletic Club is on the right.

Ward Rec. Center (770-528-8885) - 4845 Dallas Hwy., Powder Springs, GA 30127 - I-75 NB Exit 265 for GA-120/N Marietta Pkwy. Turn left onto N Marietta Pkwy. Turn right onto GA-120 W/Whitlock Ave. NW. Turn left onto Lost Mountain Drive. Once inside the park, turn left onto the first street and drive straight back to the Gym.

Ron Anderson Rec. Center (770-439-3611) - 3820 Macedonia Rd., Powder Springs, GA 30127 - I-75 NB Exit 263. Merge onto South Marietta Pkwy. SE. Continue on South Marietta Pkwy. SE, passing the Cobb Civic Center (on the left). Turn left onto GA-360 W/Powder Springs St. Turn right onto GA-360 W/Macland Rd. Turn left onto Hopkins Rd. Turn right onto Macedonia Rd. Turn right onto Brown Pkwy. The Gym will be located straight ahead.

Custer Park (770-794-5630) - 545 Kenneth E. Marcus Way, Marietta, GA 30060 - I-75 NB Exit 265. Turn left onto N. Marietta Pkwy. NE (US-41/GA-3). Turn right onto Fairground St. NE. Turn right onto Kenneth E. Marcus Way. The Gym will be on your left.

Fullers Park (770-509-2737) - 3499 Robinson Rd., Marietta, GA 30068

I-75 NB Exit 263. Keep right and merge onto GA-120/S. Marietta Pkwy. SE. Use the right lane to take the GA-120 E/GA-3 W ramp to Roswell. Use the 2 right lanes to turn right onto GA-120 E/Hwy. 120 E/Roswell Rd. Turn right onto Robinson Road. Turn left onto Fullers Park. Drive to the back of the park and the gym will be at the end.



Polar Plunge, February 25, Acworth Beach, Cobb County

Over the Edge, April 29, Overlook III, Vinings

State Summer Games, May 19-21, Emory University, Atlanta

Upcoming Events

Duck Pluck, August 11, Post Chastain Apartments, Atlanta

Masters Bowling, August 18-20, Warner Robins

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State Horse Show, October 13-15, Gainesville

For more information, visit: www.SpecialOlympicsGA.org