The 2018 Special Olympics USA Games will showcase the awe-inspiring abilities of thousands of athletes with intellectual disabilities, promote the ideals of acceptance and inclusion through sport, and celebrate the transformative power of Special Olympics.

Seattle will welcome 3,500 athletes from across the country as they compete in 16 different sports. 10,000 family members and 50,000 fans will join the athletes to cheer them on while taking in the sites and attractions of the greater Seattle region.

The 2018 USA Games represent an unprecedented opportunity for corporate partners to align with a flagship event of the Special Olympics movement that will change hearts and minds in the greater Seattle area and throughout the nation. Corporate partners will enjoy numerous benefits, including the opportunities to engage employees as volunteers and leaders, increase brand awareness, and be recognized as game-changers in the creation of inclusive communities.

The 2018 USA Games will also join the global celebration of Special Olympics’ 50th Anniversary in honor of Eunice Kennedy Shriver’s commitment to those with intellectual disabilities.

“The 2018 Special Olympics USA Games will be the most significant sporting event to come to Seattle since the 1990 Goodwill Games.”

- Tom Norwalk, President and CEO, Visit Seattle

For more information about partnership, volunteering, or involvement, visit specialolympicsusagames.org.
SPECIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN | June 27-July 1
Law enforcement representatives from throughout the nation carry the Special Olympics Flame of Hope that will light the cauldron at Opening Ceremonies

WELCOME DAY | June 30 | SeaTac International Airport
Thousands of fans welcome the athletes and delegates

OPENING CEREMONIES | July 1 | Husky Stadium
Parade of Athletes and entertainment plus the lighting of the Special Olympics Cauldron to open the Games

SPECIAL OLYMPICS TOWN | July 2-6 | Husky Union Building
Entertainment and activities created just for the athletes

FAN ZONE | July 2-6 | Husky Stadium Plaza
Live music, exhibits, and activities entertain athletes and spectators around Opening Ceremonies and competitions

HEALTHY ATHLETES | July 2-6 | Husky Union Building
Volunteer health professionals provide free, critical health screenings and educational sessions for athletes

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES | July 2-6 | HUB / HUB Yard
Resources and activities designed to improve healthcare access and health status for individuals and communities

YOUNG ATHLETES FESTIVAL | July 2, 3, 5 | Seattle Center
A celebration of sports, activities, and inclusion for the next generation of athletes, ages 2 to 7, with resources and guidance for the parents. All families welcome!

UNIFIED YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT | July 2-5
Young adults with and without intellectual disabilities convene to build more inclusive communities

UNIFIED SPORTS EXPERIENCE | July 2, 3, 5
Volunteers, sponsor employees, families, and friends invited to break down barriers, promote inclusion, and have fun by trying their hand at Special Olympics Unified Sports

INDEPENDENCE DAY | July 4
Athletes and delegates celebrate the Fourth with an old-fashioned American BBQ and dance party

CLOSING CEREMONIES | July 6 | Seattle Center
Culmination and celebration of the 2018 USA Games

Participants

- 3,500 Athletes
- 1,000 Coaches and delegates
- 10,000 Volunteers
- 10,000 Families and friends
- 50,000 + Spectators

Competition and Event Venues

University of Washington
Seattle University
King County Aquatic Center
Willows Run Golf Club
Celebration Park, Federal Way
Kenmore Lanes

Sports Offered

- Aquatics, Athletics
- Basketball, Bocce, Bowling
- Flag Football, Golf, Gymnastics
- Powerlifting, Soccer, Softball
- Standup Paddle Boarding, Tennis, and Volleyball

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