

Special Olympics Seminole County Newsletter
Seminole Spirit~ July 2007

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SOSC Hotline: 407-263-8043

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

July 12	Management Team Meeting	August 5	Bowl-A-Thon
July 20-21	Leadership Conference	August 10	Nomination Deadline for Volunteer Banquet
July 25	Swimming County Games	August 11	Annual Picnic
July 28	Bowl-A-Thon Sponsorships due	August 15	Bucs Training Camp
August 2	Management Team Meeting	August 25	Powerlifting and Gymnastics County Games
August 3	Last day to RSVP for Bucs Camp	August 27	Bowling County Games

SOFTBALL

Begins July 28, 2007 from 9am-11am at Trotwood Park, Winter Springs. Please contact Coach Mark & Debbie Taylor at: 407-699-4776 or DTaylor@SpecialOlympicsSeminoleCounty.org

GOLF

Congratulations to all the athletes who competed in County Games! Enjoy the rest of the season.

GYMNASTICS

County Games will be held at Brown's Gym on August 25, 2007. To volunteer contact: Nin at 407-929-7254.

POWERLIFTING

County Games will be held at Gold's Gym at on Saturday August 25, 2007.

BOWLING

Athletes must play 15 games before our County Competition on August 27. Practices are from 3-5pm at a \$1.50/game. Shoe rental is free. Contact: Ranwa Nin Elkhoury at 407-571-8814 or Bowling@SpecialOlympicsSeminoleCounty.org

AQUATICS COUNTY GAMES

Wednesday July 25 at Westmonte Park from 5-8pm- Rain or Shine! Address: 624 Bills Lane, Altamonte Springs Fl 32714
Contact: Nin El-khoury (407-929-7254) or Mindy Setzer (321-276-6463)

SOSC FUNDRAISER: BOWL-A-THON

Sunday August 5, 2007 from 3-5pm. All Sponsorship Money & Forms are due to your coach or Nin El-khoury by July 28, 2007. Please see attached flyer to participate or visit our homepage.

SOSC's ANNUAL PICNIC & FUNDAY

2007-2008 Sports Sign Up for all Athletes, Volunteers, & Coaches...Food, Dancing, Fun, & Games!! August 11, 2007 from 12-4pm at Eastmonte Park. Please see attached flyer for more information. Please RSVP by August 2nd by visiting our homepage or contact Nin at 407-929-7254 or Picnic@SpecialOlympicsSeminoleCounty.org

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS TRAINING CAMP

Wednesday August 15, 2007 at Disney's Wide World of Sports from 10am-2pm. Limited Space- Sign up by August 3!! For more information or to sign up, please visit our homepage -OR- contact Nin El-khoury at 407-929-7254 or Bucs@SpecialOlympicsSeminoleCounty.org.

NOMINATIONS NEEDED FOR: Volunteer Appreciation Banquet

Please help us say thank you by nominating a Coach, Volunteer, Organization, Sponsor or Family who has impacted our athletes & program. Please nominate online or submit the attached Nomination Form by Aug. 10.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY- JULY

Amanda Borges	Maggie Bibeau	Daniel Braun	Daniel Calderon	Carol Cerar
Joseph Cissell	Trenton Cox	Samantha Diaz	George Gibson	Samuel Hagen
Zach Hunnel	Emmitt Johnson	Delaney Kraftchick	Alice Mahan	Cynthia Meadows
Richard Mendola	Jacklyn Nyberg	Oscar Rosa	Samar Suid	

MANAGEMENT TEAM AND ATHLETE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Next meeting will be on Thursday August 2, 2007 at Parkside Fellowship Church from 6-8pm.

