

Seminole Spirit~ May 2007

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 5	Swim Season Starts
May 10	Management Team Meeting @ Parkside Fellowship Church
May 18	State Equestrian Championships, Tampa
May 19	Free Physicals
May 20	Summer Sports End of Season Picnic
June 4	Golf Begins
June 7	Management Team Meeting @ Parkside Fellowship Church
June 9	Gymnastics Begins: Preseason Meeting
June 16	Powerlifting Begins
June 18	Bowling Begins

SPORTS TALK

Golf

Practices begin on Monday June 4, 2007 at Sweetwater Golf & County Club from 5:30-8pm. Please contact us if you plan on participating in golf. Coach Sal LoPorto, portoboss@netzero.com, 407-834-4380

Gymnastics

Preseason Meeting on June 9, 2007 at EASTMONTE PARK from 11am-12pm. Please attend this meeting to fill out Release Waivers, get sized for uniforms, and get other important information. Regular practices will be on Saturday mornings at Browns Gym in Altamonte Springs from 10:30am-12pm.

Contact: Ranwa Nin Elkhoury at 407-929-7254 or Gymnastics@SpecialOlympicsSeminoleCounty.org

Powerlifting

Practices are scheduled to begin on Saturday afternoons June 16, 2007 at Gold's Gym in Altamonte. Contact Coach Jessica at 407-488-2303.

Bowling

Bowling officially begins on Monday June 18, 2007 at AMF Altamonte Lanes in Altamonte. 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

Rollerskating

We are still trying to get this sport started. Please let us know if you are interested and we will notify you once we get practices setup.

Contact: Ranwa Nin Elkhoury, 407-9297254, Rel-khoury@SpecialOlympicsSeminoleCounty.org

Aquatics Practices Started

Practices are on Saturday mornings at the RDV SportsPlex. Contact Larry Levine: LPL1258@aol.com or 407-284-2711. White Team- Intermediate from 8am-9:30am; Red Team- Advanced and Blue Team- Beginners from 9am-10am

Summer Sports

Don't forget the End of Season Party on May 20, 2007 at Merrill Park from 12-4pm. Please RSVP the # attending and the dish you will be sharing to Mindy Setzer: 321-276-6463 or Msetzer@SpecialOlympicsSeminoleCounty.org

Results from Summer State Games

Congratulations to all the athletes who attended Summer State Games on April 27-29, 2007.

Track and Field: Two 1st, Four 2nd, Three 3rd, Three 4th Place Medals

Volleyball: 2nd Place Medals *Tennis:* One 2nd Place Medal

Bocce: One 1st, One 3rd Place Medal

FREE PHYSICALS

SOSC will be giving FREE physicals on Saturday May 19, 2007 from 9am-12pm.

Parkside Fellowship Church of Nazarene, 200 North Wayman Street, Longwood Fl 32750

From Casselberry/Altamonte take 17-92 and make a LEFT onto 434. Make a RIGHT at the first light called Wayman. Go through the first stop sign, you will see the church on your left. Turn LEFT down the street between the church and the Fire Station. You want to enter the last doorway of the church.

MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING/ ATHLETE INPUT COUNCIL

Next meeting will be on Thursday June 7, 2007 at Parkside Fellowship Church at 6pm.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Adrienne Allen

Aaron Hudson

Beth Newberg

Rashawn Vandestreek

Katie Byrnes

Robert McCrum

Michelle Perez

Mindy Setzer

Wayne Field

Angie Merrell

Amanda Rivas

David Figueroa

Stephen Miller

Troy Ruehlman

ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

George Gibson – Tennis, Volleyball, Basketball and Golf

George has been going to Special Olympics since 1990. He loves all kinds of sports including tennis, golf and volleyball. When they started up basketball as a sport he wanted to play. Debbie Taylor was coach then. She did a good job as we all know, as there were only a few coaches then. George needs Special Olympics very much! Last summer, he had the opportunity to play golf at the National Games. George really enjoyed taking the plane ride too! As well, he loves to square dance and enjoys participating in the many activities offered through Altamonte Springs. George and I would like to thank all the coaches for their time out of their own lives and for being so good to George over the years – God Bless You All! *-George Gibson and his Mother*

ATHLETE ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to our athletes who have many wonderful accomplishments outside of the competition!!

Morning Star School Graduates: Michael Gard, Adriana Kenney, James Caldwell III

2007 Dreamer and Doer: Charbel El-khoury

Graduate of Winter Park Work Program: Eden Fulmer

If your athlete has any outstanding achievements, please forward them to

Enews@SpecialOlympicsSeminoleCounty.org

VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT HAPPEN

Amanda Loftus is in 10th Grade at Oviedo High School. She holds a GPA of 3.9 and is active in Future Educators of America. She became involved with Special Olympics through her Girl Scout troop of which she has been a member for 11 years. Her troop was honored last year as the Volunteer Organization of the Year for Seminole County. In addition to her work with SOFL for the last 5 years, she volunteers with Disney Sports and the Challenger Baseball league. She also has helped organize benefits for the Greyhound Rescue and the Back to Nature Refuge. Amanda was honored in January as Student of the Month by the Orlando Business Journal. She is currently in her second year of training in early childhood education which she hopes to use in her pursuit of an education degree. She is very proud of her work with SOFL and how it has enabled her to expand her horizons.

SPONSOR OF THE MONTH

Girls Scout Troop 78, under the leadership of Toni Loftus and Leslie Welsch, was established when the girls were in kindergarten @ St. Mary Magdalen School way back in 1996. The girls have been together for 11 years!! In addition to their 5 years volunteering with Special Olympics, they have been active in the renovation of the scout room at their church which earned them the Girl Scout Silver Award. Through the years, they have done everything from putting on Girls Scout Olympics for 200 girls, rollerskating parties to benefit the Greyhound Rescue and the Back to Nature Refuge, and volunteers for Disney sporting events. It was through one of Toni's special needs dental patients that the girls became involved with Special Olympics. Toni felt that the girls needed to be exposed to how wonderful Special Olympians can be to work with from her experiences working with Special Olympics while in Dental Hygiene School. From the very beginning the girls have had a blast and hope to continue for many years to come.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Special Needs Summer Camps:

UCP/City of Orlando: 407-852-3333
Camp Thunderbird: 407-889-8088
City of Altamonte: 407-571-8814

Altamonte Spgs Special Com. Services- Social Outlets

Nin 407-571-8814 or Rrel-khoury@altamonte.org

Dance –Abilities

Heather Meyer 407-862-5500
or email Turningpte@aol.com

Nathaniel's Hope

407-857-8224 or email info@nathanielshope.org

Illiad-Independent Living Initiative Assisting the Disabled

407-320-0016 or email Shari_Gray@scps.k12.fl.us

Quest, Inc

407-889-4530 or visit, www.questinc.org

SEPTA- Special Education Parent Teacher Association

in Seminole County Public Schools SEPTA Resource
Room: 407-320-7871 or scpssepta@excite.com

The Autism Society of Greater Orlando

407-855-0235 or visit www.asgo.org

Devereux Florida Center for Child Development

407-855-0235 or visit www.devereux.org

UCP of Central Florida

407-889-4530 or visit www.ucpcdc.org

Advisory Board for the Disabled

Vinnie Coon 407-575-8812 or VinnieC@altamonte.org



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