



SPECIAL OLYMPICS GEORGIA

2026

STATE SUMMER GAMES INFORMATION GUIDE

MAY 22ND -24TH

EMORY UNIVERISTY
26 EAGLE ROW ATLANTA, GA 30322

**PLEASE TURN IN YOUR ROOM KEYS
TO THE NERVE CENTER UPON
DEPARTURE! EACH AGENCY IS REponsible
FOR ANY FEES ASSOCIATED WITH
MISSING KEYS!**

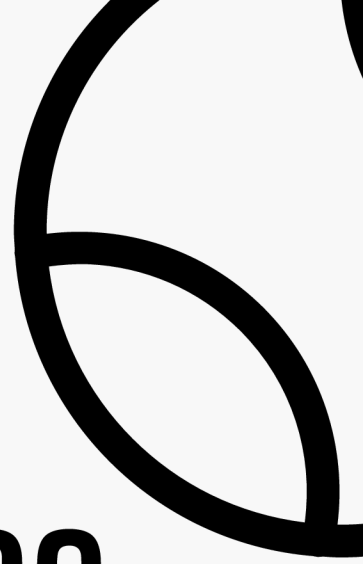
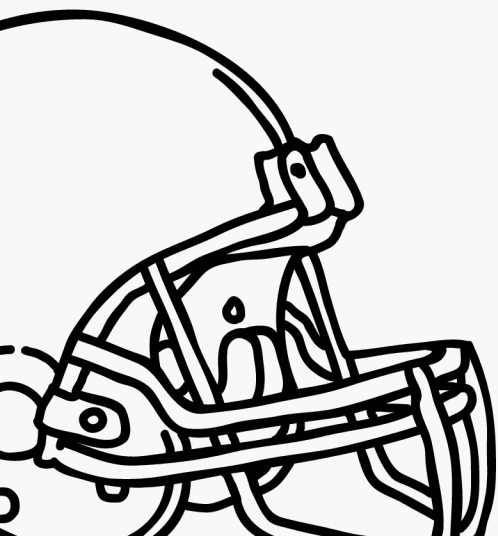
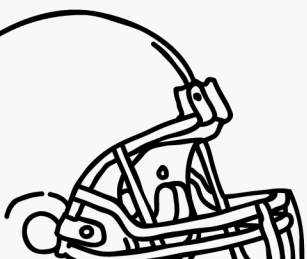
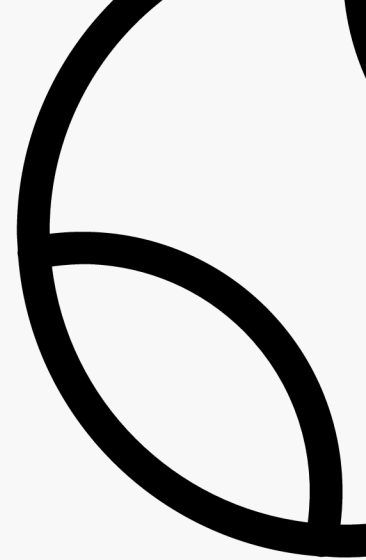


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General Schedule

Friday, May 22:

- 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Agency Check-In, Woodruff PE Center Gymnasium
Agencies staying Saturday night will pick up a to go breakfast for Sunday morning
- 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm Athletics Competition, Emory Track
- 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm Flag Football Team Competition (Kaminsky Field)
- 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm Tennis Skills, Short Court 2 & 3, & Level 5 (Singles)
- 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm Cheerleading Competition, 4th Floor Basketball Court in PE Center
- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Swimming Competition, Level A, Woodruff PE Center Pool
- 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Dinner (Emory Student Center)
- 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm Parade Line Up (Flag Bearers), McDonough Field
- 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Opening Ceremony, McDonough Field
- 8:30 pm - 9:15 pm Athlete Dance
- 9:30 pm - 10:30 pm Late Registration (If arrive after 4 pm) Nerve Center (Fraternity House #22)



Saturday, May 23:

- 6:15 am - 8:30 am Breakfast (Athletes/Coaches), Emory Student Center
- 7:00 am - 6:00 pm Competition
- 8:00 am - 2:30 pm Check-out, Nerve Center (Fraternity House #22)
- 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Olympic Town, McDonough Plaza (next to McDonough Field)
- 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Opening Eyes, Healthy Hearing, Special Smiles (Emory Student Center)
Fit Feet, Special Smiles & Strong Minds (Emory Student Center)
- 11:00 am - 1:30 pm To-Go Lunch (Athletes/Coaches), Emory Student Center

Sunday May 24:

- 8:00 am - 8:30 am Check-out, Nerve Center (Fraternity House #22)

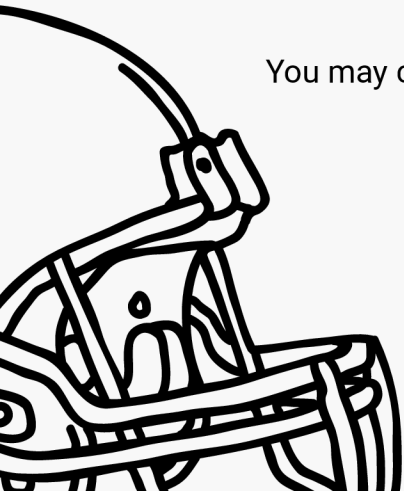
Nerve Center

The Nerve Center serves as the communication link throughout the weekend and is staffed by Emory personnel and SOGA staff to answer questions and deal with issues that arise. You can dial 470-525-2048 or 911 from any phone on campus if an emergency arises.

You may call the Nerve Center 24 hours a day for emergencies, 470-525-2048.

NERVE CENTER HOURS:

FRIDAY 12:00 pm - 9:30 pm
SATURDAY 6:30 am - 9:30 pm



Coaches Meetings

Below are the coaches meeting links for the 2026 State Summer Games. Each meeting will take place virtually, through Microsoft Teams. Please make sure coaches are in attendance.

