

SPRING GAMES



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Wisconsin



APRIL 12-14, 2024

2024 EVENT PROGRAM

WELCOME TO THE 2024 SPRING GAMES

Welcome to the 2024 Special Olympics Wisconsin Spring Games! We are so excited to return to UW-Oshkosh this spring, welcoming hundreds of athletes from all corners of the state to compete in 3v3 Basketball, Basketball Skills, Team Basketball, and Swimming over the course of the next three days. It will surely be an incredible weekend of collaboration, competition, and camaraderie!

Our planning committee has worked hard to put together a fantastic and welcoming event for all. It simply wouldn't be possible without the help from dedicated staff and volunteers, supporting cast of healthy activities staff, and of course our Games Management Team (GMT).

I want to leave you with our Special Olympics Wisconsin Mission and Vision. Let's keep these in mind throughout the weekend and remember why we do what we do.

Our Mission

Special Olympics Wisconsin (SOWI) provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage and experience joy while participating in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, Special Olympics athletes and the community.

Our Vision

Sport will open hearts and minds towards people with intellectual disabilities and create inclusive communities across Wisconsin. Globally, we strive to end discrimination against people with ID.

We look forward to a great event, and let the Spring Games begin!



Nicole Christensen

Senior Director of Sports,
Special Olympics Wisconsin



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.....	Housing Check-in	Gruenhagen
2:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.....	Tournament Central.....	Kolf (Upper Gym)
4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.....	Dinner	Blackhawk Commons
4:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m.....	Torch Run	Lot #13
5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.....	Opening Ceremony.....	Kolf (Upper Gym)
5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.....	Performance Station.....	Kolf (Upper Gym)
6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.....	Competition - Basketball Skills.....	Kolf (Upper Gym)
6:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.....	Competition - 3v3 Basketball.....	Kolf (Lower Gym)

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

6:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.....	Breakfast.....	Blackhawk Commons
7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.....	Tournament Central.....	Kolf (Upper Gym)
9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.....	Competition - Team Basketball.....	Kolf (Lower & Upper Gym)
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.....	HEAR WI Mobile Audiology Clinic.....	Gruenhagen (Outside)
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.....	Healthy Athletes: Healthy Hearing	Gruenhagen (Library)
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.....	Healthy Athletes: Special Smiles	Kolf (Upper Gym)
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.....	Healthy Athletes: Strong Minds	Gruenhagen (Titan Lounge)
10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.....	Healthy Athletes: FUNfitness	Kolf (Upper Gym)
10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.....	Lunch.....	Blackhawk Commons
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.....	Victory Village.....	Kolf (Lower Lobby)
12:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....	Competition - Swimming.....	Albee (Pool)
12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.....	Healthy Athletes: Remote Special Smiles	Albee (Upper Gym)
12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.....	Healthy Athletes: Remote Strong Minds	Albee (Upper Gym)
5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.....	Dinner	Blackhawk Commons
5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.....	Athlete Leader Reunion (RSVP Required).....	Gruenhagen (Badger Room)
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.....	Victory Dance.....	Culver Family Welcome Center

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

6:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.....	Breakfast.....	Blackhawk Commons
7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.....	Housing Check-out	Gruenhagen
7:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.....	Tournament Central.....	Kolf (Upper Gym)
8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.....	Competition - Team Basketball.....	Kolf (Upper & Lower Gym)
9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.....	Competition - Swimming.....	Albee (Pool)
10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.....	Lunch Pick-up.....	Albee (Upper Gym) or Kolf (Upper Gym)

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As a proud supporter of Special Olympics Wisconsin, we at Kriete Truck Centers commend all of the athletes competing in the 2024 Spring Games. Here's to being brave in the attempt!

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PLANNING YOUR VISIT

OPENING CEREMONY

Join us in celebrating nearly 900 athletes competing this weekend at the 2024 Spring Games at the Opening Ceremony!

