



# Inspire Youth Forum



**2015**

**INFORMATION GUIDE**

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May 12, 2015

Dear YLEAD Team and Volunteers,

WELCOME to the Inspire Youth Forum! We have many exciting things planned for you and know that this will be a memorable week. I hope you make lots of new friends, learn something new about yourself and the athletes that you will be partnering with during the week.

The Special Olympics Georgia staff are ready to assist you anytime so please don't hesitate to ask for their help this week. I hope you are having a terrific summer thus far and again we are so happy that part of your summer break is being spent with us at Emory University. Don't forget to log on to our website and see more of what Special Olympics Georgia is doing at [www.specialolympicsga.org](http://www.specialolympicsga.org)

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G Milton-Sheats".

Georgia Milton-Sheats, CEO, Special Olympics Georgia

Dear YLEAD Team,

Welcome to the 2015 Inspire Youth Forum! We are so excited for you to join the Team. We look forward to getting to know you this week and supplying you with leadership skills to take back home with you. Last year was a great year and we hope to continue and improve upon what has already been done.

Each of you are a key part of defining YLEAD as a Youth Forum, a part of Special Olympics and as a way of life. Thanks you so much and we look forward to seeing each of you at Emory!

Your YLEAD Executive Committee;

**Alyssa Stein, Chairman**

## **SOGA POLICIES FOR ALL EVENTS**

**\*\* These policies are in effect for any Special Olympics Georgia event (State Games, Camps, etc.).**

### **Curfew and Supervision of Athletes and YLEAD Team**

Athletes, YLEAD Team, Volunteers and Staff should be in dorms and quiet by curfew (11:00 pm). Staff and Volunteers are responsible for the conduct of their athletes/youth AT ALL TIMES. Remind your athletes/youth that there are other paying customers on the campus. Athletes/youth found unsupervised, or who are engaged in disruptive behavior can be sent home from the Forum. Please ensure the safety of your athletes/youth and help provide an enjoyable weekend by being responsible for their whereabouts.

### **Alcohol, Illegal Drugs**

The possession or use of alcoholic beverages by athletes or YLEAD Team members is not permitted during the Forum weekend. The possession or use of any illegal drugs by athletes or YLEAD Team members is not permitted during the Forum weekend. Violation of these regulations will be cause for immediate expulsion from the Forum.

### **SOGA Hotel/Dorm/Cabin/Venue Emergency Plan**

In the case of an emergency please respond accordingly. In the case of a fire/false alarm please make sure your entire dorm calmly vacates the building and that they are all accounted for. Remember to take your keys and your housing list. (The staff or volunteer should make a final sweep of the housing/building counting your athletes/YLEAD member and make sure you have everyone when exiting or re-entering) In the case of bad weather (tornado, flooding) please make sure your entire dorm is in a secure and safe environment until the weather has cleared. Make sure that each athlete/YLEAD member in your dorm is accounted for after the weather has cleared. Remember to take your keys. In the case of a missing member of your dorm (athlete/YLEAD member) please contact the SOGA Staff as soon as possible. Please calmly provide a detailed description of the situation and adhere to the SOGA Crisis Plan regarding the dissemination of information.

### **Swimming Policy**

Please make sure that your staff and volunteers enforce the policy of **NO** recreational swimming at Special Olympics Events unless it is a scheduled activity at the Forum. This includes pools, spas, hot tubs, etc. (Because Swimming is an activity of the Forum, swimming is allowed during supervised pool time only)

### **Medical Incidents for Camp**

The medical staff at the Forum will have the American Specialty First Report of Incident Form. These forms must be filled out any time an athlete, spectator, staff or volunteer is injured and major medical treatment is necessary, i.e. EMS is called, transport to the hospital or other treatment facility is required, etc. Medical personnel will keep a log of all treatments throughout the weekend and will provide a copy to SOGA prior to leaving the Forum. In the event of a major incident, the Director of Business Administration should be notified as soon as possible after treatment is received.

## **Emory University Directions**

### **If traveling from the North:**

Take I-85 to Exit 89, North Druid Hills. Turn left and go back across the interstate. Go 0.5 miles to Briarcliff Rd. (3rd light) and turn right. \* Go 1.7 miles to Clifton Road. (4th light) and turn left. (you will see Quik Trip before making turn.) Go 1.2 miles to Eagle Row and turn right. Continue straight onto Eagle Row (passing all the Fraternity Houses) The Peavine Parking Deck will be located on your right. Look for Special Olympics signs directing you to Alabama Hall.

### **If traveling from the South:**

Take I-85 to Exit 89, North Druid Hills Rd. Turn right off of exit. Go 0.5 miles to Briarcliff Rd. and turn right. Follow above directions from the asterisk. (\*)

If you get lost or need help please call Robert Yost at 229-834-3434.

See map below.

Map to be sent to you in a couple of weeks.