Flag Football / May 12th 2026 / 1:00pm

[Click here for the Flag Football Link](#)

Swimming / May 12th 2026 / 2:00pm

[Click here for the Swimming Link](#)

Table Tennis / May 12th 2026 / 3:00pm

[Click here for the Table Tennis Link](#)

Tennis / May 13th 2026 / 9:00am

[Click here for the Tennis Link](#)

Athletics / May 13th 2026 / 10:00am

[Click here for the Athletics Link](#)

Cheerleading / May 13th 2026 / 11:00am

[Click here for the Cheerleading Link](#)

Gymnastics / May 13th 2026 / 1:00pm

[Click here for the Gymnastics Link](#)

Volleyball / May 13th 2026 / 2:00pm

[Click here for Volleyball Link](#)

Soccer / May 13th 2026 / 3:00pm

[Click here for the Soccer Link](#)



Emory Directions and Late Arrival Policy

Late Arrival Policy

On the Friday of Games, if you are running late for housing check-in you must call the Nerve Center by 5 pm (see above) to let us know that you are still coming, with an approximate time of arrival and any scratches/substitutions you may have. SOGA will, then, put your room keys with your registration packet (credentials). You will be able to pick up that packet in the Nerve Center, upon your arrival after 5 pm.

If SOGA does not hear from you by 5:00 PM, we will assume that you and your agency will not be attending and will release all rooms reserved for your group. If you later decide to attend, your agency will be responsible for arranging its own housing.

This policy will pertain to all State Games. Please refer to the appropriate Information Guide for correct hours of housing check-in and for the Nerve Center phone number.

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 QuikTrip 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.

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. (*)

Emergency / Communication Plan

In the case of an emergency please respond accordingly.

In the case of a fire/false alarm please make sure your entire delegation calmly vacates the building and that they are all accounted for.

Remember to take your keys and your housing list. (The Head of Delegation should make a final sweep of the housing/building counting your athletes/coaches and make sure you have everyone when exiting or re-entering)

In the case of bad weather (tornado, flooding) please make sure your entire delegation is in a secure and safe environment until the weather has cleared. Make sure that each athlete/coach in your delegation is accounted for after the weather has cleared. Remember to take your keys.

In the case of a missing member of your delegation (athlete, coach, family member) please contact the Nerve Center/SOGA team 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.

The Nerve Center phone number: 470-525-2048

Weather and Communication Plan

How We Make Decisions

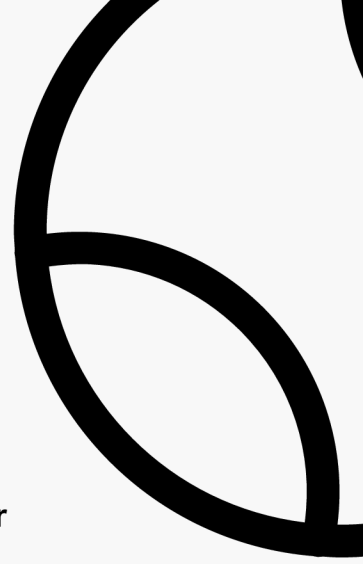
1. Leadership reviews conditions (weather, safety, travel).
2. A decision is made (delay, change schedule, move, or cancel).
3. Our team is notified and aligned.

How We Communicate

1. Venues and are contacted.
2. Heads of Delegation, volunteers, and sponsors are informed with clear next steps.
3. Public updates are posted on our website and social media.

Our Priorities

- Safety first
- One clear message
- Timely, transparent updates



Bus Schedule

Loop Route

Stop #1- Peavine / Woodruff PE Center Turnaround (PE Center West Entrance, across from Peavine Parking Deck)

Stop #2- Few Hall (off Eagle Row, near Pedestrian Walkway to Emory Student Center & McDonough Field)

Stop #3 - Woodruff Residential Center (Shuttle stop in front of building, across from South End of Clifton Tower, on Clifton Rd)

Stop #4 - 1525 Clifton Building (Shuttle stop, next to the North End of Clifton Tower, on Clifton Rd)

Stop #5 - Clifton Rd & Fishburne Drive (next to Thomas Hall, adjacent to Goizueta Business School)

Stop #6- Dickey Drive Turnaround (next to Tarbutton Hall)

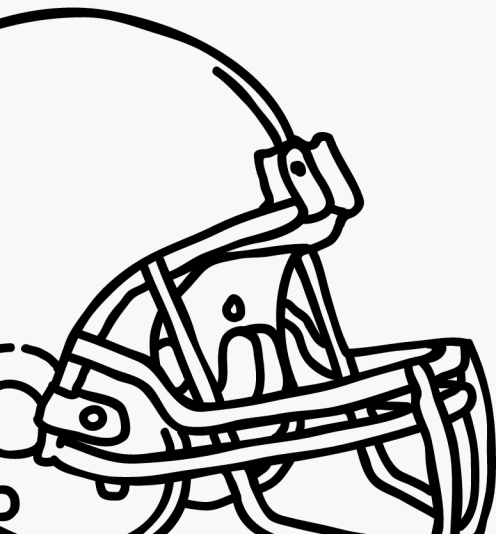
Lower Field Route

Stop #1 - Rear of Woodruff PE Center

Stop #2 - Peavine Creek Dr. @ Eagle Row (next to Fraternity House #14)

Stop #3 - Lower Fields on Peavine Creek Drive (Soccer & Flag Football Fields)

Stop #4 - In front of Peavine #2 parking deck (SOGA loop transfer)



Residence Hall Information

LINENS NOT PROVIDED !!!