The Opening Ceremony will take place Friday, April 12. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. in Kolf with 3v3 Basketball and Basketball Skills competition immediately to follow.

LETR SPRING GAMES TORCH RUN

Preceding the Opening Ceremony will be a Final Leg of the Law Enforcement Torch Run. Participating law enforcement agencies will start at the ERIC lab lot area at 4:30 p.m. and follow a route towards Kolf to light the cauldron that will be placed outdoors between the tennis courts and Lot #13. Athletes are encouraged to run with law enforcement!

VENUES

SPORTS & COMPETITION

Basketball Competition: Kolf Sports Center (785 High Ave.)

Swimming Competition: Albee Hall & Pool (776 Algoma Blvd.)

HEALTHY ATHLETES & ACTIVITIES

Performance Station: Kolf Sports Center (785 High Ave.)

Healthy Athletes – FUNfitness & Special Smiles: Kolf Sports Center (785 High Ave.)

Healthy Athletes – Remote Special Smiles: Albee Upper Gym (776 Algoma Blvd.)

Healthy Athletes – Strong Minds: Gruenhagen Titan Lounge (208 Osceola St.)

Healthy Athletes – Healthy Hearing: Gruenhagen Library (208 Osceola St.)

HEAR WI Mobile Audiology Clinic: Gruenhagen (208 Osceola St.)

OTHER

Housing: Gruenhagen Conference Center (208 Osceola St.)

Opening Ceremony: Kolf Sports Center (785 High Ave.)

Victory Dance: Culver Family Welcome Center (625 Pearl Ave.)

GETTING AROUND

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-OSHKOSH 785 High Ave, Oshkosh (Kolf Center)



PARKING

Event Day Parking for spectators, fans & commuter delegations is available in **Lot 7 or Lot 13** next to the Kolf Sports Center. There is no overnight parking allowed in these lots.

All delegates and coaches staying on campus must check-in at Gruenhagen Conference Center. There will be a 15-minute loading zone in Lot 10 next to Gruenhagen during housing check-in hours. After drop-off, all buses and cars staying overnight should park in Lot 6 next to the Culver Family Welcome Center. Only registered delegates are allowed to leave their car on campus overnight.

SPORTS COMPETITION



3v3 BASKETBALL

VENUE

Kolf Sports Center (Lower Gym)

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Friday, April 12

5:45 p.m. Open Divisioning Round Begins

6:00 p.m. Competition Begins

COMPETITION INFORMATION

There will be an open divisioning period beginning at 5:45 p.m. This is to ensure teams have been assigned to the correct divisions.

Official games will begin promptly following the divisioning period. Please remember to bring your own basketballs for warm-ups. Athletes should bring their own water bottle to be used throughout competition. **WATER ONLY will be allowed on the courts.**

AWARDS

Awards will be given at the end of competition for each division at the awards station in Kolf. Medals will be presented to each athlete earning 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in team competition. Ribbons will be awarded for 4th place.

EVENT SCHEDULE

The final competition schedule will be posted on-site following the divisioning period.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

5:45 p.m.	Court 5:	Division 1 Divisioning Round
	Court 5:	Division 2 Divisioning Round
	Court 6:	Division 3 Divisioning Round
	Court 6:	Division 4 Divisioning Round
6:00 p.m.	Court 5:	Division 1 Competition
	Court 5:	Division 2 Competition
	Court 6:	Division 3 Competition
	Court 6:	Division 4 Competition



BASKETBALL SKILLS

VENUE

Kolf Sports Center (Upper Gym)

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Friday, April 12

5:45 p.m. Staging Begins

6:00 p.m. Level 1 Competition Begins

Level 2 Competition Begins at conclusion of Level 1 Competition

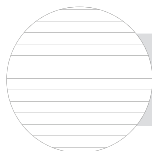
COMPETITION INFORMATION

Following the Opening Ceremony, athletes should immediately prepare for competition. Observation of competition will be permitted from the bleachers only.