### **IN PREPARING FOR THE FORUM, PLEASE PACK:**

- A pillow and sleeping bag or blankets and twin sheets
- Towels and washcloths
- Toilet articles (soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, etc.)
- Raincoat or poncho
- Jacket
- Good sneakers – or hiking boots – comfortable walking shoes
- Shirts, jeans and shorts, underwear, socks -- check weather report for appropriate clothes
- Pajamas or shorts/t-shirts to sleep in
- Shower shoes (flip flops)
- Cap or hat
- Sunscreen and Bug Repellent
- Watch / Wind up alarm clock
- Flashlight w/ extra batteries
- Bathing Suit (Modest)
- Clothing appropriate for Wacky Olympics (Old clothes)
- Any prescription or over-the-counter medication that you will need

### **HINTS FOR A HAPPY WEEK:**

\*\* You are allowed to bring music devices but will be unable to use them during any scheduled activity time. If the privilege is abused, your music device will be taken from you and returned to you when you leave the Forum.

\*\* If you bring a cell phone, you will be unable to use it during any scheduled activity time. If the privilege is abused, your cell phone will be taken from you and returned to you when you leave the Forum.

\*\* If you wish to bring a portable DVD player, PSP, or other gaming device, you may do so but will be unable to use it during any scheduled activity time. If the privilege is abused, your DVD player or gaming device will be taken from you and returned to you when you leave the Forum.

\*\* Special Olympics Georgia and Emory University are not responsible for your belongings. Make sure everything is marked and you keep them in a safe/secure place.

\*\* Leave all valuables at home! \*\* Mark all your toiletries, clothes and luggage with your first and last name. We are looking forward to seeing you. Any questions call Robert Yost at 229-834-3434.

**The following is a tentative schedule.**

## **Sunday, July 12th**

- 2:00pm All Athletes/Youth report to the Forum and check in at Alabama Hall
- 3:30pm Tour the Emory Campus and facilities
- 5:00pm Get to know you activities
- 6:00pm Dinner (Few Hall Meeting Room)
- 7:00pm Fun Activities
- 9:00pm Dorm Time (Alabama Hall)
- 10:00pm Showers
- 11:00pm Lights Out

**The schedule listed below is a sample schedule only!**

## **Monday, July 13th**

- 7:00am Rise and Shine
- 8:00am Get ready for breakfast and pass out meds
- 8:15am Breakfast (Cafeteria)
- 9:30am Meet in Few Hall meeting room for components/coach training
- 12:00pm Go to Alabama Hall for meds, wash hands for lunch
- 12:30pm Lunch (Cafeteria)
- 1:30pm Meet in Few Hall meeting room for components/coach training
- 5:30pm Get ready for supper and pass out meds
- 6:00pm Dinner (Cafeteria)
- 7:00pm Fun Activities
- 9:00pm Dorm Time
- 10:00pm Showers
- 11:00pm Lights Out

## Tuesday, July 14th

- 7:00am Rise and Shine
- 8:00am Get ready for breakfast and pass out meds
- 8:15am Breakfast (Cafeteria)
- 9:30am Meet in Few Hall meeting room for components/coach training
- 12:00pm Go to Alabama Hall for meds, wash hands for lunch
- 12:30pm Lunch (Cafeteria)
- 1:30pm Meet in Few Hall meeting room for components/coach training
- 5:30pm Get ready for supper and pass out meds
- 6:00pm Dinner (Cafeteria)
- 7:00pm Fun Activities
- 9:00pm Dorm Time
- 10:00pm Showers
- 11:00pm Lights Out

## Wednesday, July 15th

- 7:00am Rise and Shine
- 8:00am Get ready for breakfast and pass out meds
- 8:15am Breakfast (Cafeteria)
- 9:15am Make sure all bags are packed and dorm rooms are clean
- 10:00am Parents arrive to pick up Youth (Alabama Hall)
- 11:00am **All Youth should be picked up**



## **2015 INSPIRE YOUTH FORUM EVALUATION**

Please take the time to comment on your experience during the Youth Forum.  
Return this form to the check-out area on Wednesday in Alabama Hall when  
dropping off your keys!

**APPLICATION/REGISTRATION:** How effective was the process? What could we do better?

**CONTENT:** Did the information shared during the sessions meet your expectations? How can we improve the content of the Forum?

**COACHES CLINICS:** Do you feel you are ready to go home and help your local program as a Coach? If so what sport would you like to coach?

**GLOBAL MESSENGER TRAINING:** Do you feel you are prepared to go home and speak on behalf of Special Olympics Georgia? What would you suggest we add or delete from the training?

**HOUSING:** What experiences (good or bad) did you have with the residence hall?

**MEALS:** What did you think of the meals? Any specific suggestions for improvement?

**COMMUNICATION:** Was the Information Guide helpful? Did we provide the basic information needed for any situation throughout the week? Do you have any suggestions?

**SIGNAGE:** Did we have the signs needed to help you find your way? Where could we have improved?



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**THANK YOU!**

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