1. Please send a letter to families for items athletes need to bring.
2. All rooms are air conditioned ... light blankets sometimes needed.
3. In some Halls, there is one restroom per floor. Signs on the doors designate male or female use. Most floors / wings will alternate male/ female.
4. **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES / ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES PROHIBITED DURING THE ENTIRE WEEKEND. POLICY WILL BE ENFORCED.**
5. Agencies held responsible for damage to rooms or halls.
6. Security has been instructed to identify problem athletes and coaches ... and will provide incident reports to SOGA team to handle.
7. Residence halls will be locked ... access for athletes and coaches ONLY !!
8. In case of fire, do NOT use elevators. Lead group to nearest EXIT sign. Emergency exit routes posted in all halls.
9. Laundry facilities & vending machines in each hall.
10. Information phone is in each lobby. This is linked directly to the Nerve Center for information & emergencies ... this is NOT an outside access line for calls.
11. Most Residence Halls will have medical assistance available from 10:00 pm to 7:00 am. These Medical Rooms will be located in Residence Halls around campus. (See page 10 for a Medical Room listing with phone numbers)
12. Rooms are to be locked when resident not present. Emory University is not responsible for loss of property due to vandalism, theft, fire or other acts of God.
13. DO NOT prop open exterior doors and stairwell doors.
14. Emory University is a Tobacco Free Campus! No Tobacco products allowed!
15. The following is STRICTLY PROHIBITED by Emory:
 - * Preparation of food in Residence Hall rooms.
 - * Possession of firearms, fireworks, or explosives.
 - * Tampering with fire alarm, smoke detector, sprinkler system or fire extinguishers.
 - * Defacing, disfiguring, damaging, destroying, or stealing property belonging to Emory University or to a member of the Emory University community.
 - * Abusive, violent, or excessively noisy behavior.
 - * Lewd, indecent, or obscene behavior.
 - * Unauthorized use or possession of Residence Hall room or master keys.
 - * Housing pets or other animals, except authorized seeing eye dogs.
- The intentional commission of any act in any Residence Hall area which poses a substantial threat to the health or safety of any person.

Keys must be returned to THE SOGA NERVE CENTER

on Saturday or Sunday morning by 8:30am depending on our housing commitment. Otherwise your agency will be charged a fee per key not turned in at the time of check out at the Nerve Center on either Saturday, May 23nd or Sunday, May 24, 2026.

Day Only and Credentials

Day Only Participant Check In

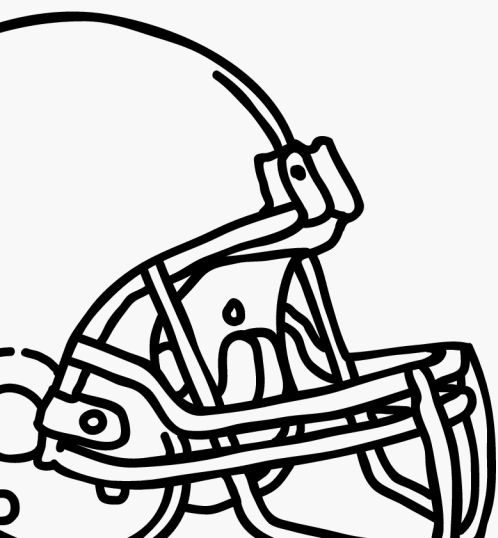
Heads of Delegation must check in at the Nerve Center at Frat House #22 Saturday morning before athletes report to their venue. Athletes will not be allowed to compete without checking in and receiving their credentials.

ID Credentials

Athletes must wear their ID credentials at all times for identification and security reasons. If athlete has no ID they will not be allowed to participate in their event. If an athlete needs medical attention or if they lose their coach, games personnel must be able to identify them immediately. COACHES PLEASE MAKE SURE THE ID CREDENTIALS ARE ON YOUR ATHLETES AT ALL TIMES. If your athlete loses his/her credentials please come to Nerve Center for a replacement.

Athletes competing in Athletics, Cheerleading, Level A Swimming, and Tennis Skills, Short Court Competition on Friday will need to pick up their credentials at Housing Check-in in the Gymnasium first thing Friday.

If ID credential is lost report to the Nerve Center. They will verify athlete registration and issue a new ID.



Medical

Medical teams will be on hand at ALL venues throughout the weekend and will be located at some of the residence halls to assist you. The residence halls are listed below with the room number. You must call the Nerve Center first for Medical Assistance from 10:00 pm - 7:00 am. We will then contact the medical staff. You can also go to the medical room for assistance in your dorm.

Residence Hall	Phone
Raoul Hall	470-252-2048
Evans Hall	470-252-2048
Hamilton Holmes	470-252-2048
Eagle Hall	470-252-2048
Alabama	470-252-2048
Harris	470-252-2048
Clifton Towers	470-252-2048
Few	470-252-2048
Turman	470-252-2048

TRANSPORT TO A HOSPITAL:

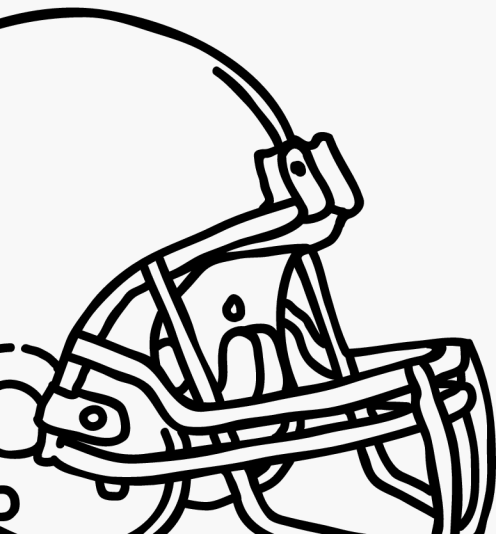
An ambulance will be on call to transport to a hospital if necessary. Please remember to take your athletes application for participation. The coach accompanying the athlete to the hospital is responsible for getting back to campus ...

NO return transportation is provided.



Medical Venue Directors:

Dr. Karen Carter
Ellen Holland



Medical Cont.

Carry the athletes' applications for participation forms at all times.

