

August 2021



Georgia's Champions



Special Olympics Georgia offers 26 sports for athletes ranging from age six and up! We also have 200+ local programs across the State of Georgia! We want to help you sign up your athlete today! If you are interested in registering an athlete with SOGA please email: David Crawford:

david.crawford@specialolympicsga.org.

**Click here to download your
Health Screening forms!**

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2021 Duck Pluck

Help us cross the finish line strong! We are so close to reaching our 2021 Duck Pluck goal! Thank you to everyone who has already adopted a duck this year! Because of your support our athletes will have the chance to compete!



Click here to
adopt your duck!



2021 State Fall Games



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.

Healthy Athletes



2021 STATE FALL GAMES

HEALTHY ATHLETES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9TH

9:00AM-3:00PM

Freedom Park | Valdosta, Georgia

Join us this October at the 2021 State Fall Games and visit Healthy Athletes! Our amazing Clinical Directors will be providing screenings for **Special Smiles** and **Opening Eyes**. Don't miss out on some awesome prizes and giveaways at the booths!

Click [here](#) to learn about the importance of being a Healthy Athlete from Global Messenger, Lewis Gordon!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Stephanie Bailey at
Stephanie.Bailey@SpecialOlympicsGa.org

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The mission of Special Olympics Health is to provide access to preventive health programming and access to quality health care for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to improve their physical health and social and emotional well-being. Over 80% of healthcare providers are not professionally trained to treat people with intellectual disabilities.

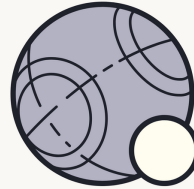
You can Join the Revolution for Healthcare Inclusion by taking one of our free eLearning courses today! [Click here for more info!](#)

Instructions on how to register to take the virtual learn.specialolympics.org courses for general Health Professionals or Health Professionals interested in becoming a Clinical Director can be [found here!](#)

If you are already a Clinical Director and would like to review a course on your discipline, follow the [instructions here!](#)

Do you want
to help coach
Special Olympics athletes?

Coaches Clinic



Register for the coaches clinic on

Friday, August 27th in Athens, GA

Contact Hannah.Creasey@specialolympicsga.org for more information!

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Thank you Treasurers

Special Olympics Georgia would like to take a second to sincerely thank all of our local and area management team treasurers. We appreciate you handling all of the financial responsibilities that comes along with being a SOGA program. If you have any financial questions please reach out to [Craig Pugh](mailto:craig.pugh@specialolympicsga.org) at craig.pugh@specialolympicsga.org or 770-414-9390 ext. 1110.



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Thank you for your continued support!

Athlete of the Month



This amazing Special Olympian Athlete is Elijah S. Elijah has participated in his local and state Special Olympics for many years. He has competed in many different events such as: Alpine Skiing, Bocce, Team Basketball Skills, Soccer, Swimming, and Equestrian. Elijah is a gentle, kind, and joyful athlete who is always respectful and helpful to the coaches, referees, and fellow competitors. Elijah always maintains good sportsmanship and a great attitude! Elijah S. is a Colquitt County Packer Point of Pride!

Volunteer of the Month

Tara T. has been a special education teacher and part of the Special Olympics local management team since 2001. Tara has served in many different ways during this time. She has been a volunteer at local games (as well as a coach), she has coached at state games, regional games, and even at the world games level. Tara is an inspiration to all the special needs kids, adults, and their families. Tara is a tremendous asset to her Colquitt County Special Olympics family. We are blessed to have her and we appreciate the leadership she provides by serving on the management team. Tara is instrumental in organizing and helping make our program a huge success in Colquitt County. God has truly blessed her with a special heart for working with special needs kids and adults.



Sponsor Spotlight



State Premier Sponsor

Tackling the industry's most challenging projects with expertise and agility, The Winter Companies has been building good experiences and relationships with its valued clients across the Southeast for more than 59 years. Whether constructing new buildings, updating older ones, renovating and preserving historic sites, remediating environmental issues, or cleaning up hazardous materials, Winter Construction and Winter Environmental have consistently ranked in the ENR Top 400 Contractors in the United States. The Winter Companies continues to be a strategic partner and trusted ally, delivering great experiences, outstanding results, and building the foundation for success tomorrow. Winter's most important legacies are more than the places in which their community governs, resides, works, visits, and plays; the most important honor is building the relationships with their clients, people, and partners.

The Winter Companies is passionate about supporting Special Olympics Georgia and raising the much-needed funds to support SOGA programs. In 2004, Winter inaugurated its first annual golf tournament with SOGA as the beneficiary. To date, The Winter Companies has raised over \$700,000 for Special Olympics Georgia athletes, and hundreds of Winter employees and their families have volunteered and provided hands-on assistance at Bowling during the State Indoor Winter Games and Volleyball during the State Summer Games.

"Our first job is to be good people. Our relationship with Special Olympics Georgia is important to us. We made an intentional choice to choose one charity and go deep with them. We wanted SOGA to know that year after year we would be there for them – that they can count on us. As a company, we work hard to uphold that ideal in all we do," states Brent Reid, President and CEO.

We are honored to have The Winter Companies as a member of the Special Olympics Georgia family, and it is a relationship that we definitely value and hold in high regard. Thank you Winter Companies 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](#)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SPECIAL OLYMPICS GA

STATE FALL GAMES 2021

OCTOBER 8-9
FREEDOM PARK
3795 GUEST RD. VALDOSTA, GA 31605

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