Polar Plunge 2022

Do you have what it takes to take the plunge and be “Freezin’ for a Reason”? On February 19, 2022, brave Plungers will have the opportunity to jump into icy waters in the middle of winter to show their support for Special Olympics Georgia athletes! Acworth Beach will once again be the backdrop for a day of chilly fun including live music, food, and prizes. For questions about the event, incentives, or getting a personalized flyer please email Catherine Justice at Catherine.Justice@SpecialOlympicsGa.org

Polar Plunge Incentives

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DUCK PLUCK

SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

Make a splash today!
Adopt a duck and
support SOGA athletes

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TO ADOPT YOUR
DUCK!
Thank you to everyone who stopped by their local Publix to make our campaign a successful one! Thanks to Publix Customers we raised over $900,000!
Thank you to all the sponsors who helped support the 2022 State Indoor Winter Games.
Ryan’s commitment to the communities in which they live is engrained in their culture. Ryan team members engage in community outreach activities throughout the year, from the annual RyanSHARES Day to local food and clothing drives. They take pride in serving local communities in unique and meaningful ways. Ryan offers employees 16 hours per year of paid time off to volunteer in their communities and gift matching to approved organizations.

In addition to volunteer hours, Ryan employees are generous with monetary and in-kind donations. In 2011, they formed The Ryan Foundation with a charter to help organizations that address health, poverty, and education. The Ryan Foundation supports community outreach organizations across the United States. Founded by Ryan, the world’s largest firm dedicated exclusively to business tax services, The Ryan Foundation is based on one of Ryan’s five values, “Generosity Matters—I share success with colleagues, clients, and the community.”

Ryan has been a long-time friend of Special Olympics Georgia, and we thank them for their continued support. As a sponsor of our annual golf tournament and participation on our Board of Directors, Ryan continues to help our organization make a positive impact on children and adults with intellectual and physical disabilities.
Athlete of the Month

Alexander Clyde is an outstanding athlete for Peach County High School. He enjoys playing all sports but especially enjoys basketball. He is a member of Peach County High Schools Bass Fishing Team. Alex plans to join our nation’s armed guard and become an entrepreneur. He enjoys helping teachers, administrators, and his peers around campus with a smile.

Volunteer of the Month

Brandon Ferguson is a member of Peach County High Schools partners club and the Bass Fishing Team. Brandon and Alexander are very close friends and enjoy competing on the Bass Fishing team together. Brandon is always willing to help teachers and administrators anytime they need someone to help them.
Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

State Horse Show
Come support our athletes!
Where: Wills Park
When: May 27th - 28th
Contact Hannah Creasey at Hannah.Creasey@SpecialOlympicsGa.org or by calling (770)414-9390 ext. 1103

Summer Games
Come support our athletes!
Where: Emory University
When: May 27th - 29th
Contact Courtney Payne at Courtney.Payne@SpecialOlympicsGa.org or by calling (299)712-9973
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 essential 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**
SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

We need silent auction items for our fundraisers. If you have something you are interested in donating please contact Robert Yost:

at Robert.Yost@specialolympicsga.org or 770-414-9390 ext. 1104.

SAVE THE DATES

Polar Plunge: Lake Acworth, 2/19/2022
State Summer Games: Emory University, 5/27-29/2022
State Horse Show: Wills Park, 5/27-28/2022
Shoot for Champions: Garland Mountain, 8/19/2022
Duck Pluck: SOGA Office, 9/21/2022
State Fall Games: Valdosta, 10/7-8/2022
Marlow’s Golf Tournament: TBD, 10/10/2022
Busse Golf Tournament: Atlanta Country Club, 11/7/2022
KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS® Kroger Community Rewards® makes supporting SOGA super easy... all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card! Sign up with your 12 digit Kroger Plus Card number at Kroger Community Awards, and in the Community Rewards section, select Special Olympics Georgia (code SH080) as the organization you wish to support. Once you’re enrolled, you’ll earn rewards for SOGA every time you shop and use your Plus Card, and you’ll keep earning rewards points for yourself! Enroll now for Kroger Community Awards (you must re-enroll each year to continue earning rewards for SOGA). If your Kroger Plus Card is not already registered online, you will need to create an account. If you already have an account, simply sign in, find the Community Rewards section, and select Special Olympics Georgia. Questions or problems, contact Thomas Ritch, 770-414-9390 ext. 1121.

Thinking of selling or trading in that old car, boat or RV? Donate it instead! SOGA has partnered with CARS to turn your old vehicle, whether it’s running or not, into much needed funds for our programs. CARS accepts most cars, trucks, trailers, boats, RV’s, motorcycles, off road vehicles, heavy equipment, and most other motorized vehicles. CARS will make all the arrangements at no cost to you. They handle the title transfer requirements and will provide you with a written acknowledgement of your donation and tax deduction information. Click here for more information or to donate your vehicle. A helpful representative will contact you within 24 hours to schedule a pickup, or call CARS seven days a week at 1-844-404-SOGA (7642) to speak with a representative.

Did you know that every time you shop at Amazon you can support SOGA athletes? Thanks to the AmazonSmile program, 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases will be donated to SOGA. Instead of going to Amazon’s main home page, go to AmazonSmile. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon that you know - same products, same prices, same service. If you click the link above, Special Olympics Georgia automatically will be selected as your charity. Now, every time you make a purchase from Amazon through smile.amazon.com you’ll be supporting SOGA athletes! Click here to start shopping.

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