



# **Special Olympics** *Idaho* **The Connection**

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## **From the desk of CEO**

We are excited to share with you and unveil our new 'Be A Fan' Special Olympics Advertising and Marketing Campaign!

Research tells us: Without direct connection to Special Olympics (family member of friend with intellectual disability) or other linkage (friend of the movement, involved in athletics or special education) members of the general population don't feel connected to us or understand how/why they can become involved.

As a result of this research, Special Olympics International developed a campaign that is both mission- (sports) and vision- (creating a world of tolerance and acceptance) centric and invites the general population to become involved with us as a 'Fan.' Here is a sampling of the 'Be a fan' Campaign!

Thank you for already being a FAN! Laurie La Follette



**If you are a fan of inspiration,  
you are already a fan of Special Olympics.**

To find out how you can show your support for some of the most inspiring athletes you'll ever see, visit [specialolympics.org](http://specialolympics.org).

**Special  Olympics**  
**Be a fan.**

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## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Special Olympics Idaho is currently seeking volunteers to serve on a Floor Hockey Sports Management Team!

**What is a Sports Management Team (SMT)?** An SMT is a resource group that will assist SOID in managing the various functional aspects of offering a sport (recruiting/ training officials, recruiting/ training clinicians,

managing competition, acting as a resource for SOID coaches, etc). Management Team members need not have experience in each area, and need not participate in each of the functional areas. Rather, team will assist with the overall management of the sport as a group effort.

**How much time is involved?** Our goal is to minimize the amount of time required for Management Team membership. Management Teams will be asked to participate in one annual planning meeting per program year. Additional meetings will be based on need and will be determined by the SMT itself (no more than 1-2 additional meetings per year). If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity please contact Shanna Endow at [sendow@idso.org](mailto:sendow@idso.org).

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#### **Attention Volunteers:**

##### **New required volunteer training**

According to a new Protective Behaviors policy from Special Olympics Inc, all Class A Volunteers must participate in an online training prior to **December 31, 2007** to maintain active status. Protective Behaviors Training is a critical tool for protecting Special Olympics athletes from sexual, physical, and emotional abuse. Volunteers are required to participate in this new training even if they have been involved with Special Olympics for a long time and have seen older training videos.

##### **Available Online Today!**

The training is available online at the end of the General Orientation and only takes about 10-15 minutes to complete. Once you complete the exam at the end of the training, fill out your information and SOID will be notified that you completed this requirement. Volunteers will need to retake the online training every three years to maintain active status. Go to [www.idso.org](http://www.idso.org), click on 'Volunteer' on the Right side of the screen, scroll all the way to the bottom and step through our General Orientation. You can also click on the following link; [http://www.idso.org/website/idaho/orientation\\_files/frame.htm](http://www.idso.org/website/idaho/orientation_files/frame.htm) Thank you to the many volunteers who have taken the Protective Behaviors Training!



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#### **Remember..This Year Winter State Games will be During the Week!**

Hello Everyone!

Just a reminder about this year's state winter games. Our winter games will be organized as a 'test run' for the 2009 World Games here in Idaho! There are going to be quite a few benefits to this for our athletes:

- ✍ There will be more competition
- ✍ Athletes from several other countries, including non-english speaking athletes.
- ✍ World-class course set up, equipment, timing, training, etc.
- ✍ Games will last for 5 days!
- ✍ Huge opening and closing ceremonies
- ✍ Excellent Healthy Athletes program.
- ✍ A 'sneak peek' at the World Games for 2009.

As great as all this will be for our athletes, it can't happen without their coaches there. That is why I am reminding everyone that the competition will take place DURING THE WEEK! The schedule will be as follows:

- ✍ Monday, 2/25: Check In, Opening Ceremonies
- ✍ Tuesday 2/26-Wednesday, 2-27: Competition
- ✍ Thursday, 2/28: Celebration/Closing Ceremony
- ✍ Friday, 2/29: Departure

Please make sure that you have enough coaches to meet your 4/1 ratio for this event- this is a once in a lifetime opportunity for your athletes! Request those days off from work as soon as possible!

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### CHINA WORLD GAMES UPDATE!

On Saturday, 10/13, we welcomed back our seven World Games athletes from China, and congratulated them on their excellent representation of Idaho in China! Here are the results for the athletes that we sent:

- ✦ Chad Schaff- CDA, cycling: 1 gold, 1 silver
- ✦ Becky Retzliff: Parma, Track and Field: 1 silver, 1 bronze
- ✦ Max Sandmeyer: Boise, Aquatics: 1 bronze
- ✦ Kirk Grogan: Rathdrum: Track and Field: 1 Bronze
- ✦ Steve Mitchell: CDA, Bowling: 1 gold, 1 silver
- ✦ Savannah Henstock:Hollister, Equestrian: 2 Silver
- ✦ Todd Fuller: Golf, Lewiston, 7th

Of course we don't want to forget superstar coach, Gaydena Smith, from Blackfoot, who went along with the team, and slept about 15 minutes over the course of two weeks.