No coaches, parents, or friends will be allowed on the basketball courts at any time.

AWARDS

Awards will be given at the end of competition for each division at the awards station in Upper Kolf. Medals will be presented to each athlete earning 1st, 2nd, or 3rd. Ribbons will be awarded for 4th through 8th place.



TEAM BASKETBALL

VENUE

Kolf Sports Center (Upper & Lower Gyms)

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 13

9:30 a.m. Competition Begins

Sunday, April 14

8:00 a.m. Competition Begins

COMPETITION INFORMATION

The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletics Association (WIAA), and Special Olympics Rules will govern all Special Olympics Wisconsin tournament play. All games will utilize six-minute, stop-time quarters with a five-minute halftime.

Please remember to bring your own basketballs for warm-ups. Advise athletes to bring their own water bottle to be used throughout competition. **WATER ONLY will be allowed on the courts.**

AWARDS

Awards will be given at the end of competition for each division at the awards station in Upper Kolf. Medals will be presented to each athlete earning 1st, 2nd or 3rd in team competition. Ribbons will be awarded for 4th place.

TEAM BASKETBALL (CONT.)

EVENT SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

9:30 a.m.	Court 1:	D2: 4-29 Lakers	v. 7-08 Bulldogs
	Court 2:	D2: 8-11 Purgolders	v. 8-28 Eagles
	Court 3:	D4: 4-15 Comets	v. 5-04 Clippers
	Court 4:	D4: 8-27 Bulls	v. 8-42 Warriors
	Court 5:	D8: 3-09 Eagles	v. 6-52 Royals
	Court 6:	D13: 6-06 Blazers	v. 8-02 Dancing Dinos
10:40 a.m.	Court 1:	D1: 3-30 Bears	v. 8-42 Lakers
	Court 2:	D5: 5-12 Sidekicks	v. 7-02 Swishers
	Court 3:	D6: 2-25 Trail Blazers	v. 5-16 Lakers
	Court 4:	D6: 8-28 Condors	v. 8-33 Hoopers
	Court 5:	D11: 2-03 Dream Team	v. 3-06 Wolverines
	Court 6:	D11: 5-04 Tigers	v. 7-04 Crushers
11:50 a.m.	Court 1:	D3: 3-06 Bucks	v. 3-30 Yukons
	Court 2:	D3: 6-12 Green Giants	v. 8-34 Bobcats
	Court 3:	D7: 3-36 Rockets	v. 4-14 Champions
	Court 4:	D7: 8-32 Rockets	v. 8-37 Team Franklin
	Court 5:	D8: 3-09 Eagles	v. 8-42 Magic
	Court 6:	D13: 8-02 Dancing Dinos	v. 8-07 Force
1:00 p.m.	Court 1:	D1: 3-30 Bears	v. 8-42 Heat
	Court 2:	D5: 5-12 Sidekicks	v. 8-02 Dynamite
	Court 3:	D9: 4-04 Redbirds	v. 8-10 Redhawks
	Court 4:	D9: 8-27 Badgers	v. 8-42 Shooters
	Court 5:	D12: 2-17 Bulls	v. 4-14 Champions
	Court 6:	D12: 6-09 Beavers	v. 8-42 Jaguars
2:10 p.m.	Court 1:	D2: 7-08 Bulldogs	v. 8-11 Purgolders
	Court 2:	D2: 4-29 Lakers	v. 8-28 Eagles
	Court 3:	D4: 5-04 Clippers	v. 8-27 Bulls
	Court 4:	D4: 4-15 Comets	v. 8-42 Warriors
	Court 5:	D8: 6-52 Royals	v. 8-42 Magic
	Court 6:	D13: 6-06 Blazers	v. 8-07 Force
3:20 p.m.	Court 1:	D1: 8-42 Heat	v. 8-42 Lakers
	Court 2:	D5: 7-02 Swishers	v. 8-02 Dynamite
	Court 3:	D6: 5-16 Lakers	v. 8-28 Condors
	Court 4:	D6: 2-25 Trail Blazers	v. 8-33 Hoopers
	Court 5:	D11: 3-06 Wolverines	v. 5-04 Tigers
	Court 6:	D11: 2-03 Dream Team	v. 7-04 Crusaders
4:30 p.m.	Court 1:	D3: 3-30 Yukons	v. 6-12 Green Giants
	Court 2:	D3: 3-06 Bucks	v. 8-34 Bobcats
	Court 3:	D7: 4-14 Champions	v. 8-32 Rockets
	Court 4:	D7: 3-36 Rockets	v. 8-37 Team Franklin
	Court 5:	D10: 3-15 Raptors	v. 3-30 Panthers
	Court 6:	D10: 4-04 Eagles	v. 8-42 Hot Feet

