

SPRING GAMES



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Wisconsin



APRIL 11-13, 2025
OSHKOSH, WIS.

2025 EVENT PROGRAM

WELCOME TO THE 2025 SPRING GAMES

Welcome to the 2025 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 3-on-3 Half-Court 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!



Danny Kuklinski

Senior Director of Sports,
Special Olympics Wisconsin



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2025 SPRING GAMES

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

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.	Athlete Leadership Activation Station.....	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 - 3-on-3 Half Court Basketball.....	Kolf (Lower Gym)

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

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....	Athlete Leadership Activation Station.....	Kolf (Upper Gym)
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: Healthy Hearing	Kolf (Lower Level)
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m....	HEAR WI Mobile Audiology Clinic.....	Kolf (Outside)
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m....	Healthy Athletes: Strong Minds	Kolf (Lower Level)
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 (Upper Gym)
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
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.....	Victory Dance.....	Culver Family Welcome Center

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

6:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.....	Breakfast.....	Blackhawk Commons
7:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.....	Tournament Central.....	Kolf (Upper Gym)
8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.....	Competition - Team Basketball.....	Kolf (Upper & Lower Gym)
8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m....	Competition - Swimming.....	Albee (Pool)
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m....	Athlete Leadership Activation Station.....	Kolf (Upper Gym)
10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.....	Lunch Pick-up.....	Albee (Upper Gym) or Kolf (Upper Gym)

PLANNING YOUR VISIT

OPENING CEREMONY

Join us in celebrating more than 900 athletes competing this weekend at the 2025 Spring Games at the Opening Ceremony!

The Opening Ceremony will take place Friday, April 11. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. at the Kolf Center at UW-Oshkosh, with 3-on-3 Half-Court 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 outside the Rec & Wellness Center at 4:15 p.m. At 4:30 p.m., the run will commence and follow a route towards Kolf. The Special Olympics Wisconsin Games cauldron will be placed near the Kolf Center. Athletes are encouraged to run with law enforcement!

VENUES

SPORTS & COMPETITION

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

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

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

Healthy Athletes – Strong Minds: Kolf Sports Center (785 High Ave.)

Healthy Athletes – Remote Strong Minds: Albee Upper Gym (776 Algoma Blvd.)

Healthy Athletes – Healthy Hearing: Kolf Sports Center (785 High Ave.)

HEAR WI Mobile Audiology Clinic: Kolf Sports Center (785 High Ave.)

OTHER

LETR Torch Run: Rec & Wellness Center (735 Pearl Ave.)

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 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



3-ON-3 HALF COURT BASKETBALL

VENUE

Kolf Sports Center (Lower Gym)

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Friday, April 11

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.

3-ON-3 HALF COURT BASKETBALL (CONT.)

EVENT SCHEDULE

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

5:45 p.m.	Court 5A: Court 5B: Court 6A:	Division 1 Divisioning Round Division 2 Divisioning Round Division 3 Divisioning Round	
6:00 p.m.	Court 5A: Court 5B: Court 6A:	D1: 5-14 Dragons D2: 3-12 Bay City D3: 6-36 Heat	v. 5-06 Phantom Wolves v. 8-44 Badgers v. 5-06 Layup Legends
6:30 p.m.	Court 5A: Court 5B: Court 6A:	D1: 6-36 Bucks D2: 8-44 Badgers D3: 6-36 Knights	v. 8-44 Bucks v. 6-36 Chiefs v. 5-06 Dunkin Dynamos
7:00 p.m.	Court 5A: Court 5B: Court 6A:	D1: 6-36 Bucks D2: 3-12 Bay City D3: 5-06 Layup Legends	v. 5-06 Phantom Wolves v. 6-36 Chiefs v. 5-06 Dunkin Dynamos
7:30 p.m.	Court 5A: Court 5B: Court 6A:	D1: 8-44 Bucks D2: 3-12 Bay City D3: 6-36 Knights	v. 5-06 Phantom Wolves v. 8-44 Badgers v. 5-06 Layup Legends
8:00 p.m.	Court 5A: Court 5B: Court 6A:	D1: 5-14 Dragons D2: 8-44 Badgers D3: 6-36 Knights	v. 8-44 Bucks v. 6-36 Chiefs v. 6-36 Heat
8:30 p.m.	Court 5A: Court 5B: Court 6A:	D1: 6-36 Bucks D2: 3-12 Bay City D3: 6-36 Heat	v. 5-14 Dragons v. 6-36 Chiefs v. 5-06 Dunkin Dynamos



BASKETBALL SKILLS

VENUE

Kolf Sports Center (Upper Gym)

