



## **VOLUNTEER CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026**

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### **January 30- 31, 2026**

#### **STATE INDOOR WINTER GAMES, MARIETTA, GA**

Get out of the cold and volunteer for the Indoor Winter Games! Over 2,000 SOGA athletes compete in basketball, bowling, powerlifting, gymnastics, and pickleball. Please contact [leksi.whatley@specialolympicsga.org](mailto:leksi.whatley@specialolympicsga.org) for more information on volunteering. To apply please [click here](#).

### **February 21, 2026**

#### **POLAR PLUNGE, ACWORTH BEACH, ACWORTH, GA**

This event has participants “plunge” into the freezing cold waters of Lake Acworth all to benefit the athletes of SOGA. Volunteers are needed to help with registration, set up, games and activities, attending the course, etc. Please contact [conner.king@specialolympicsga.org](mailto:conner.king@specialolympicsga.org) for more information on volunteering.

### **March 20, 2026**

#### **HEALTH MESSENGER TRAINING NORCROSS, GA**

Come be a mentor to an athlete in training to become a Health Messenger! This training will provide athletes with the skills to be a leader and advocate for themselves and others in the aspects of health. This is an all-day commitment from 8:30 am- 2:30 pm. Learn more about mentorship and how to prepare [click here](#). Please contact [leksi.whatley@specialolympicsga.org](mailto:leksi.whatley@specialolympicsga.org) for more information on being a mentor.

### **May 22-24, 2026**

#### **SUMMER GAMES, EMORY UNIVERSITY, ATLANTA, GA**

We need Fans in the Stands volunteers for Summer Games! Over 2,000 SOGA athletes come to Emory University to compete in athletics, Cheerleading, flag football, gymnastics, soccer, swimming, table tennis, tennis, and volleyball. Come cheer them on! To apply please [click here](#). Please contact [leksi.whatley@specialolympicsga.org](mailto:leksi.whatley@specialolympicsga.org) for more information on volunteering.

### **August 7, 2026**

#### **SHOOT FOR CHAMPIONS, GARLAND MOUNTAIN, WALESKA, GA**

Please join us for our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Shoot for Champions sporting clays tournament benefiting Special Olympics Georgia and the 18,546 athletes from across the State of Georgia. This event will be held at the beautiful Garland Mountain Sporting Clays, located atop Garland Mountain overlooking Waleska, Georgia.

### **September 23, 2026**

#### **2026 DUCK PLUCK, NORCROSS, GA**

The 2026 Duck Pluck will be in Norcross, GA this September. 12,000 ducks will be taking a swim in hopes that they get plucked! [Create a team](#) and help SOGA hit our goal and raise funds for Special Olympics Georgia and assist with Duck Sales days as needed.

### **October 16-17, 2026**

#### **STATE FALL GAMES, VALDOSTA, GA**

The State Fall Games will have their 7<sup>th</sup> year in Valdosta this October. Over 1,500 SOGA athletes compete in bocce, cycling, golf and softball. To apply please [click here](#). Please contact [leksi.whatley@specialolympicsga.org](mailto:leksi.whatley@specialolympicsga.org) for more information on volunteering.

### **October 26, 2026**

#### **BOB BUSSE GOLF CLASSIC, COUNTRY CLUB OF ROSWELL, ROSWELL, GA**

SOGA will once again proudly host the 31st Annual Bob Busse Golf Tournament. This year's tournament will be held at the Country Club of Roswell in Roswell, Georgia. Volunteers must be 21 or older to volunteer. To apply please [click here](#). Please contact [leksi.whatley@specialolympicsga.org](mailto:leksi.whatley@specialolympicsga.org) for more information on volunteering.