

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Jan. 19  
Jan. 25-26

Tennis Fun Day  
SOFL Coaches Conference

Feb. 7  
Feb. 8-9

Management Team Meeting  
Basketball Sectionals

### "SUMMER SPORTS" HAVE STARTED

We invite all athletes to come out & participate this season! If you are interested in participating in any of these 6 sports, please let us know so we have your Physical Form with us. We hope to see you there!

Contact: Mindy Setzer at 321-276-6463 or

[MSetzer@SpecialOlympicsSeminoleCounty.org](mailto:MSetzer@SpecialOlympicsSeminoleCounty.org)

**Westmonte Park**, 624 Bills Lane, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

Bocce: Sundays from 1-3pm Tennis: Saturdays from 8-10am

**Lake Mary High**, 655 Longwood-Lake Mary Rd, Lake Mary, FL 32765

Cycling, Track, Volleyball, Soccer: Saturdays 8-10am

### PUBLIX TORCH SALES

Publix is Special Olympics Florida's #1 Sponsor! Every year they donate thousands of dollars to our program. Please help us continue to receive this support by selling "torches" at select Publix stores.

We will be selling torches every Saturday and Sunday in January from 10am-4pm. **Publix Locations:** Altamonte (Jamestown and Palm Springs), Casselberry, Oviedo, Winter Springs, Lake Mary

**Please visit our website to Sign up or call 407-263-8043.**

### MANAGEMENT TEAM & ATHLETE INPUT COUNCIL

Next meeting will be on Thursday, February 7, 2008 at Parkside Fellowship Church from 6-8pm.

### TENNIS FUN DAY- TENNIS CLINIC

Saturday, January 19, 2008 from 10am-2:30pm

Tusawilla County Club, 1500 Winter Springs Blvd, 32708

Tennis Clinic, exhibition with professional players, food, t-shirts,

FREE! For more info: Kevin Lajeunesse at 407-257-7730 or

[KLajeunesse@SpecialOlympicsSeminoleCounty.org](mailto:KLajeunesse@SpecialOlympicsSeminoleCounty.org)

### SPECIAL THANKS!

Special thanks to Sandra Ross, Transition Resource Teacher for Lyman High School, for donating autographed items from "The Suite Life of Zach & Cody", "Corey in the House" and the "Hannah Montana" show! (as well we thank the producers for contributing them). The drawing was held at Friendly's in Altamonte - Dec 19, 2007. Her efforts helped to raise \$500! Along with the drawing, Michelle Omana and Marion and Meggan Van Loon provided a lot of fun with ornaments to decorate for the patrons! Of course, we couldn't do it without the sponsorship and efforts of Friendly's...generously donating \$99 (10% of their total sales) back to Special Olympics Seminole County!

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY- JANUARY

Joiner Ablove

Jessica Gochenour

Jimmy Loporto

Eduardo Penedo

Clayton Ruffing

Victoria Aldred

Kenney Kiser

Nealesh Manapragada

Lisa Ramos

Richard Clark

Faith Lapp

Patrick Murdock

Jeff Rater

### BASKETBALL AREA GAMES

Congratulations to all the basketball athletes who attended the 2008 Area Games in Orange County on Saturday January 12, 2008. All of the teams did an amazing job, worked really hard, and made Seminole County very proud. In a few weeks we will know which teams will advance to Sectionals on February 8-9. Good Job!!

### SEMINOLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS XPE SOCCER

On Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at Central Winds Park from 10am-12pm students from Seminole County's Public Schools Special Education classes will be participating in a soccer event which will be set up like a Special Olympics event. They will participate in numerous skill stations, concluding with a kickball game and awards.

Feel free to come out and support the athletes.

**BEST OF LUCK TO ALL!!**

### ATHLETE AND VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH: MEET THE BADDERS

The Badders Family (along with the Lundy's!) has been involved with Special Olympics Seminole County one way or another for about 20 years.

Bonnie and Mike moved to Lake Mary from Jacksonville and immediately began participating as a volunteer and athlete. Mike has played almost all the sports available, including golf, basketball, powerlifting, softball, bocce, athletics, volleyball, and snow skiing! He loves the practices and the competitions...and the socializing, of course! He has just been elected president of the Athlete Input Council and is excited about the upcoming meetings and activities.

Dani Lundy, Mike's sister, moved to Altamonte Springs from Jacksonville and volunteered to join the Management Team and be a bocce coach. She had never heard of bocce but joined in with the athletes' enthusiasm and has become passionate about "her" bocce bunch. Dani's younger son, Jay, is a volunteer and helped out with the practices.

Dani's older son, Joe Badders, moved to Seminole County in 2006 and soon volunteered to participate as a Unified Partner in volleyball and as a basketball coach. Joe is starting another year of involvement and is very popular with the athletes.

Special Olympics has always been a big part of the Badders/Lundy family...the newest volunteer is nine-year-old Amanda! She has helped out with powerlifting and is looking forward to doing more.

"Mike is the center and focus of our lives...he knows how to have fun and has taught us to be thankful for our blessings, and one of them is Special Olympics." - Dani Lundy



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