TEAM BASKETBALL (CONT.)

EVENT SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

8:00 a.m.	Court 1:	D4: 5-04 Clippers	v. 8-42 Warriors
	Court 2:	D4: 4-15 Comets	v. 8-27 Bulls
	Court 3:	D9: 8-10 Redhawks	v. 8-27 Badgers
	Court 4:	D9: 4-04 Redbirds	v. 8-42 Shooters
	Court 5:	D8: 3-09 Eagles	v. 6-52 Royals
	Court 6:	D13: 6-06 Blazers	v. 8-02 Dancing Dinos
9:10 a.m.	Court 1:	D1: 3-30 Bears	v. 8-42 Lakers
	Court 2:	D5: 5-12 Sidekicks	v. 7-02 Swishers
	Court 3:	D10: 3-30 Panthers	v. 4-04 Eagles
	Court 4:	D10: 3-15 Raptors	v. 8-42 Hot Feet
	Court 5:	D12: 4-14 Champions	v. 6-09 Beavers
	Court 6:	D12: 2-17 Bulls	v. 8-42 Jaguars
10:20 a.m.	Court 1:	D2: 7-08 Bulldogs	v. 8-28 Eagles
	Court 2:	D2: 4-29 Lakers	v. 8-11 Purgolders
	Court 3:	D6: 5-16 Lakers	v. 8-33 Hoopers
	Court 4:	D6: 2-25 Trail Blazers	v. 8-28 Condors
	Court 5:	D8: 3-09 Eagles	v. 8-42 Magic
	Court 6:	D13: 8-02 Dancing Dinos	v. 8-07 Force
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	Court 2:	D5: 5-12 Sidekicks	v. 8-02 Dynamite
	Court 3:	D7: 4-14 Champions	v. 8-37 Team Franklin
	Court 4:	D7: 3-36 Rockets	v. 8-32 Rockets
	Court 5:	D11: 3-06 Wolverines	v. 7-04 Crusaders
	Court 6:	D11: 2-03 Dream Team	v. 5-04 Tigers
12:40 p.m.	Court 1:	D3: 3-30 Yukons	v. 8-34 Bobcats
	Court 2:	D3: 3-06 Bucks	v. 6-12 Green Giants
	Court 3:	D9: 8-10 Redhawks	v. 8-42 Shooters
	Court 4:	D9: 4-04 Redbirds	v. 8-27 Badgers
	Court 5:	D8: 6-52 Royals	v. 8-42 Magic
	Court 6:	D13: 6-06 Blazers	v. 8-07 Force
1:50 p.m.	Court 1:	D1: 8-42 Heat	v. 8-42 Lakers
	Court 2:	D5: 7-02 Swishers	v. 8-02 Dynamite
	Court 3:	D10: 3-30 Panthers	v. 8-42 Hot Feet
	Court 4:	D10: 3-15 Raptors	v. 4-04 Eagles
	Court 5:	D12: 4-14 Champions	v. 8-42 Jaguars
	Court 6:	D12: 2-17 Bulls	v. 6-09 Beavers



SWIMMING

VENUE

Albee Hall (Pool)

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 13

11:30 a.m. Warm-up

12:30 p.m. Competition Begins

Sunday, April 14

8:30 a.m. Warm-up

9:00 a.m. Competition Begins

COMPETITION INFORMATION

When participants arrive at the pool, they should go directly to the locker room, dress, shower, and be ready to report to the staging area on deck in time to compete.