The athletes all reported that they had the greatest time, made many new friends, and were honored to represent our state, and the great Special Olympics athletes of Idaho. They also said that they would be happy if they never ate another noodle or bowl of rice!

Please congratulate these athletes the next time you see them, and let them know how proud we are of them.

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### Get Your Tickets Now for Iron Chef IV!

October 22, 2007, 6-9 pm at the Egyptian Theatre in Boise Witness 'Combat Cooking' at its best with Iron Chef IV! It's the Special Olympics Idaho team featuring Gino and BSU Hall of Quarterback Bart Hendricks vs. Jon Mortimer and World Cycling Champion, Kristen Armstrong for the YMCA. This promises to be a fun evening of culinary delight and competition as the two teams battle it out. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by calling the Egyptian Theatre at (208) 345-0454 or the Boise CO-OP at (208) 472-4500 or by stopping by either location in person. A celebrity panel will judge the competition. The beneficiary of the winning team gets an additional \$1,000. Come cheer our team on and support Special Olympics Idaho!



### Iron Chef - Volunteers Needed

The Iron Chef event will take place on October 22nd at the Egyptian Theater in downtown Boise. Special Olympics Idaho and another non profit organization will be the beneficiaries this year. We are still looking for a couple of volunteers to help with the food serving that evening from 3pm-9pm. If you are interested in this opportunity please contact Shanna Endow at [sendow@idso.org](mailto:sendow@idso.org).

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### Tip-A-Cop at Idaho Falls Applebees

Deputy Jake Johnson from the Bingham County Sheriff's Department and his fellow LETR officers in the Idaho Falls/Pocatello area will be serving up dinner at the **Applebees** in Idaho Falls in exchange for tips. Come join us on **Friday, October 19 from 5- 9 pm and Saturday, October 20 from 11:30-2 pm and 5-9 pm** for a scrumptious meal at Applebees and support Special Olympics Idaho and the LETR officers!



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### Area's 3 & 4

It's been a great 2007 for Area's 3 & 4. The teams in this area are growing like mad and that's good! Volunteers are pouring in with all of the awareness coming for Special Olympics Idaho due to the World Winter Games coming here in 2009.

We are excited to add Floor Hockey to our sports offered here in Idaho. From this area I have (6) teams that are planning to add this sport to their rosters. Please don't forget to attend the Floor Hockey training on Saturday, October 20th here in Boise if your team is participating. I need the teams **LPC's** as well as their **Head Coaches** and some 'helper' coaches as well. **Teams won't get their equipment unless these folks attend and inform Corby beforehand.**

Bogus Basin has again agreed to give our Alpine Skiing as well as our Snowboarding Athletes and all of their Coaches a season pass for 2007/2008. Isn't that wonderful and so generous of them? LPC's I need the names of all the athletes that are planning to participate in these two sports + all of the Coaches that will be assisting these athletes by Thursday, November 01 so I can get the names to Bogus Basin. Then each Athlete and Coach will need to go to Bogus Basin, get their pictures taken and pick up their season pass. **Please do not wait until the first day of winter practice to do this.**

I am excited for 2008 and all of the new things coming because of WWG2009 and hope you are also.

Thanks a lot to Pam Mathis and Dave Wisenor for begin the Venue Directors for Area 4 Softball Games and Area 3 Bowling. Barbara Wisenor, Director, Area's 3 & 4, SOID

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### LETR Torch Run in Shanghai China:

**'It is so Powerful it Will Change Your Life Forever!'**

Impressions from Deputy Chief Jim Kerns of the Boise Police Department

I was apprehensive as my trip to China approached. I actually was waffling about whether or not to go. However, what started out as a hesitant trip soon became the trip of a lifetime. The World Games in China was the most impressive event that I have ever attended in my 25 years of law

enforcement. When we arrived in China we were greeted by Chinese police officers who soon became our good friends. From our first meeting that was very formal and stoic, we grew friendships that were all about hugs, tears of joy, tears of sorrow and tears of hope.

What most people didn't know was that this Final Leg of the Torch Run was the most historic event in the Guardians of the Flame, Law Enforcement Torch Run's 26 year history. It was the first time ever that the Special Olympics Flame of Hope was run on every continent in the world by law enforcement officers from over 120 countries world wide. Runners from every part of the globe participated in the event.

The world now knows about the Law Enforcement Torch Run and what it means to the Special Olympics. It is important for us to carry on the tradition and the pageantry of the LETR and the Flame of Hope as it comes to Idaho in 2009. The Guardians of the Flame are proud to do what we do for our Special Olympics athletes. We will proudly carry the Flame of Hope across Idaho in 2009. We need the communities in Idaho to embrace the Special Olympics spirit.

Deputy Chief Jim Kerns is the LETR State Director. He was a Torch Run Final Leg team support person at the 2007 World Summer Games in Shanghai, China.

Next month's newsletter will feature an article from Officer Tracy Perreira from the Twin Falls Police Department, torch runner for the Final Leg in Shanghai, China.