Please visit the 'Community Connections' page on our website for past winners' biographies:

JULY ATHLETE OF THE MONTH: James Jamrok – Basketball, Volleyball and Swimming

James has participated in Special Olympics since 1985. He enjoys most all sports especially Basketball, Volleyball, and Swimming. James has gone to the State Games on several occasions winning 8 gold medals in Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball, and Softball. Also, James has won 6 silver medals in Soccer, Volleyball, and Swimming. James loves to be competitive in all sports. James has had the privilege of carrying the torch on December 7, 2001 representing Special Olympics in Daytona Beach, FL. James loves Special Olympics and working for Albertson's. Both have given him numerous opportunities and skills. We thank so many people from early years to the present for their patience, support, time, and dedication.

JULY VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH: Winston Jones – Brett Jones Dad

I am Brett's Dad, Winston, and for over 15 years our family has been involved with Special Olympics. Being overprotective parents, my wife and I would attend all practices and competitions that Brett participated in. Initially, being an observer at these events, I could see Brett's boredom turning into joy. I also enjoyed seeing the accomplishments of the other athletes. Laughing along with them helped to lighten the rough days that I would have. There were also opportunities to talk with other parents with similar difficulties, struggles and challenges.

Over the years I have seen Seminole County Special Olympics grow for the betterment of the Athletes. This is why I have joined various committees-helping out with fundraising and volunteering with different sports. Doing this provides me with the opportunity to give back to someone else.

I am quite aware of how busy and hectic our schedules are, but I would like to encourage more people to give of their time and skills, and become more involved with this organization. All of us working together can accomplish much more for our Special Needs Population. God Bless You All!

JULY SPONSOR OF THE MONTH: Brown's Gymnastics- Altamonte

Brown's Gymnastics in Altamonte Springs has been incredibly generous to our gymnastics program. In 2006 they offered our athletes a training facility & happily did the same in 2007. At the gym, manager Sandy always treats the athletes with the utmost kindness and assists the coaches in any way that she can. Recently, Brown's Gymnastics Trainers have volunteered some of their time to help our athletes develop more skills & knowledge. Thank you Brown's for all that you do!

Message from Brown's Gymnastics: Thank you for allowing Browns Gymnastics to sponsor Special Olympics Seminole County! Browns provides gymnastics for toddlers as young as 18 months to teenagers under the age of 18. Our staff is thoroughly qualified and have years of experience as coaches and as former gymnasts. Our goal at Browns is to provide children with a safe and fun experience that will allow them to develop their mental and physical abilities through the sport of gymnastics. Our program is designed for children of all levels whether it be beginners wanting to learn somersaults or athletes hoping to win a gold medal! Browns has a recreational program, as well as, a competitive program. We love working with children and would love to serve the community as a sponsor of Special Olympics.

GLOBAL MESSENGER

Chris Friedman had the opportunity to "spread the word" about Special Olympics at one of Camp Thunderbird's recent sessions. For those that don't know, Camp Thunderbird, is dedicated to providing a real summer camp experience for people with developmental disabilities. Over the years, Chris, along with many of our Athletes have been fortunate to "experience, swimming, canoeing, arts and crafts, fishing, sports and games, nature studies, and much more. Chris was invited to share his Special Olympics experience to all the campers!

EDEN FULMER SAYS HI TO ALL OF HER FRIENDS & SPECIAL OLYMPICS TEAMMATES!

Eden who has been with us for 6 years, will now be sharing her enthusiasm and smiles with her fellow residents at her new home...Bishop Grady Villas- a wonderful facility located in St. Cloud that provides its residents with opportunities for personal and spiritual growth and independence. We certainly wish Eden the very best in her future endeavors. Eden did mention that although she won't be participating in our program she is "looking forward to new challenges with the Osceola program". Although Eden has moved she hopes that she is not forgotten...she is learning how to do email, and would love to get an email from each of you. Her email is efulmer@bishopgradyvillas.org.

THANKS FOR A GREAT POOL PARTY OMANA FAMILY!!

The Omana family threw an awesome swim party at their house for all the 2007 swim team. Thanks for a great time!



Bowl-A-Thon

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 2007; 3-5PM

**AMF ALTAMONTE LANES
280 DOUGLAS AVENUE**

Each athlete must get a minimum of \$20 in sponsorships to participate in the Bowl-A-Thon. Parents, please help athletes ask co-workers, neighbors, and friends for a donation to help them reach this goal.