Observation of the races will be permitted from the pool bleachers only. **No coaches, parents, or spectators will be allowed on the pool deck at any time.**

If an athlete is not in the staging area two heats prior to their heat, his/her name will be called; if still unavailable, the heat will proceed without the athlete. Athletes will be announced for each heat as they assume their position at the starting end of the pool.

Starting blocks will not be used for this competition. Athletes may make diving starts from the pool deck.

With the exception of orthopedically impaired athletes, swimmers should enter and exit the pool independently.

The locker rooms will be open for use. For the security of the athletes, only coaches and athletes with proper credentials will be allowed in the locker rooms.

Athletes need to bring their own towels for the competitions.

AWARDS

Awards will be given at the end of competition for each division at the awards station in Albee Gym. Medals will be presented to each athlete earning 1st, 2nd, or 3rd. Ribbons will be awarded for 4th through 8th place.

SWIMMING (CONT.)

EVENT SCHEDULE

Please Note: Distances are listed in meters due to how the computer system labels them on rosters, etc., but distances are actually run in yards. For example, the 400m is actually the 400 yard race.

The schedule will be updated prior to the event with approximate event times. Please have your athletes ready to compete at least 20 minutes prior to their schedule competition time. There will be a swimming coaches meeting at 8:10am before the start of competition.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

11:30 a.m. Warm-up
12:30 p.m. 15m Unassisted
4x50m Medley Relay
100m Free
25m Free
100m IM
50m Backstroke
25m Butterfly
4x50m Free Relay
400m Free
4x25m Unified Free Relay

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

8:30 a.m. Warm-up
9:00 a.m. 4x25m Medley Relay
100m Breaststroke
100m Butterfly
100m Backstroke
50m Free
25m Breaststroke
200m Free
4x25m Free Relay
50m Breaststroke
50m Butterfly
25m Backstroke
4x100m Free Relay

****Rules governing pool safety will be posted and enforced at all times****

HEALTH ACTIVITIES

Special Olympics Health programs help athletes improve their health and fitness, leading to an enhanced sports experience and improved well-being. Athletes receive a variety of **free** health screenings and education offered by volunteer professionals.

ALL athletes with a current medical on file with Special Olympics Wisconsin are welcome to attend the **free** health programs, even if they are not competing at the tournament!

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

PERFORMANCE STATION - 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. (Kolf Upper Gym)



Performance Stations prepare athletes to compete at their best by connecting fitness to athletic performance. After completing a competition readiness assessment, athletes are provided guidance and training equipment to improve fitness for optimal sport performance.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

HEALTHY HEARING - 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (Gruenhagen Library)



Healthy Hearing conducts hearing screenings. Reduced hearing can have a significant negative impact on an athlete's ability to respond to directions, as well as understand verbal information from coaches at practice and competitions. Hearing loss affects one's safety and interpersonal relationships. A hearing screen is the first step in identifying hearing loss and preventing its negative effects from occurring in sports and social events.

HEAR WI Mobile Audiology Clinic (MAC) - 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (Gruenhagen Outside)



The HEAR Wisconsin Mobile Audiology Clinic (MAC) will be available for free hearing screenings on Saturday, April 13! MAC be parked outside Gruenhagen on Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. for athletes, coaches, family and friends to receive a free hearing screen. HEAR Wisconsin staff are also available for hearing aid checks/cleaning. Stop by the Healthy Hearing check-in table to receive MAC services.

