



Georgia's Champions



July 2021

We want to say another sincere thank you to all athletes, partners, volunteers, and sponsors who were a part of the 2021 State Horse Show! Thank you again to everyone who made this event possible!



Mark Your Calendars



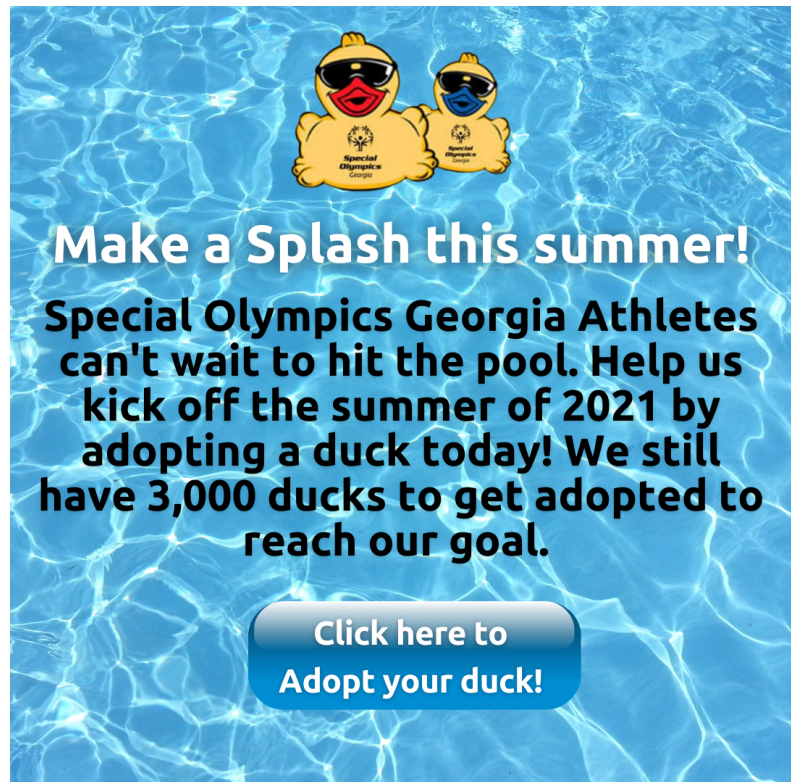
For more info about the Georgia Natural Gas Shoot for Champions event, please contact Robert Yost at:
robert.yost@specialolympicsga.org
or (770)-414-9390 ext. 1104.



The 26th Annual Bob Busse Memorial Golf Classic is set to take place on Monday, Oct. 25, 2021. Golfers will enjoy a breakfast, a full round of golf, and a reception with a silent auction to follow. If you are interested in becoming a participant or sponsor, please contact Robert Yost at:
robert.yost@specialolympicsga.org
770-414-9390 ext. 1104.



Special Olympics Georgia is very excited to host the 2021 State Fall Games in Valdosta, GA on October 8 & 9! For more information about the event, please contact David Crawford at:
David.Crawford@specialolympicsga.org or (229)-292-5143.



Marlow's Tavern Golf Classic

We are thrilled to announce the 23rd Annual Marlow's Tavern and Sterling Culinary Management Golf Classic is set to take place on Monday, October 11th, 2021 at the Country Club of Roswell. Special Olympics Georgia (SOGA) is extremely grateful to Marlow's Tavern and Sterling Culinary for their continued support of the 26,620 athletes across the state of Georgia. If you are interested in joining us for what promises to be another historic event, please contact: Kelli Bonner: 770-414-9390 ext. 1120. Thank you again Marlow's Tavern, Sterling Culinary Management, and all past and current sponsors.

[Click here for available sponsorships and registration forms.](#)



Virtual Activities



[Click here for more information about our upcoming Virtual Activities!](#)

Healthy Athletes

2021 State Fall Games

Saturday, October 9th

9am-3pm

Freedom Park - Valdosta, GA

Athletes will receive health assessments, education, and referrals. Don't miss out on fun prizes/giveaways and a chance to win an X-Box One!



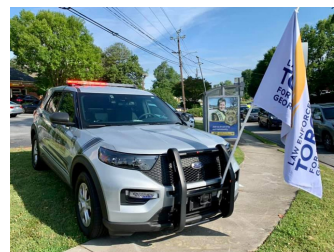
On May 29th, SOGA held its first Healthy Athletes event since January 2020. The event provided the 2021 State Horse Show athletes with free podiatry screenings from the Fit Feet discipline. The day was a huge success!

