

Special Olympics Kentucky
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**Special Olympics
 Kentucky**

**2008
 Summer Games**

Be A Fan!

**June 6-8, 2008
 Richmond, KY**

THE EVENT, June 6-8

Richmond, Kentucky will come alive with pomp and tradition as approximately 1,200 athletes, 400 coaches, 500 family members and nearly 800 volunteers converge on the Eastern Kentucky University Campus for the 2008 Special Olympics Kentucky Summer Games.

The weekend festivities will officially begin with the Opening Ceremonies on Friday evening with a host of dignitaries, celebrities and VIPs. Included in the Opening Ceremonies are the parade of athletes, the culmination of the statewide Law Enforcement Torch Run, the lighting of the Olympic Flame and the reciting of the Special Olympics Oath.

The Eastern Kentucky University facilities will be host to many competitive venues along with several off-campus locations. There will be competition in the following sports: Aquatics, Gymnastics, Powerlifting, Soccer, and Track and Field. When athletes are not competing, they have the opportunity to visit Olympic Town, an area consisting of games, clinics, entertainment, food and educational booths.

Family members will be on hand to cheer for their sons, daughters, brothers and sisters. Family members will also enjoy a Family Hospitality Center and will receive special recognition at Opening Ceremonies.

Whether an athlete finishes in first place or last place, each will receive an award. But, most importantly, each Special Olympics athlete will leave Richmond with a sense of self-esteem and accomplishment. At the 2008 Summer Games, you will see that *"Everyone's A Winner!"*

VOLUNTEERS

The critical ingredient in the development of the Summer Games is and always will be, the VOLUNTEER. Volunteers are the lifeblood of Special Olympics. It is anticipated that at least 800 volunteers will be needed to help run these Games. Whether it's just one volunteer or a group, you are invited and encouraged to share your talents with Special Olympics.

Summer Games Volunteer Form

Anyone interested in volunteering for the Games should complete a Summer Games Volunteer form or call 1-800-633-7403 or visit our web site at www.soky.org

If you are registering for a club or organization, how many volunteers will you have? _____

If your members are interested in volunteering in various areas, please have each individual complete a separate form. If your club or organization wishes to volunteer as a group, working together, please list the names and addresses on a separate form.

General Volunteer Opportunities

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Awards | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Store | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Olympic Town | <input type="checkbox"/> Opening Ceremonies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resource Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Set-up Crew |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Clinics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Victory Dance | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Crew |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports ** (see below) | |

**** Sports - Please specify 1st and 2nd choices in which sport/event you would like to volunteer**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatics (Swimming) | <input type="checkbox"/> Bocce' |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finish Line Greeter (track) | <input type="checkbox"/> Gymnastics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Running Long Jump | <input type="checkbox"/> Powerlifting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer | <input type="checkbox"/> Shot Put |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Standing Long Jump | <input type="checkbox"/> Softball Throw |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Track Staging |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Track Events | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday Night | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday |

Name _____

Club/Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Day) _____ (Evening) _____ (Cell) _____

E-mail Address _____

T-shirt Size _____

**Please return form to:
 Special Olympics Kentucky**

Attn: Trish Mazzoni
 105 Lakeview Court
 Frankfort KY 40601

or fax to (502) 695-0496
 Return by May 22, 2008

Volunteer Opportunities - Sport Specific

AQUATICS (SWIMMING)

Volunteers are needed to work as stagers, timers, recorders, lane workers, escorts and table officials. Volunteers are needed on Saturday, June 7, 8:15 am - 3:00 pm. Mostly adult volunteers are needed, but some jobs are appropriate for children ages 14 and up. Competition will be indoors. Volunteers should bring flip flops or shoes that can get wet.

BOCCE'

Adult volunteers are needed to help run a new sport offered at Summer Games. Bocce'. Bocce' is similar to lawn bowling. It is a passive game that requires precision shots and lots of strategy. Volunteers are needed on Saturday, June 7, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Volunteers will assist the official in measuring distances and will also perform general duties. Bocce' is played outside; please dress appropriate for the weather.

GYMNASTICS

Volunteers are needed to stage athletes, judge routines, tally scores, etc., on Saturday, June 7, 8:15 am - 2:00 pm. Volunteers can be children and adults, ages 14 or older.

FINISH LINE GREETER (TRACK)

Volunteers are needed to greet athletes on the track as they cross the finish line and keep the athletes in their lanes until officials have recorded results. Volunteers are needed on Saturday, June 7, 7:45 am - 3:30 pm. Volunteers need to be ages 16 or older.

POWERLIFTING

Adult volunteers are needed to work as judges, bar loaders, announcers, table officials, etc. Competition will be on Saturday, June 7, from 8:30 am - 3:00 pm.

RUNNING LONG JUMP

Volunteers are needed to help stage athletes, rake sand, measure and record jumps. Volunteers are needed on Saturday, June 7 from 8:30 am - 2:00 pm. Volunteers need to be ages 14 and up.

SHOT PUT

Adult volunteers are needed to help stage athletes, retrieve shots, measure and record puts. Volunteers are needed on Saturday, June 7 from 8:30 am - 2:00 pm.

