



Special Olympics
Virginia

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Program Memo

2010 National Games

The 2010 National Games will be held from July 18 - 23 in Lincoln, Nebraska. Special Olympics Virginia athletes will compete in bocce, bowling, golf, powerlifting, soccer, swimming, tennis and track & field. Athletes from powerlifting, swimming, tennis and track & field will be selected at the conclusion of the 2009 Summer Games. All other athletes will be selected following the 2009 Fall Championships.

Special Olympics Virginia is searching for qualified coaches and one Assistant Head of Delegation for the 2010 National Games. Coaching the National Games team is an exciting and rewarding experience. The application deadline for all positions, with the exception of soccer, will be **June 26, 2009**. Click on the links below to download the application for coaching positions and/or for Assistant HOD.

[2010 National Games Coach Application](#)
[2010 National Games Assistant Head of Delegation Application](#)

Global Messenger Class of 2011

Special Olympics Virginia is now accepting applications for the athlete Global Messenger Class of 2011. The Global Messenger's role is to promote, educate and inform the community about the mission, philosophy and benefits of Special Olympics through public speaking, networking and advocacy. Responsibilities and commitments include:

1) Serving as Global Messenger for a two-year period.

2) Attending Global Messenger training workshops 1-2 times per year for 2 years.

3) Along with the Global Messenger mentor, seeking speaking opportunities in your community.

If you are interested in applying, please click on the link below and download the application. For questions, contact Dave Pawlowski, Vice President of Program, at 804-726-3034 or 800-932-4653 x 3034 or dpawlowski@specialolympicsva.org,

[Global Messenger Nomination & Job Descriptions](#)
[Global Messenger Timeline](#)

Dixie Sporting Goods

Dixie Sporting Goods can provide Area programs with uniforms and sports equipment at a reduced price. Contact the closest Dixie Sporting Goods representative below to place an order.

Richmond	Rick Irvin	(804) 353-4943
Chesapeake	Matt Tonelson	(757) 548-3391
Springfield	Mark Mackey	(703) 440-8670
Chantilly	Mark Mackey	(703) 679-1091
Roanoke	Ellen Brooks	(540) 387-9707
Bristol	Reggie Pope	(276) 591-4821

Special Olympics Souvenir/Uniform Supplier

Area and local programs can take advantage of the great prices SOVA receives from Smith & Associates for T-shirts and other souvenir merchandise. Call Robert Smith at 804-794-1009 to discuss your needs and to get a price quote.

Level 1 Golf Tournament

A statewide Level 1 golf tournament will be held September 19 at First Tee of Chesterfield. This tournament will kick-off the golf season and allow all golfers to post a Level 1 score. More information will be distributed in the summer.

SOVA Award Winners

Thank you to all of the Areas that submitted nominations for SOVA's annual awards! There were a lot of strong athletes and volunteers nominated in each category, which made the selection process difficult. If the person your Area nominated this year was not selected, please consider nominating that person in the future.

Congratulations to the 2008 award recipients:

David Sutton, Area 2, Athlete of the Year
Dan Dillon, Area 14, Coach of the Year
Chris Hall, SOVA, Program Volunteer of the Year
Emmett Bunch, Area 2, Area Volunteer of the Year
BJ Norris, Area 9, Area Volunteer of the Year
The Van Lowes, Area 23, Family of the Year
Roger Giesinger, SOVA, Virginia H. Foster Winning Spirit Award

Volunteers selected as their Area's Farm Bureau Helping You Is What We Do Best Area Volunteer of the Year will be recognized at Farm Bureau regional meetings in June. Congratulations to:

Emmett Bunch, Area 2
Konrad Busse, Area 3
Brandi Funk, Area 4
Tony Cooper, Area 5
Brian Gayle, Area 6
Richard & Norma Howard, Area 7
Linda Maness, Area 8
BJ Norris, Area 9
Roger Collins, Area 10
Candy Thompson, Area 11
Ron Cassel, Area 12
Diana Treece, Area 13
Dan Dillon, Area 14

