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.

Welcome back all Local Coordinators & Agencies! Thank you all local Treasures!
2022 Duck Pluck

Help us cross the finish line strong! We are so close to reaching our 2022 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!

2022 State Fall Games

Special Olympics Georgia is very excited to host the 2022 State Fall Games in Valdosta, GA on October 7th-9th! For more information about the event and sponsorship, please contact Meredith-Elizabeth Crum at: MEC@specialolympicsga.org or (229) 834-8277.

2022 Volunteering

Interested in volunteering with Special Olympics Georgia? Email Thomas Ritch at Thomas.Ritch@SpecialOlympicsGa.org for more information.
Active Athletes Pledge Walk

Starting August 8th, Special Olympics Georgia is walking with a mission, and every step you take will help us reach our goals. Let’s get prepared by making teams or signing up individually for the Pledge Walk. If you sign up with a local Agency, 50% of the fundraising will benefit them directly. For more info email: Jenna.Osenbaugh@specialolympicsga.org.

Kendra Scott Give Back

August 12th, Kendra Scott Perimeter is hosting a local giveback event for Special Olympics Georgia. Small bites and refreshments will be available at the store from 4 pm-6 pm. If you are unable to attend the event, use the promo code "GIVEBACK-CEVRT" for all online sales on the day of the event!

Lets gear up for school at Finish Line

Add on a donation at the end of every purchase.

July 23rd to September 5th
Upcoming Events

COMING IN 2023

SPECIAL OLYMPICS GEORGIA IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE WE WILL HOST OUR FIRST CHEERLEADING COMPETITION AT STATE SUMMER GAMES IN 2023.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON REGISTERING YOUR PROGRAM, GETTING INVOLVED, & MORE INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL DAVID CRAWFORD AT

David.Crawford@SpecialOlympicsGA.org

COPS ON DONUT SHOPS

Save The Date for Cops on Donut Shops!

Save the date for the tastiest event of the year!

Cops on Donut Shops will be happening Thursday, September 29th, 2022! This year Cops on Donut Shop will be happening on National Iced Coffee Day!

Please be on the lookout for the store list coming out soon!

For more information contact Catherine Justice at Catherine.Justice@SpecialOlympicsGa.org
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Athlete of the Month

Kathy Klimaitis has played in multiple Special Olympics sports: bocce, tennis, equestrian, basketball, masters’ softball, masters’ bowling, cycling, and swimming. Kathy competes on Cobb’s Team Skills Basketball Team, but her real passion is swimming. She is a veteran swimmer of almost 50 years and this year she competed in the 25- and 50-meter freestyle at Emory where she medaled Bronze in both events! Kathy works hard to keep up and views the practice as a good time, even if the work is hard. Due to her dedication, she was bestowed Cobb’s Athlete of the Year Award and met Atlanta Braves’ former coach Bobby Cox the same day. Don’t stop and keep moving forward Kathy, you are an inspiration!

Volunteer of the Month

Laura Ferrer, Special Pops Tennis Volunteer, and Coordinator for Special Pops Tennis (SPT). Laura Ferrer is a loyal, dedicated, and effective leader and volunteer for SPT. As an organization, SPT uniquely has 21 locations located in 7 metro Atlanta counties. This geographic spread requires a person with extraordinary attention to detail and organizational skills. While Laura is a parent to SOGA athlete, Allison, she strongly advocates for all our athletes. As a year-round organization with a focus on the lifetime sport of tennis, Laura is always quick to pitch in to bring her expertise and experience to the experience being made to engage schools and communities in tennis. Laura assists other agencies in getting their athletes eligible to compete at SOGA competitions. While her value to SPT is off the chart, her voice is extremely important as she has seen the value SOGA events bring to enriching the lives of athletes and volunteers.

Our mantra at SPT is “Play Tennis; Make Friends; Live Life” and Laura is truly an ambassador that “gets it”!!! Jim Hamm, SPT Executive Director, quickly states that “Recognizing Laura as Volunteer of the Month is a no-brainer. She has earned and deserves this spotlight being placed on her achievements.”
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 60 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, and 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 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 $775,000 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 hold in high regard. Thank you Winter Companies for your continued belief in and dedication to the 17,429 Special Olympics Georgia athletes!
SOGA Promos

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!

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Questions or problems, contact Thomas Ritch
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