If an injury or illness occurs, contact the medical staff at the venue site or call the designated medical staff in the evening / early morning hours. If you can't contact them, the phone in your residence hall's lobby is directly connected to the Nerve Center, 24 hours a day.

MEDICATION:

Coaches are responsible for seeing that the athlete medications are administered according to schedule. MEDICAL STAFF WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ADMINISTER MEDICATION. Please, avoid a dangerous situation, and be sure that all athletes receive their medication for seizures, etc. promptly.

REFRIGERATED MEDICATION:

Medication requiring refrigeration can be kept in the Residence Hall medical room during the night, or check with the Nerve Center to make arrangements. Coaches are responsible for transporting this medication back & forth.

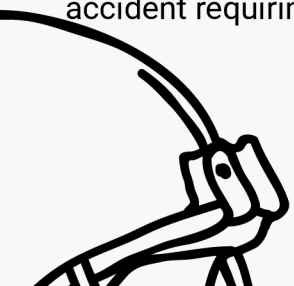
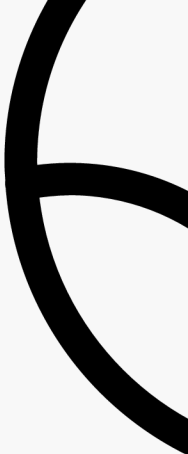
MEDICAL PRECAUTIONS:

- *Know the athlete's medical condition (heart problems, epilepsy, diabetes, asthma, allergies, etc.)
- *Protect against sunburn, heat cramps, & heat exhaustion. Make use of shaded areas & sunscreen.
- *Water will be available at all medical stations and all special events. It is vital that athletes DOUBLE their usual water intake.
- *If convulsive seizures occur, gently attempt to prevent the athlete's head, arms, or legs from striking hard or sharp objects. Do NOT place anything in the athlete's mouth. Stay with the athlete while sending someone for medical assistance.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE COVERAGE:

Athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteers who are injured while participating in a Special Olympics activity or are injured while traveling directly to or from the activity are covered by accident insurance.

In order to be covered, the coach/assistant coach must have completed a volunteer profile form, the athletes must have a valid application for participation form on file, unified partners must have completed the partner application, and volunteers must have signed in and registered for the event. This accident coverage is SECONDARY to any other coverage the individual has. This policy extends to include fainting, heatstroke, frostbite, heat exhaustion, as well as any accident where epilepsy or a seizure may be a contributing factor. Ambulance service is also included. Accident Insurance forms are available at the Nerve Center. These forms are to be completed in case of an accident requiring medical attention at a hospital and mailed to Human Resources at SOGA.



2026 State Summer Games Swimming Schedule

Reminder, Special Olympics Georgia (SOGA) is not conducting a preliminary round for swimming at the 2026 State Summer Games. The final round of Swimming competition will begin on Friday, May 22nd and conclude on Saturday, May 23rd. The breakdown of the Swimming venue is explained further below.

Friday, May 22nd: ALL Level A swimming events.

Shift 1 – Saturday, May 22nd: All entrants that are in the Master's age group of 22 years or older.

Shift 2 – Saturday, May 22nd: All entrants that are in the Junior age group 8 to 15 years of age AND the Senior age group 16 to 21 years of age. **IF you have Athletes or Unified Partners in the Senior Age Category swimming in Relay's on a Masters Age Relay Team, the entrant(s) relay competition will take place during the first shift on Saturday. Coaches please be prepared for this.**

Athletes/Partners will be divisioned and compete against other Athletes/Partners within their age group for individual events and will be awarded within their division.

IMPORTANT: Coaches need to practice their athletes/partners individual events and relay's consistently, to provide accurate times when submitted their final qualifying times for each event by the Summer Games Problem Sheet Deadline of April 24, 2026.

ALL RELAYS will take place at the very beginning of each shift. Therefore, all Athletes and Unified Partners MUST be present and ready to compete by the check-in time listed per each shift, or that relay team(s) will be scratched from competition. Remember, start time is scratch time. It is very important that all relay teams be present in order for the rest of the competition day to stay on time.

SOGA and the GOC ask for you to understand that we might need to make more adjustments in potential start times for the swimming venue. The schedule times per event(s) is not concrete and will fluctuate, due to events being timed events. It is impossible to predict exact start times for events that rely on the time it takes athletes to swim their events. We ask that you be patient and know that we are making every stride to create the best experience for all our athletes, coaches and families!

REMEMBER – The times listed below are estimated, not exact. Please make sure your athletes are prepared to compete at the listed time but understand there could be some delay's. Please be sure to arrive prior to the scheduled start time of the event so your Athlete(s) are not scratched!

If you have any questions, please contact the SOGA Summer Games Director, Santiago Arias at santiago.arias@specialolympicsga.org

Swimming Presented By:



Swimming Level A

DIRECTOR: Andrea Walker

LOCATION: Woodruff PE Center

Friday, May 22nd:

12:30 pm - 1:00 pm Check-in

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Competition & Awards

10 M Assisted

15 M Flotation

15 M Walk

15 M Unassisted

25 M Flotation

1. Level A Athlete check-in will be in the bullpen

2. Athletes will be staged on the pool deck.

3. One (1) coach allowed on deck with the athlete. You are responsible for assisting your athlete in the water throughout the competition.

4. 15 M Unassisted swim - must swim full distance with NO assistance. Coaches may position themselves to the side or back of the athlete (not directly in front) to offer verbal encouragement & direction but may not touch the athlete during the race. NO floats allowed.

5. Flotation Devices (bring your own):

Must be of the body wrap-around type so that if an athlete is not able to hold onto the device, the device would still support the athlete with the face out of the water (PFD's, life vests, ski belt). The athlete's arms & legs should be free to perform.

6. 15 Meter walk - Pool depth for walk is 4 feet.

7. 10 Meter Assisted swim - coach MUST be in water with swimmer. Coach may touch, guide, or direct the athlete but may NOT support or assist with the athlete's forward movement.