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Friday, April 11

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 12

9:30 a.m. Competition Begins

Sunday, April 13

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 12

9:30 a.m.	Court 1:	D3: 8-05 Blaze	v. 8-28 Eagles
	Court 2:	D3: 3-06 Bucks	v. 8-40 Mustangs
	Court 3:	D4: 5-04 Clippers	v. 8-42 Blazers
	Court 4:	D4: 7-02 Swishers	v. 4-25 Screaming Eagles
	Court 5:	D8: 5-03 Kangaroos	v. 8-42 Jaguars
	Court 6:	D13: 4-25 Falcons	v. 6-12 Green Thunder
10:40 a.m.	Court 1:	D1: 5-14 Badgers	v. 8-42 Lakers
	Court 2:	D1: 3-36 Lakers	v. 6-36 Showtime Lightning
	Court 3:	D6: 7-21 Blue Demons	v. 7-25 Comets
	Court 4:	D6: 3-15 Dreamers	v. 3-36 Rockets
	Court 5:	D10: 7-04 Crusaders	v. 5-19 Attack
	Court 6:	D11: 7-05 Storm	v. 7-08 Bulldogs
11:50 a.m.	Court 1:	D2: 7-15 Hawks	v. 3-30 Bears
	Court 2:	D2: 8-11 WHS Gold	v. 8-34 Bobcats
	Court 3:	D7: 7-09 Galaxy	v. 8-05 Inferno
	Court 4:	D7: 3-25 Thunder	v. 8-28 Hawks
	Court 5:	D8: 4-06 White	v. 8-42 Jaguars
	Court 6:	D13: 8-02 Dancing Dinos	v. 6-12 Green Thunder
1:00 p.m.	Court 1:	D3: 8-05 Blaze	v. 8-40 Mustangs
	Court 2:	D3: 3-06 Bucks	v. 8-28 Eagles
	Court 3:	D9: 5-26 East	v. 6-50 Superheroes
	Court 4:	D9: 4-25 Ravens	v. 3-06 Wolverines
	Court 5:	D12: 5-04 Tigers	v. 8-24 Dragons
	Court 6:	D12: 6-20 Shooting Stars	v. 8-05 Heat
2:10 p.m.	Court 1:	D1: 8-42 Lakers	v. 6-36 Showtime Lightning
	Court 2:	D1: 3-36 Lakers	v. 5-14 Badgers
	Court 3:	D4: 5-04 Clippers	v. 4-25 Screaming Eagles
	Court 4:	D4: 7-02 Swishers	v. 8-42 Blazers
	Court 5:	D10: 5-19 Attack	v. 8-35 Pioneers
	Court 6:	D11: 7-08 Bulldogs	v. 6-09 Beavers
3:20 p.m.	Court 1:	D5: 4-08 Stars	v. 4-14 Fondy
	Court 2:	D5: 8-02 Dynamite	v. 6-26 T-Wolves
	Court 3:	D6: 3-15 Dreamers	v. 7-25 Comets
	Court 4:	D6: 7-21 Blue Demons	v. 3-36 Rockets
	Court 5:	D8: 5-03 Kangaroos	v. 4-06 White
	Court 6:	D13: 4-25 Falcons	v. 8-02 Dancing Dinos
4:30 p.m.	Court 1:	D2: 8-34 Bobcats	v. 3-30 Bears
	Court 2:	D2: 8-11 WHS Gold	v. 7-15 Hawks
	Court 3:	D7: 3-25 Thunder	v. 8-05 Inferno
	Court 4:	D7: 7-09 Galaxy	v. 8-28 Hawks
	Court 5:	D10: 7-04 Crusaders	v. 8-35 Pioneers
	Court 6:	D11: 7-05 Storm	v. 6-09 Beavers

TEAM BASKETBALL (CONT.)

EVENT SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

8:00 a.m.	Court 1:	D4: 5-04 Clippers	v. 7-02 Swishers
	Court 2:	D4: 8-42 Blazers	v. 4-25 Screaming Eagles
	Court 3:	D9: 4-25 Ravens	v. 6-50 Superheroes
	Court 4:	D9: 5-26 East	v. 3-06 Wolverines
	Court 5:	D8: 5-03 Kangaroos	v. 8-42 Jaguars
	Court 6:	D13: 4-25 Falcons	v. 6-12 Green Thunder
9:10 a.m.	Court 1:	D1: 5-14 Badgers	v. 6-36 Showtime Lightning
	Court 2:	D1: 3-36 Lakers	v. 8-42 Lakers
	Court 3:	D10: 7-04 Crusaders	v. 5-19 Attack
	Court 4:	D11: 7-05 Storm	v. 7-08 Bulldogs
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	Court 3:	D7: 8-28 Hawks	v. 8-05 Inferno
	Court 4:	D7: 3-25 Thunder	v. 7-09 Galaxy
	Court 5:	D10: 5-19 Attack	v. 8-35 Pioneers
	Court 6:	D11: 7-08 Bulldogs	v. 6-09 Beavers
12:40 p.m.	Court 1:	D3: 8-05 Blaze	v. 3-06 Bucks
	Court 2:	D3: 8-40 Mustangs	v. 8-28 Eagles
	Court 3:	D9: 3-06 Wolverines	v. 6-50 Superheroes
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	Court 3:	D10: 7-04 Crusaders	v. 8-35 Pioneers
	Court 4:	D11: 7-05 Storm	v. 6-09 Beavers
	Court 5:	D12: 6-20 Shooting Stars	v. 8-24 Dragons
	Court 6:	D12: 8-05 Heat	v. 5-04 Tigers