STRONG MINDS - 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (Gruenhagen Titan Lounge) 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. (Albee Upper Gym)



Strong Minds® helps Special Olympics athletes strengthen their coping skills. Competition provides a natural opportunity to develop positive and active strategies for maintaining emotional wellness under stress, such as: thinking positive thoughts, releasing stress and connecting with others.

HEALTH ACTIVITIES (CONT.)

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 (CONT.)

SPECIAL SMILES - 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (Kolf Upper Gym)
12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. (Albee Upper Gym)



Special Smiles provided by Delta Dental of Wisconsin Foundation performs dental screenings to increase awareness of oral health. Dentists and hygienists identify oral problems, while athletes are provided with hygiene education, a “goodie bag” with dental care items, fitted mouth guards, and fluoride varnish!

FUNFITNESS - 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (Kolf Upper Gym)



FUNfitness screenings are conducted by Physical Therapists and physical therapy students. They assess flexibility, functional strength and balance of the athlete. After the assessment, athletes will receive a booklet and education on recommended stretches/exercises personalized to them based on the results of their strength, flexibility and balance tests. Note: FUNfitness will be open 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

FREE GIFTS!

Attend 3 of 5 Health Activities and choose a Special Olympics giveaway!

Health coupons for each athlete are in the coaches pick-up packets with extras at check-out stations. Turn in the coupon at Tournament Central in Kolf (Saturday or Sunday) or at the Healthy Athletes information table in Gruenhagen (Saturday 10-4).

Special thank you to Golisano Foundation, Delta Dental of Wisconsin Foundation, Starkey Cares, and CDC for making the Healthy Athletes program possible!



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ATHLETE LEADERSHIP

Special Olympics Wisconsin Athlete Leadership helps educate people about the abilities of our athletes, provide leadership & skills training to enable athletes to be successful, and support them in leadership roles inside and outside the movement.

Stop by the Athlete Leadership Activation Station on the Upper Level of Kolf for more information.

2024 ATHLETE LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHEDULE (Tentative)

Athlete Leader Reunion at Spring Games – April 13, 5 p.m.–7 p.m.

All athletes who have attended an athlete leadership class in recent years are invited to come connect with other athlete leaders through food and fun!

Event Leader Class – April 23 & 25, 6 p.m.–8 p.m.

-With Games Management Team or Fund Raising Event Team Focus

Provide event leaders with the required knowledge to take on leadership roles in the planning, promotion, and execution of Special Olympics Wisconsin events with specific focus of serving on a Games Management Team (assist with the planning and coordination of SOWI sports competitions) or Fund Raising Event Team (assist with the planning of the Truck Convoy, Polar Plunge, and other signature events).

Intro to Athlete Leadership & Understanding Leadership – June 25 & 27, 6 p.m.–8 p.m.

-These courses should be taken together and prior to any other courses.

Overview of what it means to be an athlete leader and guide for discovering who you are as a leader and recognizing the value you bring as you continue your leadership journey. It will cover the definition of leadership, behaviors of great leaders, and introduces six basic leadership skills: communication, decision-making, adaptability, relationship building, action focus, and continuous improvement.

Global Messenger – July 16, 18, 23, & 25, Times TBA

The role of an Athlete Spokesperson is to promote, educate, and inform others about the mission, benefits, and direction of Special Olympics. It goes beyond giving public speeches and interviews, it is about spreading the word about the Special Olympics movement through different outlets.

Money Matters – August, Dates & Times TBD

Learn personal money management skills.

OTHER TRAININGS AVAILABLE

Athlete Facilitator Training – TBA: Facilitation is a way of helping people share thoughts and ideas. A facilitator is often a guide who provides a calm and steady presence to help a group explore new content, a new challenge, or a new opportunity.

Athletes-As-Coaches: Athletes-As-Coaches (AAC) Program is designed to help train and certify Athletes to become coaches in the Special Olympics Wisconsin (SOWI) system.

