



SOGA CONNECTION

July 2012

DONATE NOW

Help Strike the R-word and Meet Pro Basketball Player Marvin Williams

Secure your bowling spot for Sept. 20's [Strike the R-word Bowl with Pro Athlete Marvin Williams](#) at 300 Atlanta. Enjoy bowling with friends, meeting Marvin, food, beverages, event T-shirt and opportunity to meet Special Olympics athletes and to win prizes. Costs \$40 to bowl. [Sign up to register](#). If your company would like to be a sponsor, please email Wendy.Bigham@SpecialOlympicsGA.org.



Coca-Cola Promotion for You and SOGA

Beginning the second week in July and running through August, you can save \$1.50 when you buy any 2 liter Coca-Cola product and a Publix Rotisserie Chicken. Tear pad coupons will be on display in the deli area, and for every coupon redeemed, Coca-Cola will donate \$1.00 to Special Olympics.



Mark Your Calendar: Sailing Regatta, Sept. 14-16

Put some wind in your sails at the 13th Annual Sailing Regatta Sept. 14-16 at Lake Lanier at Sunrise Cove. The event, supported by Southern Sailing Club, features a Sponsor Boat for race viewing, a skipper reception, door prizes and much more. All you have to do to enter, is raise at least \$250 through sponsorship pledges or personal donations. *Don't forget, the sailing club that raises the most money wins the annual trophy and bragging rights for a year! [Click here](#) for all the details. GRAND PRIZE is awarded to the skipper who raises the most money! Contact Rebecca Surles at Rebecca.Surles@SpecialOlympicsGA.org for more information.



Little Azio and Your Support SOGA July 25th

Little Azio Pizza & Pasta restaurants in Berkeley Heights, East Atlanta, Midtown, Norcross, and Vinings will hold a give back day for SOGA on July 25th. Simply [print this flyer](#), present it when ordering, and Little Azio will donate 20 percent of your check to Special Olympics Georgia. This offer is valid for dine-in, take-out, and catering orders. For more information, contact Susan at Susan.Skolnick@SpecialOlympicsGA.org or 770-414-9390 x111.



Secure Your Spot in 18th Annual Busse Tourney

Join us for the **18th Annual Bob Busse Golf Tournament** Nov. 5 at the prestigious [Cherokee Town and Country Club](#). Enjoy a great game of golf along with golf-course prizes, door prizes, a silent auction and wonderful golfers' reception all for the great cause of supporting Special Olympics Georgia and our inspirational athletes. [Click here](#) to sign up for the tournament. Golfers receive a tournament golfer's bag, continental breakfast, lunch on course and a reception buffet. For more information, e-mail Rebecca.Surles@SpecialOlympicsGA.org.



14th Annual Marlow's Tavern Golf Classic

Join us on October 23rd at Country Club of Roswell for the 14th Annual Marlow's Tavern Golf Classic benefiting SOGA. Since 1999, this annual golf tournament has raised more than \$324,000 for our athletes. This year's goal is to raise \$50,000! The fun-filled day will include a putting contest, shotgun start, hole contests, and an awards ceremony, reception, and silent auction at Aqua blue Restaurant. [Corporate sponsorships and player information.](#) [Registration Form.](#) For more information, contact Susan at Susan.Skolnick@SpecialOlympicsGA.org or 770-414-9390 x111. Thank you Marlow's Tavern and past sponsors for your generous support over the years!

Rescue Handcuffed Cops on Treadmills

Donate to free your local law enforcement as they go from being in charge of the handcuffs to the ones IN the handcuffs! On July 14, law enforcement officers across the state are handcuffing themselves to treadmills in order to raise money for the Law Enforcement Torch Run. Each agency will be cuffed until they reach their fundraising goal. For more information on specific agencies and locations, contact Morgan Walraven at Morgan.walraven@specialolympicsga.org. [Click here](#) for locations.



Athlete Profile: Jenna Quigley

Jenna Quigley attends Tucker High School and participates in Special Olympics with them as well as with Special K's in tennis and bowling. She loves to dance, sing, and is very crafty. She has even been in two productions at the Habima Theater at Marcus Jewish Community Center. She has a business with her good friend and they design cards for sale called www.justforyoucardart.com.

In Special Olympics, Jenna has attended State Summer Games five times and Winter Games four times as well as Camp Inspire and Fall Games two times. She also keeps busy with Zumba classes!

Jenna will perform a choreographed dance to "Camp Rock" at the National Down Syndrome Congress talent show. We wish you much luck Jenna in the talent show and in your last year as

a senior at Tucker High.

Jenna hopes to be able to intern through her school at SOGA next year in the work/study program. We hope so too!