Christie Jones, Area 15
Joyce Tucker, Area 16
Kathleen Hales, Area 17
Kathy Clark, Area 18
Carleen Lane, Area 21
Douglas Faber, Area 22
Everett Willis, Area 23
Pam Davis, Area 24
Gary Quash, Area 25
Ken Opiela, Area 26
Jerry Cogley, Area 27
Richard Pruett, Area 28
Patricia Smith, Area 29

Volunteer2Cheer at this Year's Summer Games

With Summer Games almost here, we're excited to announce the launch of the Summer Games "Volunteer to Cheer" Web site, www.volunteer2cheer.com! We are looking for people to fill the stands with their enthusiasm at this year's event, because it's truly not as special without the fans. So please encourage your family and friends to "Volunteer to Cheer" June 12-13. Visit the Web site today and help us reach our goal of 3,000 community fan-atics at Summer Games!

Local fundraising with GEICO

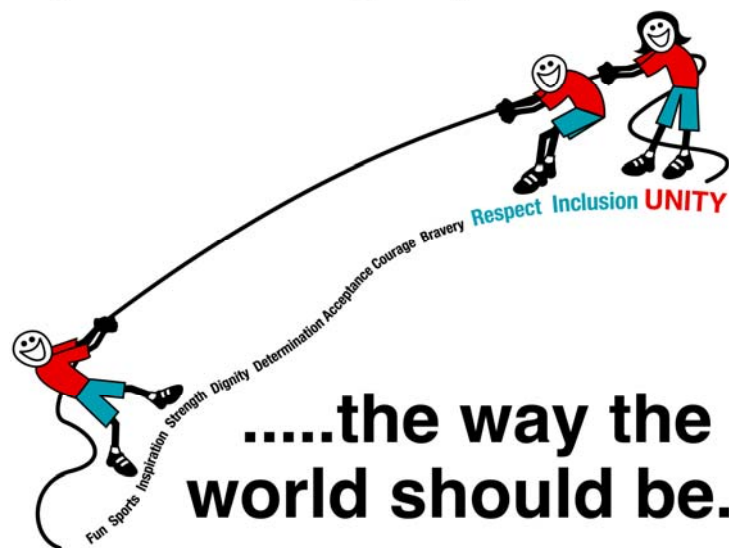
For those of you who attended Basketball Championships, you may have heard GEICO's Regional VP announce the continuation of GEICO's "Cash for Quotes" fundraising program in 2009. SOVA staff member Katie Botha will work with Regional Directors and Fundraising Chairs to promote the Cash for Quotes opportunity in one Area per region each month through the end of November. To find out how your area can earn \$15 for each no obligation toll free phone call to GEICO, contact Katie at kbotha@specialolympicsva.org as soon as possible. Participating Areas will receive handouts like the one attached and tips to assist them in their outreach efforts.

2009 – 2010 SOVA Calendar
Confirmed Dates as of 6/3/09

September 19	Golf Level 1 Tournament, Chesterfield
September 27	Golf Levels 1 & 2 Tournament, VA Beach
October 3	Plane Pull, Dulles Airport
October 3	Area 2 Fall Games, Norfolk
October 3	James River Region Volleyball Tournament, Richmond
October 4	Shenandoah Region Volleyball Tournament, Harrisonburg
October 9 – 10	Over the Edge (new fundraising event), Richmond
October 10	Area 22 Fall Games, Langley
November 7 – 8	Fall Championships, VA Beach
January 25 – 26	Alpine Skiing Championships, Wintergreen
January 31	Area 2 Basketball Invitational, Little Creek
February 6	Polar Plunge, VA Beach
February 13	Area 22 Basketball Invitational, Newport News
February 27	Tidewater Region Basketball Tournament, VA Beach
February 28	James River Basketball Tournament, Richmond
March 19 – 20*	Basketball Championships, Stafford
March 27	VMI Games, Lexington
April 17	Tidewater Region Swim Meet, Ft. Eustis
May 22 – 23	Moose Softball Tournament, Bedford
June 11 – 13	Summer Games, Richmond

*Anticipated date, but not yet confirmed.

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