SOCCER

Volunteers are needed to work as referees, linesmen and general workers. Experience for referees and linesmen is required. Volunteers are needed for Saturday, June 7, from 8:30 am - 3:00 pm.

SOFTBALL THROW

Volunteers are needed to help stage athletes, retrieve balls, mark throws, measure and record throws. Volunteers are needed on Saturday, June 7 from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. This is a great event for groups to volunteer, as they can work together. Individuals must be 14 years of age or older.

STANDING LONG JUMP

Adult volunteers are needed to stage athletes, measure and record jumps. Volunteers are needed on Saturday, June 7 from 8:30 am - 2:00 pm. This is a great event for groups to volunteer for as they can work together. Groups can include teenagers, but must have adult supervision.

TRACK EVENTS

Adult volunteers are needed to work as timers and judges on Saturday, June 7, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. There will be a few events run on Friday night, June 6, after Opening Ceremonies. A few timers and judges will be needed, 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm.

TRACK STAGING

Adult volunteers are needed to work at the track staging tents to organize athletes as they report to the staging area(s). Volunteers are needed on Saturday, June 7, 7:30 am - 3:00 pm. Volunteers should be at least 16 years of age or older.

WHEELCHAIR EVENTS

Adult volunteers are needed to work on the track as stagers, timers, awards presenters, etc., on Saturday, June 7 from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm.

General Volunteer Opportunities

AWARDS

Adult Volunteers are needed on Saturday, June 7 to work the awards areas. Awards areas are set-up at each competitive venue. Once assigned to a venue, volunteers would do one of the following jobs: present awards, stager, awards writer, announcer, etc. Volunteers are needed from 7:30 am - 3:00 pm.

ENTERTAINMENT

Groups or individuals are needed on Saturday, June 7 to provide entertainment in Olympic Town. Entertainment may consist of DJ music, magic shows, musical bands, variety show, etc. Olympic Town is open from 10 am - 4:00 pm and entertainment can be scheduled at specific times.

FAMILY HOSPITALITY

10 adult volunteers are needed on both Friday, June 6 and Saturday, June 7. Volunteers will provide activities for family members and will work in shifts to welcome and register the families at the Family Center. Approximate hours: Friday, 2:00 pm - 9:00 pm and Saturday, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm.

FOOD SERVICES

8-10 volunteers are needed on Saturday, June 7 to distribute lunches to the athletes and coaches. Hours are 10:30 am - 1:30 pm.

GENERAL STORE

Adult volunteers are needed to sell Special Olympics merchandise from the General Store tent. The General Store will have operating hours beginning on Saturday, June 7 through Sunday, June 8. (Sat. 8:00 am - 4:00 pm and Sun. 8:00 am - 11:00 am) 15 - 20 volunteers are needed both days.

MEDICAL SERVICES

Volunteers are needed to help with providing medical services for the athletes. Medical staff are needed to assist the Kentucky Special Events Medical Team. Volunteers are needed all 3 days to work in shifts; 8:00 am - 12 noon, 12 noon - 4:00 pm, and 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm. (Sunday will be from 8:00 am - 12 noon only.) Volunteers must have First Aid and CPR Training.

OLYMPIC TOWN

An area filled with games, demonstrations, bingo, and music. Olympic Town provides entertainment and fun for the athletes and all volunteers. More than 100 volunteers are needed to run the booths and games in Olympic Town. Ideas and suggestions are also encouraged. Olympic Town will be open all day Saturday, June 7 (10:00 am - 4:00 pm). This is a great volunteer opportunity for community groups, children and adults.

OPENING CEREMONIES

The Opening Ceremonies is a festive event which sets the tone for the Games. Volunteers are needed on Friday evening, June 6 to coordinate staging and assist with the opening parade (5:00 pm - 8:30 pm) 25-30 volunteers needed.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

The Fundraising Committee is charged with the task of raising funds, acquiring in-kind services and making sure any individual or entity who wants to contribute is contacted. This committee needs 10 to 12 people who are familiar with Richmond and the Central Kentucky business community.

SET-UP CREW

Volunteers are needed on Friday, June 6 to help set-up and unload equipment. This would be a great group project. Adults are preferred or at least a group with adult supervision. Some heavy lifting is required. Volunteers are needed from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

SPONSOR HOSPITALITY

This committee helps recognize the Games sponsors. The committee of 6-8 individuals will organize and host a sponsor reception on Friday, June 6 before Opening Ceremonies.

SPORTS CLINICS

Volunteers are needed for demonstrations of various sports activities, including: soccer, bocce', volleyball, golf, floor hockey and basketball. Ideas and suggestions are welcome. Individuals and/or groups are welcome to put on additional clinics. Sports clinics will be a part of Olympic Town and open on Saturday, June 7 (10:00 am - 4:00 pm).

VICTORY DANCE

Groups or individuals are needed to help decorate and serve refreshments at the traditional *Victory Dance* on Saturday night, June 7. (Great project for youth groups with adult supervision or for a civic group).

WATER CREW

Adult volunteers are needed on Saturday, June 7 to help set-up, distribute and maintain water stations. Volunteers are needed from 7:00 am - 3:00 pm. Some heavy lifting is required.



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