Fitness Captains: Coach-Nominated Position Fitness Captains are athletes on a sports team who lead the team in activities related to fitness and Healthy Lifestyle. Fitness Captains can use their leadership and communication skills to encourage and empower fellow athletes to be healthy and fit on all Special Olympics teams.

Government Advocacy/Hill Days: Learn how government impacts SOWI and why it is important for you to talk to lawmakers about SOWI. Learn how to meet your lawmaker and tell your story.

VICTORY VILLAGE

Victory Village will be located on the Lower Level of Kolf on Saturday, April 13 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Village will feature a variety of vendors with activities, giveaways, and information for athletes, coaches, families, and fans.

Dunkin'

Wisconsin runs on Dunkin'! Learn more about opportunities at Dunkin', plus meet Cuppy, Dunkie, and any other special guests!

ETS Performance

ETS provides individualized and sport-specific strength, speed, power, deceleration, and movement mastery training in a challenging yet positive environment that enhances performance, builds character, and instills traits that set athletes up for lifelong success.

Fans in the Stands

Create signs and get ready to cheer on your favorite athletes! A table with markers and other sign-making materials will be available to support your squads!

Law Enforcement Torch Run

Local members of our community partner LETR for Special Olympics Wisconsin will have a booth within Victory Village available to promote upcoming events.

Merchandise/Souvenirs

Get official Special Olympics Wisconsin gear from a great selection of clothing and collectibles. Souvenirs will be available Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. See the "MERCHANDISE" section on the next page for hours and locations.

SOWI Athlete Leadership Activation Station

Stop by the Athlete Leadership station to learn more about Special Olympics Wisconsin's ongoing Athlete Leadership programs! This year's activation station will be in the Upper Gym of Kolf. See the "ATHLETE LEADERSHIP" section on the previous page for more information.

MERCHANDISE & SOUVENIRS

Get your official Special Olympics Wisconsin gear and check out the great selection of exciting souvenirs including t-shirts and other collectibles.

Day	Hours	Location
Friday, April 12	5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Kolf (Upper Gym)
Saturday, April 13	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Kolf (Upper Gym) Culver Family Welcome Center
Sunday, April 14	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Kolf (Upper Gym)

CONCESSIONS

Food will be available for purchase at the concessions stand at Kolf's Upper Gym.

Day	Hours	Location
Friday, April 12	4:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Kolf (Upper Gym)
Saturday, April 13	8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Kolf (Upper Gym)
Sunday, April 14	8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Kolf (Upper Gym)

VICTORY DANCE

Grab your favorite flashback gear for the 90s themed Victory Dance featuring DJ Matt from Elite Music Service. Souvenirs and dance accessories will be available for purchase.

Day	Time	Location
Saturday, April 13	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Culver Family Welcome Center

STAYING SAFE

MEDICAL INFORMATION

An emergency medical team will be located in the hotel and competition sites. Medical personnel will be wearing red shirts or red volunteer arm bands. If an athlete has a language problem and you are their translator, be sure to stay with the athlete in an emergency.

Important Note About Illness

If you, a coach or an athlete with your delegation is sick, or has recently (within seven days) been sick with flu-like symptoms (fever with cough, sore throat, runny/stuffy nose, body aches), please ask them to stay home. We know this is a difficult decision to make, but it is for the safety of everyone that attends Fall Games. Please notify tournament staff and/or your Athletic Director if someone from your delegation will not be attending.

Please practice thorough hand washing and other sanitary measures throughout the duration of the Games to help prevent the spread of germs.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

The Games Management Team monitors weather conditions. In case of severe weather, follow the signage posted in each building for where to go. Any lost or separated athletes should be brought to Tournament Central.

LOST AND FOUND

A lost and found area will be located at Tournament Central. Please make sure athletes' clothes are clearly marked with their name and Local Program number. Remember to keep a close eye on glasses, watches, rings, etc.