Starting in 2022, SOGA will bring Healthy Athletes to Local and Area Games. Expanding the program will provide more athletes with the care they need to continue competing!

If you are a trained medical professional and interested in helping SOGA athletes in any of the disciplines below, please contact Stephanie Bailey at **Stephanie.Bailey@SpecialOlympicsGa.org** for more information.



Cops on Donut Shops



Thank you to all the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) Officers who volunteered at the 2021 Cops on Donut Shops event that raised \$114,932.09 this year. We appreciate your dedication and loyalty to the athletes!



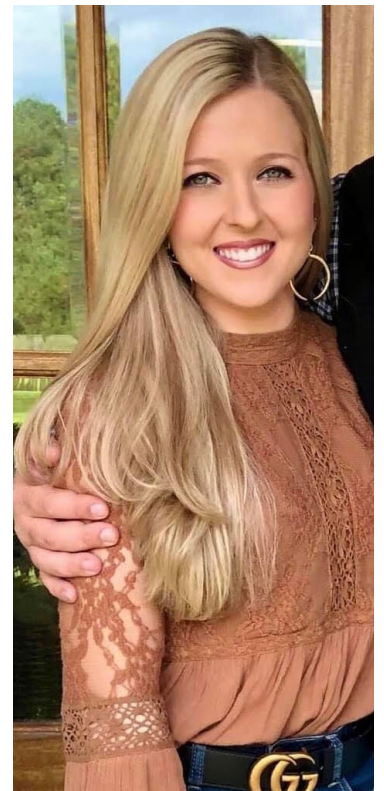
Athlete of the Month



This is Jacob D. and he attends Samuel E. Hubbard Elementary where he competes with Monroe County Special Olympics. He has a genuine desire to learn. He is creative, funny, and very outgoing. He likes to jump on his trampoline, read, and spend time with his friends and family. He also loves participating in the Special Olympics Georgia Program with his friends.

Volunteer of the Month

Hannah-Claire Marks is the local coordinator for the Special Olympics Georgia - Monroe County Schools. She is a 3rd-year special education teacher at Hubbard Elementary in Forsyth, GA. She graduated from Georgia Southern University with a degree in Special Education and is nearing the completion of her master's degree. Hannah-Claire has been involved in Special Olympics for five years. She has a passion for serving others and being a part of Special Olympics Georgia.



Sponsor Spotlight

DUNKIN'

Dunkin' and Special Olympics Georgia recently partnered for the 6th annual Cops on Donut Shops event. On Friday, June 4th, Dunkin' opened their doors to over 90 locations across the state of Georgia on National Donut Day. Together, officers and volunteers raised \$114,932.09 for Special Olympics Georgia athletes in just 5 hours! By opening their doors year after year, Dunkin' continuously proves that they are committed to making a difference in our community!

For the last six years, Dunkin' guests have helped raise \$526,411 dollars in donations to help improve the lives of children and adults at Special Olympics Georgia. Through their partnership and guest contributions, over 1,055 will be able to compete in Special Olympics Georgia at the State level.

We are honored to have Dunkin' as a member of the Special Olympics Georgia family, and it is a relationship that we value and hold in high regard. Thank you, Dunkin', for your continued belief in and dedication to the 26,620 Special Olympics Georgia athletes.



Get Involved With Us



Interested in joining the SOGA community? Here are all the ways you can get involved:

Interested in becoming a SOGA Coach?

Visit the SOGA website for general quizzes & resources on Coaching Special Olympics Athletes, Principles in Coaching, & Autism Spectrum Disorder

Visit our Learning Portal to get educated and certified in Unified Sports & Concussion Training

Coach's Code of Conduct

Online Recertifications

For Information on Coaches Clinics & Initial Sport Certification contact [Liz Smith](#)



Interested in becoming a SOGA volunteer?

Volunteer & Unified Partner Profile Form

Click here to learn about SOGA's volunteer screening policy

Protective Behaviors Quiz

Background Screen

[Sign up online for all Volunteer Opportunities](#)



SOGA Promos



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COVID-19 STATEMENT

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