SWIMMING

VENUE

Albee Hall (Pool)

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 12

11:30 a.m. Warm-up

12:30 p.m. Competition Begins

Sunday, April 13

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 12

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

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 11

PERFORMANCE STATION - 5:45 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 12

HEALTHY HEARING - 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (Kolf Lower Level)



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. (Kolf 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. (Kolf Lower Level) 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. (Albee Upper Gym)



Strong Minds® helps Strong Minds stresses how important taking care of one's emotional wellness is and how taking care of it should be practiced like any other important skill. Strong Minds aims to educate coaches and athletes on how to incorporate mindfulness exercises into athletic practices and one's everyday life. There will be mindfulness activity guides and other mindfulness tools available!

HEALTH ACTIVITIES (CONT.)

SATURDAY, APRIL 12 (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.

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).

Thank you to Delta Dental of Wisconsin Foundation, Golisano Foundation, and the CDC for making the Healthy Athletes program possible!



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ATHLETE LEADERSHIP

Special Olympics Wisconsin Athlete Leadership partners with athlete leaders to educate people about the abilities of our athletes, provide leadership and 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.

2025 SPRING/SUMMER ATHLETE LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHEDULE

Government Advocacy at Governor’s Budget Hearings – April

Athletes across the state take their knowledge from the March Government Advocacy training to share their stories at all four of the Governor’s Biennial Budget Hearings. In the class, athletes 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.

Athletes-As-Coaches – April 26

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

Athlete Health Messenger – May 1, 8, 15, & 22, 6:00 p.m.

A Health Messenger is a Special Olympics athlete or unified partner who has been trained to serve as a health and wellness leader, educator, advocate and role model within their Special Olympics communities and the community at large. The Athlete Health Messenger workshop focuses on the Fit 5 Curriculum (hydration, nutrition and physical activity) and strong minds.

Athlete Leader Reunion at Summer Games – June 6, 5:00 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!

Fitness Captains – June 18, 6:00 p.m.

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.

Intro to Athlete Leadership & Understanding Leadership - June 24 & 26, 6:00 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.

VICTORY VILLAGE

Victory Village will be located on the Upper Gym of Kolf on Saturday, April 12 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.

Covey

Committed to creating opportunities for individuals with disabilities and their families, Covey has used its knowledge, compassion, and caring nature to help clients achieve their highest potential.

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!

GRIT 920

Through inclusive, adaptive fitness programs, GRIT 920 fosters whole-body health and well-being. Providing a space where everyone has equal access to fitness and wellness opportunities, it strives to break down barriers, promote inclusivity, and inspire individuals to embrace their full potential in a place where health, strength, and wellness are universally accessible to all.

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.

myTEAM TRIUMPH

On a mission to create an inclusive community, myTEAM TRIUMPH enriches the well-being of individuals with disabilities and fosters lifelong relationships through community endurance athletics. Athletes with disabilities are guides by their able-bodied "Angels" to each finish line.

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.

Thrivent

Thrivent provides holistic financial planning including advising, investments, insurance, banking, and generosity programs and solutions.

MERCHANDISE & SOUVENIRS

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

Day	Hours	Location
Friday, April 11	5:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.	Kolf (Upper Gym)
Saturday, April 12	9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.	Kolf (Upper Gym) Culver Family Welcome Center
Sunday, April 13	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 11	4:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m.	Kolf (Upper Gym)
Saturday, April 12	8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.	Kolf (Upper Gym)
Sunday, April 13	8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.	Kolf (Upper Gym)

VICTORY DANCE

Grab your GLOW gear for the neon-themed Victory Dance! Souvenirs and dance accessories will be available for purchase.

Day	Time	Location
Saturday, April 12	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 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 Special Olympics Wisconsin events. 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 will be Tournament Central.

Tournament Central ***(608) 442-5662***

<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Friday, April 11	2:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.	Kolf (Upper Gym)
Saturday, April 12	7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Kolf (Upper Gym)
Sunday, April 13	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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