Swimming Presented By:



Swimming - Saturday, May 23rd Final Round

- * Coaches and parents will not be allowed on deck with their athletes with the exception of relays.
- * **Athletes wearing no wristband they need to start in the water.**
- * **Athletes should wear a green wristband if they need to start on the deck.**
- * **Athletes should wear a red wristband if they need to start on the block.**
- * Wristbands & Credentials will be at Housing Check In on Friday in the Gymnasium.
- * If an athlete is disqualified they may continue to compete but will receive a participation ribbon.
- * Awards presented at the conclusion of each event. If an athlete is at awards when his/her next event is to be run, the race will take precedence and the athlete will be presented the award in a later ceremony.

Shift 1: Masters Age (22 years and older)

7:00 a.m. Check In
7:00-7:30 a.m. Warmup
8:00 a.m. Unified Relays
8:15 a.m. Traditional Relays
8:30 a.m. 200 M Freestyle
8:45 a.m. 100 M Backstroke
8:55 a.m. 50 M Butterfly
9:05 a.m. 25 M Freestyle
10:00 a.m. 25 M Butterfly
10:30 a.m. 50 M Freestyle
11:05 a.m. 50 M Backstroke
11:30 a.m. 25 M Breaststroke
12:00 p.m. 25 M Backstroke
12:30 p.m. 50 M Breaststroke
12:50 p.m. 100 M Freestyle
1:15 p.m. 100 M Individual Medley

Shift 2: Junior Age (8 to 15 years of age) & Senior Age (16 to 21 years of age)

12:30 p.m. Check In
1:30 p.m. Unified Relays
1:45 p.m. Traditional Relays
2:00 p.m. 200 M Freestyle
2:05 p.m. 100 M Backstroke
2:15 p.m. 50 M Butterfly
2:35 p.m. 25 M Freestyle
3:05 p.m. 25 M Butterfly
3:35 p.m. 50 M Freestyle
4:10 p.m. 50 M Backstroke
4:35 p.m. 25 M Breaststroke
5:05 p.m. 25 M Backstroke
5:30 p.m. 50 M Breaststroke
5:50 p.m. 100 M Freestyle
6:00 p.m. 100 M Individual Medley



Swimming Presented By:



Athletics

Emory University Track

Friday, May 22nd, 2026

A 12:00 400 M Run All Ages, M & F

B 12:00 RLJump 8 – 11 Females

C 12:00 RLJump 22 & older, M & F

A 12:30 400 M Rwalk All Ages, M & F

B 12:30 RLJump 12 – 15 Females

A 1:00 200 M Dash All Ages, M & F

B 1:00 RLJump 8 – 11 Males

A 1:30 100 M Rwalk All Ages, M & F

B 1:30 RLJump 12 – 15 Males

A 2:00 100 M Dash 8 – 11 Males

B 2:00 100 M Dash 8 – 11 Females

C 2:00 RLJump 16 – 21 Females

A 2:45 100 M Dash 12 – 15 Males

B 2:45 100 M Dash 12 – 15 Females

C 2:45 RLJump 16 – 21 Males

A 3:30 100 M Dash 16 – 21 Males

B 3:30 100 M Dash 16 – 21 Females

C 3:30 RLJump continues

A 4:15 100 M Dash 22 & over Males

B 4:15 100 M Dash 22 & over Females

(PT-Pick-Up Tent / Staging Area)

ATHLETIC NOTES:

*Athletes should arrive at the track 20 minutes prior to the time listed for their event. The announcer will say "First Call for Event A...100 Meter, Ages 8 – 11." If your athlete is in that event, take him/her to the drop off area in Lane A. Escorts will be waiting to get them to the right place.

*Coaches are not allowed in the competition area (except Level A & Wheelchair) . If you have an athlete with special needs and you need to be with them, you may secure a "red card" at the Athlete Drop Off area. Return the "red card" and exit the field on completion of the event.

*On completion of their event and award, the athlete will be taken to the "Pick Up" tent at the main gate for you to pick them up. Please pick them up promptly.

*Proper attire is required: See page 12.

*A,B,C,D (Check- in area by main stand j)

*PT (Check-in area at pick-up tent by scoreboard area)

LEVEL A / W.C. NOTES:

Coach may be on the field with his/her athlete ... but MAY NOT ASSIST THE ATHLETE DURING COMPETITION. Level A Coaches are allowed on the field only if necessary.

VENUE DIRECTOR: Bruce Coward

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR:

SOGA Team Member: Sean Munroe

Sponsored by:



Athletics

Emory University Track

Saturday, May 23rd, 2026

A 7:00 1 Mile W /Run All Ages, M & F

B 7:30 5K W / Run (Unified) All Ages, M & F

C 8:00 3K W/Run (Unified) All Ages, M & F

D 8:30 800 M Run All Ages, M&F

A 9:00 Relays Stage All Ages, M & F

B 10:30 50 M Dash All Ages, M & F

C 10:30 50 M Walk All Ages, M & F

PT 10:30 10 M Asst. W All Ages, M & F

PT 10:30 25 M Walk All Ages, M & F

PT 11:00 100 M Manual WCS All Ages, M&F

PT 11:00 25 M Manual WCR All Ages, M&F

PT 11:00 10 M Manual WCR All Ages, M&F

PT 11:30 25M Motorized Obstacle All Ages, M&F

PT 11:30 50 M Motorized Slalom All Ages, M&F

PT 11:30 30 M Motorized Slalom All Ages, M&F

PT 12:00 Tennis Ball Throw All Ages, M&F

PT 12:00 Standing Long Jump All Ages, M&F

A 1:00 Shot Put All Ages, M

B 1:00 Softball Throw All Ages, M&F

C 2:00 Turbo Jav All Ages, M&F

A 2:30 Shot Put All Ages, F

(PT-Pick-Up Tent / Staging Area)

ATHLETIC NOTES:

*Athletes should arrive at the track 20 minutes prior to the time listed for their event. The announcer will say "First Call for Event A...100 Meter, Ages 8 – 11." If your athlete is in that event, take him/her to the drop off area in Lane A. Escorts will be waiting to get them to the right place.