Return your money and this form to your coach or Nin El-khoury no later than July 28, 2007. Then come out to the Bowl-A-Thon on August 5 for popcorn, soda, bowling & a lot of fun!

Athlete's who raise more than \$250 in sponsorships will be placed in a drawing for
(3) One Day Disney Park Hopper Passes.



All raised funds will help Special Olympics Seminole County offer FREE year-round sports training and competition for all 14 sports offered. This includes competition costs, transportation, uniforms, equipment, etc. For more information: please visit our website at:

www.SpecialOlympicsSeminoleCounty.org or call Nin El-khoury at 407-929-7254.

CHECKS CAN BE MADE PAYABLE TO: SPECIAL OLYMPICS SEMINOLE COUNTY

SPONSOR'S NAME

AMOUNT SPONSORED

1	_____	\$ _____
2	_____	\$ _____
3	_____	\$ _____
4	_____	\$ _____
5	_____	\$ _____
6	_____	\$ _____
7	_____	\$ _____
8	_____	\$ _____
9	_____	\$ _____
10	_____	\$ _____
11	_____	\$ _____
12	_____	\$ _____
13	_____	\$ _____
14	_____	\$ _____
15	_____	\$ _____

ATHLETE'S NAME: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT RAISED: _____

2007 Volunteer Appreciation Banquet Nomination Form

This Banquet is our chance to say thank you to everyone who makes this program run. Everyone in Special Olympics Seminole County works on a 100% volunteer basis: from our management team members, to our coaches, to our event volunteers.

Please help us say thank you by nominating a Coach, Volunteer, Organization, Sponsor or Family who has impacted our athletes and/or program by August 10, 2007. Nominate Online or mail this form back to:

Special Olympics Seminole County
Attn: Volunteer Banquet Committee
225 Newburyport Avenue
Altamonte Springs FL 32701

You do not have to submit a nomination for every category. For more space, please use an additional sheet of paper. To get more Nomination Forms please contact Nin at 407-929-7254.

Volunteer of the Year - An individual who has contributed exceptional amounts of time and effort to our program by volunteering at special events, serving as assistant coaches, or in other ways.	
Name of person/organization being nominated:	_____
What sports or events are they involved in?	_____
How many years have they been involved in SOSC?	_____
Why are you nominating them? (Please include what kind of impact they have had on the athletes or program and what makes them stand out from other volunteers or organizations)	_____ _____ _____

Coach of the Year - An individual who has contributed exceptional amounts of time and effort to our program by volunteering themselves as a Head Coach for a sport(s).	
Name of person/organization being nominated:	_____
What sports or events are they involved in?	_____
How many years have they been involved in SOSC?	_____
Why are you nominating them? (Please include what kind of impact they have had on the athletes or program and what makes them stand out from other volunteers or organizations)	_____ _____ _____

Family of the Year- An exceptional family that has devoted their time and efforts to improve the quality of our program.

Name of person/organization being nominated: _____

What sports or events are they involved in? _____

How many years have they been involved in SOSC? _____

Why are you nominating them? (Please include what kind of impact they have had on the athletes or program and what makes them stand out from other volunteers or organizations) _____

Organization of the Year- An organization that has continually contributed volunteers and other resources to our program.

Name of person/organization being nominated: _____

What sports or events are they involved in? _____

How many years have they been involved in SOSC? _____

Why are you nominating them? (Please include what kind of impact they have had on the athletes or program and what makes them stand out from other volunteers or organizations) _____

Sponsor of the Year- Companies that have contributed greatly to the quality of our sports training/competition whether through donation of money, facilities, or other means.

Name of person/organization being nominated: _____

What sports or events are they involved in? _____

How many years have they been involved in SOSC? _____

Why are you nominating them? (Please include what kind of impact they have had on the athletes or program and what makes them stand out from other volunteers or organizations) _____