Silent Auction Items Needed

SOGA has several upcoming silent auctions that are in need of items. If you personally have or know someone who might be willing to donate any of the following, please contact Susan at Susan.Skolnick@SpecialOlympicsGA.org or 770-414-9390 ext. 111: vacation/time-share home, resort/hotel stay, sports memorabilia, sporting event tickets, concert tickets, airline tickets/vouchers, golf foursome, restaurant gift card, or any other type of service or recreational activity. Each silent auction item donation helps us to raise money and ensure that all SOGA programs are free to our athletes and their families.



Volunteer Opportunities

State Horse Show

Perry
August 24 - 16
Love horses? We got them. Volunteer for this state event that features a lot of horses...and you don't have to have any experience with horses to volunteer.

State Master's Bowling Tournament

Warner Robins
August 24 - 26
Don't love horses but love bowling? Well, we have a whole weekend of bowling for you! Volunteers are needed to help assist athletes on bowling lanes and to hand out awards at the Master's Bowling Tournament. And we still need your help even if you don't love bowling.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the above events/positions, please contact Leslie Anderson at Leslie.Anderson@SpecialOlympicsGA.org.



July Volunteer of the Month

This month, Special Olympics Georgia is honoring a very special volunteer who has been helping the SOGA staff out in the office – Bruce Coppedge.

Bruce is a recent addition to the SOGA volunteer family, starting in March of this year, but he has become a special part of the office mix and by now we all know Bruce. Once a week, Bruce comes into the SOGA office to help the staff with various administrative duties; he is always right on time and stays for the most part of the day, bringing in lunch and a book for his lunch break. So far, Bruce has become very knowledgeable with the in-and-outs of the SOGA office life, helping with volunteers, athlete in-put, coaches and the Duck Derby. Each week, Bruce is a reliable and diligent volunteer and his service has become invaluable to SOGA, especially during the busy summer months.

Thank you Bruce for all of your help! The entire SOGA staff greatly appreciates all that you do!

Do you have a love for reading and a drive to support SOGA athletes?

Then head to Books-A-Million July 7 and purchase books where a percentage of the proceeds goes to support the athletes. Participating Books-A-Million locations are in the following locations throughout Georgia: Acworth, Canton, Columbus, Dalton, Griffin, LaGrange, Lawrenceville, McDonough, Peachtree City, and Warner Robins. Don't forget to mention Special Olympics Georgia when you get to the register!

Spending the night in or near Warner Robins?

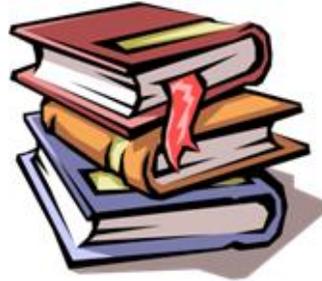
Then please stay at Country Inn & Suites. Mention this advertisement when you book a room at the Warner Robins Country Inn & Suites and \$10 of every room booking will be donated to Special Olympics Georgia. *Valid until 9/20/12*

Athletes Get Free Dental Screenings at State Masters Bowling in Warner Robins

Where: Warner Robins Museum of Aviation

When: 4:30-8:30pm August 25

What: Free teeth screening and evaluation. Get a free goodie bag with a mechanical toothbrush and toothpaste.



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Sponsor Spotlight: QuikTrip

"Think Quik, [QuikTrip](#). A convenience store that is home to QT Kitchens, fresh sandwiches, donuts, coffee, fountain drinks, and guaranteed gasoline."

That is the motto of QuikTrip, which is the reason why they are a Fortune 100 "Best Companies to Work For" for 10 years and why the company is profiting \$9 billion a year! QuikTrip has over 600 stores in 11 states.

Headquartered in Tulsa, Oklahoma QuikTrip was founded in 1958. "The QuikTrip story began with a conversation between a pair of former junior high school classmates on a downtown Tulsa sidewalk. More than 50 years later its improbable success is a remarkable business event.

[QuikTrip](#)'s purpose to give people the opportunity to grow and succeed has made it a favored place not only to work, but also to shop." It was not until 1971 that QuikTrip first started to offer gasoline to its customers, and then a few short years later they offered "hot'n ready" sandwiches.

In 2008, QuikTrip celebrated its 50th anniversary and opening of the 500th store, they now employ over 10,000 people. Not only do they care about their employees and give them the entrepreneurial experience they need, but [QuikTrip](#) also gives back to the community a great deal. QuikTrip donates 5% of their net profits to charitable organizations each year. For over 5 years QuikTrip has graciously supplied meals for our athletes at all of our state games and events, as well as donated many gift cards for fundraising events. Special Olympics Georgia is humbly thankful for QuikTrip's on-going support.



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