*Coaches are not allowed in the competition area (except Level A & Wheelchair) . If you have an athlete with special needs and you need to be with them, you may secure a "red card" at the Athlete Drop Off area. Return the "red card" and exit the field on completion of the event.

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*A,B,C,D (Check- in area by main stand j)

*PT (Check-in area at pick-up tent by scoreboard area)

LEVEL A / W.C. NOTES:

Coach may be on the field with his/her athlete ... but MAY NOT ASSIST THE ATHLETE DURING COMPETITION. Level A Coaches are allowed on the field only if necessary.

VENUE DIRECTOR: Bruce Coward

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR:

SOGA Team Member: Sean Munroe

Sponsored by:



Gymnastics

Venue Directors: Cindy Bickman

Saturday, May 23rd

7:00 a.m. Gym Opens for Warm-ups

7:30 a.m. Session 1 – Main Gym - Levels 1 2, 3, & 4 (All Ages)

Levels A, B, & C (All Ages)



*Athletes must compete all routines in the same level..

*Due to the number of entrants in 2026, all gymnastics competition will take place in one session.

*We will only use the Main Gym for ALL Competition. The Aerobics Room is for Awards only.

*Schedule changes, if necessary, will be announced at the Coaches Meeting.

*Girls should wear skirted leotards & have their hair in a bun

*Please be dressed and in the Gym at the scheduled time.

Soccer Team & Skills

Venue Directors:

Soccer Team: Jonathan Smith

Soccer Skills:

Saturday, May 23rd

7:30 am - 5:00 pm Five-a-Side Team Competition
(All Team Play will be at Kaminsky Field)

7:30 am - 12:00 pm Soccer Skills Final Round
(Soccer Skills will be held at Kaminsky Field)

*Soccer Skills will NOT be having a preliminary round. All Athletes will have 3 attempts for each of the three skills, with the best results from the 3 attempts used for final score.

* Five-a-side team games will be 2 halves of 15 minutes each with a 5 minute halftime

* Each player must play at least half a game.

*Teams should report to Kaminsky Field at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start of their game.

General parking is NOT allowed at Kaminsky, please use the shuttle.

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Table Tennis

Venue Director: Charlie Slater

Location: Emory Student Center (Multi-purpose rooms 4,5,6)

SCHEDULE

Saturday May 23rd:

7:30 am - Athlete Check-In

8:00 am - 12:00 am Competition

* Singles & Team competition will consist of the best of three games in a match.

* The Pong Master Timer will be used. NO Sensor Pads and NO mechanical toss will be used. Volunteers will toss the ball during Table Tennis Skills Competition.

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Tennis

Venue Director: ALTA Foundation

Location: Woodruff PE Center

(outside courts and 4th floor indoor courts)

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SCHEDULE:

The exact schedule for all Full Court Match Play will be emailed to HOD's prior to Summer Games.

Level 1 Skills competition, ALL Short Court Level 2, Short Court Level 3, and full court Level 5 Singles matches will compete on Friday, May 22nd at 12 p.m. with awards to follow.

ALL Level 3 and Level 5 doubles play will take place on Saturday, May 23rd starting at 8 a.m. All players should report to the check-in area 30 minutes prior to schedule time. Awards to follow.

Cheerleading

Venue Director: Stacey Van Dyke

Location: Woodruff PE Center (4th floor basketball courts)

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SCHEDULE

Friday May 22nd:

11:30 pm - Athlete Check-In

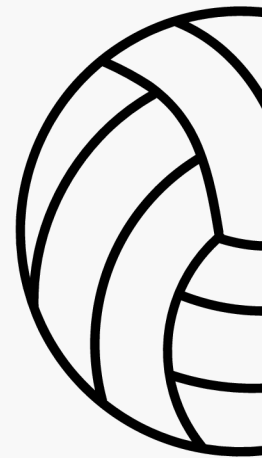
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm Unified, Traditional, and Gameday Small Team Competition

- Cheerleading teams will be able to warm up their full routine prior to competition round.
- Coaches need to bring their routine music with them on their cell phone, so that it can be played on the sound system.
- Awards will follow once divisions are completed.
- Gameday Team(s) will perform their Friday routine on Saturday, May 17th at the Flag Football venue during halftime of one game.

Volleyball

Venue Director: Diane Holmes
Volunteer Coordinator: Jaime Dutro
Location: Woodruff PE Center Gymnasium

Sponsored by:



SCHEDULE

Saturday May 23rd:

Athlete Check in- 7:30am
All competition between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- A more specific schedule with times for divisions will be emailed to HOD's and discussed during the virtual coaches meeting. You must attend this meeting in order to know your teams starting times.
- Arrive at your venue site, 30 minutes prior to scheduled starting time.
- Please bring your own practice balls with your team name on them.

Flag Football and Skills

Schedule

Flag Football Team Play:

Friday, May 22nd: 1:00 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Check-in for first sets of teams is 12:45 p.m. Games start at 1:00 p.m.
Field #1 - Unified Teams
Field #2 - Traditional Teams
Field #3 - Traditional Teams

Saturday, May 23rd: 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Check-In for first sets of teams is 7:15 a.m. Games start at 8 a.m.
Field #1 - Unified Teams
Field #2 - Traditional Teams
Field #3 - Skills then Traditional Teams



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- *This will be a double elimination, bracket play competition.
- *Awards will take place after the completion of the elimination game for each bracket.
- *Brackets will be created and provided to agencies a few weeks before the State Summer Games weekend, detailing the games and times for each agency.
- *Your teams must be checked in and prepared at least 30 minutes before their scheduled game time. If teams are not present by their game time, they will be forced to forfeit their game.



Sport Specific Rules

Swimming

- Health and safety is first and foremost with our athletes. NO products for incontinence will be allowed for competition. No jeans shall be allowed for competition.