TOURNAMENT CENTRAL

Special Olympics Wisconsin staff will assist individuals during the following scheduled times. The registration site for Fall Games will be Tournament Central.

Tournament Central ***(608) 571-3652***

<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Friday, April 12	2:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Kolf (Upper Gym)
Saturday, April 13	7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Kolf (Upper Gym)
Sunday, April 14	7:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Kolf (Upper Gym)

SPECTATORS' CODE OF CONDUCT

“Special Olympics celebrates and strives to promote the spirit of sportsmanship and a love of participation in sports for its own sake.”

This is one of the founding principles of Special Olympics. With this in mind, Special Olympics Wisconsin (SOWI) has established the following Spectators' Code of Conduct to promote a positive environment for athletes to showcase their talents and compete in.

- Display good sportsmanship. Always respect players, coaches, officials, and other spectators.
- Act appropriately. Do not taunt or disturb fans. Enjoy the competition together.
- Cheer good plays of all participants, and refrain from “booing” opponents.
- Cheer in a positive manner and encourage fair play. Negative cheers or chants that encourage an athlete to fail are not allowed.
- Support the referees, officials and coaches by trusting their judgment and integrity.
- Be responsible for your own safety and remain alert to help prevent accidents.
- Abstain from using tobacco products or alcoholic beverages at the sports venues, athlete housing or Special Olympics entertainment venues. Use of tobacco products or alcoholic beverages is prohibited in the aforementioned areas. In addition, spectators under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicants are subject to removal from a Special Olympics venue.
- Conduct all cheering from the appropriate spectator areas. Spectators are not allowed on team benches, near the scoring table, within enclosed start/finish areas or on the competition surface for an event.
- Respect locker rooms as private areas for athletes, coaches and officials.
- Be supportive after the competition, win or lose. Recognize good effort, teamwork and sportsmanship.

Competition officials (referees, umpires, etc.) and event management personnel reserve the right to warn spectators of undesirable behavior and request immediate correction of the behavior. If spectators display inappropriate and disruptive behavior that interferes with competition, competition may be stopped until the spectator(s) is/are removed from the viewing area and competition venue. Examples of inappropriate and disruptive behavior include (but are not limited to):

- Use of obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner at any time
- Use of tobacco products or alcoholic beverages in restricted areas
- Taunting of players, coaches, officials or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of violence or physical violence
- Negative cheers or chants that encourage an athlete to fail i.e. in basketball, chanting “Air Ball” during a free throw attempt; in volleyball, chanting “Side Out” while a player attempts to serve the ball; in athletics race walking, cheering for an athlete to “run they’re catching you”, etc.
- Intentionally creating a loud noise or disturbance at inappropriate times during a competition (according to the rules of the sport) in order to disrupt the performance of an athlete i.e. shaking of a cow bell, blowing a whistle or horn during a basketball, soccer or volleyball game; creating noise at the start of an aquatic race after the official has indicated being quiet for the start of the race; creating a noise during a gymnastics routine to intentionally disrupt the concentration of the performing athlete; use of a bullhorn to cheer on or coach athletes, etc.

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On behalf of Special Olympics Wisconsin Staff and Athletes from across the state we sincerely want to thank all of the officers for their countless hours they put in every year. The athletes look forward to seeing you at their practices, tournaments and events! We wouldn't be the same without you!

The mission of the Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics Wisconsin is to raise funds for and awareness of the Special Olympics movement. Special Olympics is a program which reaffirms its beliefs that with hope and dedication, it can see achievement and self-worth realized by any individual. It is the belief that persons with intellectual disabilities, by their involvement in Special Olympics, show the community at large there are no limits to human potential or the human spirit.

Find out how you can make a difference in the lives of athletes by joining the LETR for Special Olympics Wisconsin movement today. You can be part of a dedicated team of law enforcement officers that carry on Wisconsin's strong tradition of supporting athletes!

For more information, visit SpecialOlympicsWisconsin.org/LETR



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