Athletics & Long Distance Running & Walking

- Athletes shall wear athletic shorts or warm up pants, t-shirts, socks, and athletic shoes for competition. No jeans shall be allowed for competition.

Gymnastics

- Proper competition wear is required. No jeans shall be allowed for competition.

Cheerleading

- Proper competition wear is required. No jeans shall be allowed for competition.
- Must bring competition music using a phone adapter cord.

Soccer & Flag Football

- Athletes shall wear matching uniforms with numbers (front and back), socks, and athletic shoes for competition.
- Soccer/Football cleats are allowed. NO metal cleats allowed.
- No jeans shall be allowed for competition.

Table Tennis

- Athletes shall wear like uniforms: shorts or warm up pants, like shirts, socks, and athletic shoes for competition. No jeans shall be allowed for competition.

Tennis

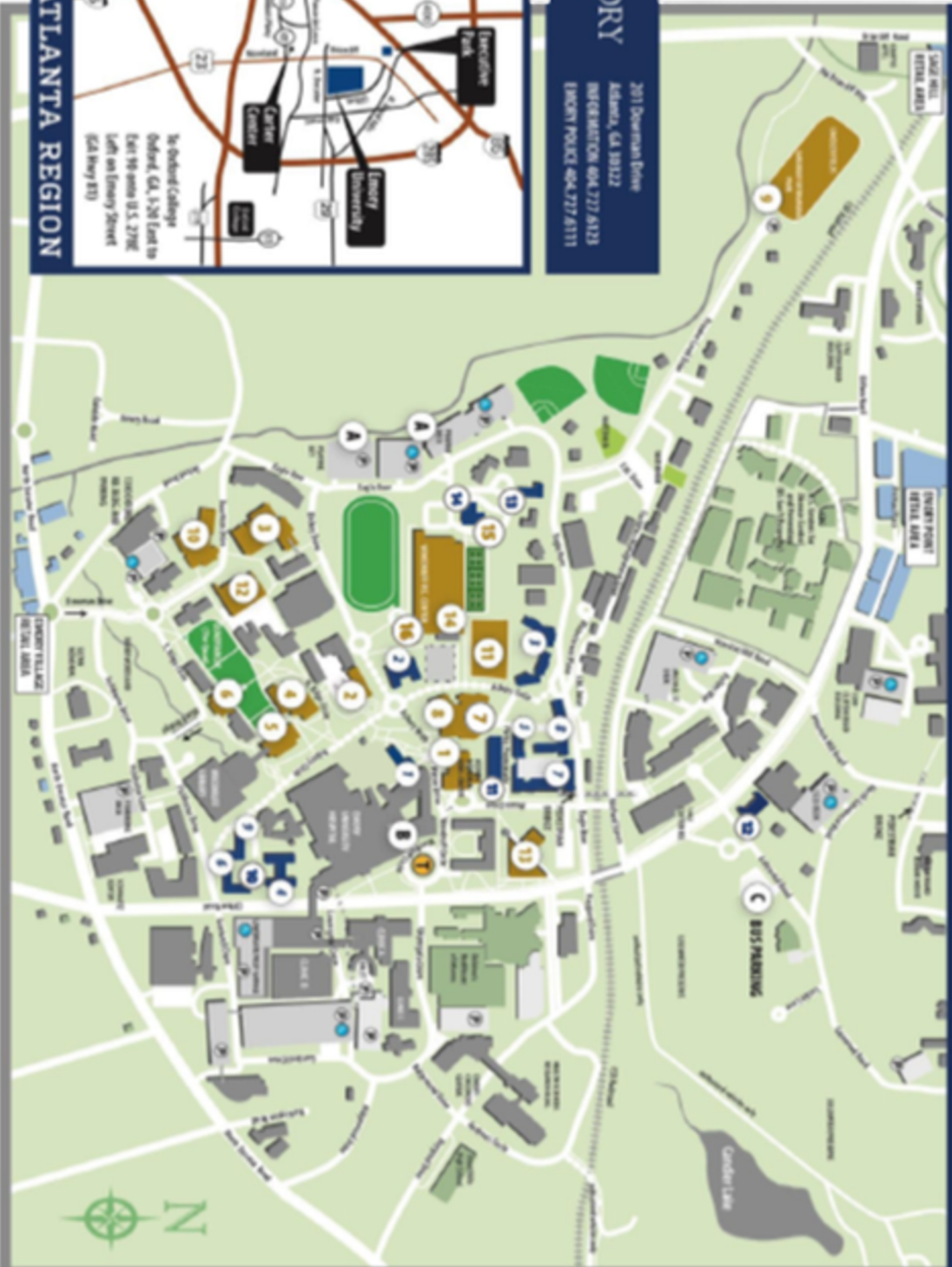
- Athletes shall wear like uniforms: Court approved shoes MUST be worn for competition.
- No jeans shall be allowed for competition.

Volleyball

- Athletes shall wear matching volleyball uniforms with numbers (front and back), socks, and athletic shoes for competition.
- No jeans shall be allowed for competition..

Athletes shall NOT wear jeans or jewelry and must wear athletic apparel.

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RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

- 1 Atlanta Hall
- 2 Baker Hall
- 3 Burns and Free Halls
- 4 Hart's Hall
- 5 Hobson Hall
- 6 Reynolds Hall
- 7 Eagle Hall
- 8 Board Hall
- 9 South Hall
- 10 Thomas Hall
- 11 Turnham Hall
- 12 Cribb Tower
- 13 House #14
- 14 House #22

PARKING & TRANSIT

- A Peavine Parking Deck/Lot
- B Woodruff Circle Transit Hub
- C Woodruff Park, Parking - for buses

ACADEMIC BUILDINGS AND VENUES

- 1 Alton Woodruff University Center (AWUC)
- 2 Anthropology
- 3 Alton Woodruff Chemistry Center
- 4 Callaway Center
- 5 Candler Library
- 6 Cribb Museum
- 7 SOGA Table Tennis
- 8 Emory Student Center - Evening
- 9 Kennedy-Candler Fields
- 10 Math & Science Center
- 11 MacDonough Field
- 12 WINN Hall
- 13 Winckler-Boardwalk Health Sciences Center
- 14 Woodruff PE Center
- 15 Narver-Center (22 by day level)
- 16 Medical Tennis

Olympic Town

Location: McDonough Plaza
Saturday, May 23rd: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Olympic Town Presenting Sponsor:



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Opening Ceremony

The flag bearers for agencies should report to McDonough Field at 6:30 p.m. with their agency flags. Opening Ceremony will start at 7:30 p.m. with the dance to follow. It is requested that your athlete and coach be similarly dressed in the uniform or t-shirt representing your agency and that the suggested flag be 3'x 5' and on a 5' long pole.



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Athlete Dance

Friday, 8:30 - 9:15 pm
McDonough Field
Lets Dance the Night Away!

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Inclement Weather Plan

If it becomes necessary to modify schedules due to inclement weather, we will make the necessary changes, get those changes printed out, and add that information to these pre-existing posters.

Opening Ceremony/Dance: Will be moved from McDonough Field to the main gymnasium in the Woodruff PE Center.

Swimming, Volleyball, Cheerleading, Gymnastics, Table Tennis venues:

These indoor venues will not be affected by inclement weather and will run as scheduled.

Athletics events:

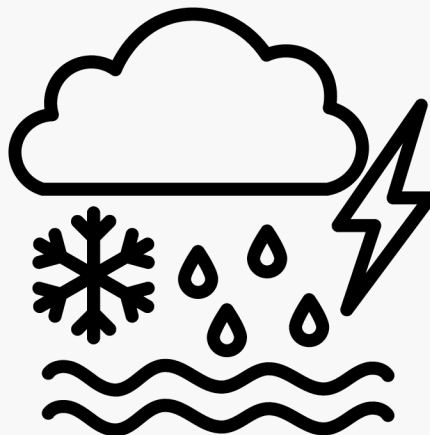
If hard, persistent rain or dangerous conditions exist, the announcer will ask everyone to inside the PE Center. HOD's will receive text messages from SOGA on the status of the delay. If the delay is going to be several hours, agencies would need to return to their dorm at Emory University until further updates are provided by SOGA.

Tennis events:

Move into the 4th floor indoor Tennis Courts and await further instruction. A decision will be made as to the condition of the courts and what recovery time it will take to make the courts safe and playable. An announcement will then be made inside the PE Center either by bullhorn. It is important that your group stay together so that you do not miss any announcements. SOGA will implement a rain plan schedule to utilize the 4 indoor courts, with reduced play time to continue play until the outdoor courts are resumed safe and playable.

Soccer & Flag Football events:

In case of rain only, the soccer and flag football competition will continue to be played. If there is lightning, the competition will be stopped and buses will be dispatched as quickly as possible to transport you back to the PE Center bus stop. If you have your own transportation at the venue, we ask that you return to your residence hall. The PE Center will already be packed with folks ... and simply can't accommodate soccer and football participants as well. We will send out information via text to ALL HODS as we receive it.





Each year, law enforcement officers from around the state raise money for Special Olympics Georgia (SOGA) by conducting the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR). From January through August, officers raise funds by selling merchandise and holding fundraising events for the honor of being a Guardian of the Flame in the Torch Run. The top five money raising departments run the 'Flame of Hope' into the Opening Ceremony where the top fundraising department lights the Cauldron to signal the beginning of the State Games. Through the combined efforts of hundreds of law enforcement volunteers throughout the State, LETR contributed over \$1.05 million to Special Olympics athletes in Georgia in 2025. Please help SOGA in applauding the efforts of our Law Enforcement Officers as they join us for the Opening Ceremony.

Healthy Athletes



Opening Eyes
Emory Student Center
MPR 1&5
Saturday, May 23rd,
9:00am to 2:00pm
Vision Screening with Prescription
Glasses - for free!



Special Smiles
Emory Student Center MPR 3
Saturday, May 23rd, 9:00 am to 2:00pm
Oral Health screening, free goodie bags,
instructional puppets and mouth guards!



Fit Feet
Emory Student Center MPR 6
Saturday, May 23rd, 9:00 am to 2:00pm



FunFitness
Emory Student Center MPR 2
Saturday May 23rd , 9:00am -2:00pm

Healthy Athletes Presented By:



Meals

MEALS SERVED AT THE EMORY STUDENT CENTER

Friday Dinner: 4:30pm pm - 7:00 pm

Saturday Breakfast: 5:45 am - 8:00 am

Lunch (Pick up w/Credential): 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Meal Sponsor:



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Athletes using wheelchairs...
The NEW Emory Student Center has elevators.

Please make every effort to bring your delegation to the meals venue. You will be required to show your credential to receive a meal. The ONLY meal that will be available for take-out or grab & go to sit and enjoy is SATURDAY LUNCH.



Menu

FRIDAY DINNER 5-7PM

Chicken Fingers
Green Beans and Rice
Cookies
Water



SATURDAY BREAKFAST 5:45-8:00AM

Eggs
Sausage Patty
Peaches
Biscuits
Water/Coffee/Milk

SATURDAY TO-GO LUNCHES

Turkey & Cheese Sandwich
Cheez-Its
Apple Cookie
Bottled Water

SUNDAY TO-GO

Breakfast to go lunch sacks will be provided to agencies staying on Saturday night. Packs will be picked up at Housing Check-In. 26

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Summer Games Survey Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2026SummerGames>



Duck Adoptions

Get ready for some fun! 🎉 Head over to Opening Ceremony on Friday and Olympic Town on Saturday to adopt your rubber ducky 🦆 and show your support for our amazing Special Olympics athletes—let's make a splash together! ❤️

