

# Special Olympics on schedule despite heat

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BOISE — Special Olympics Idaho organizers said the games are still on for this weekend despite temperatures close to or exceeding 100 degrees.

"We're very aware of it, we know it's going to be hot," spokesman Ryan Panitz said. "We've taken preventative measures and we will have medical personnel on the scene in case anything happens."

Precautions include abundant water donated by American Family Insurance and extra tents to provide shade.

Panitz said more than 1,000 athletes will participate in the games, which are open to people with mental disabilities.

"This is what Special Olympics is all about, this marks the culmination of eight months of training for athletes from all over Idaho," he said.

Special Olympics Idaho offers year-round training and athletic competitions free of charge to mentally disabled Idahoans.

Primary Health and 3-A-Day of Dairy are sponsoring the games' Healthy Athletes initiative, which will offer participants a free medical screening and checkup.

This year also marks the re-

## Special Olympics Idaho schedule

### Today

■ Opening Ceremonies: 7:15 to 8:30 p.m., Julia Davis Park band shell

### Saturday

■ Track and Field: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Timberline High School

■ Cycling: 8 a.m. to noon, Boise High School

■ Powerlifting: 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., Gold's Gym on Fairview Avenue

■ Swimming: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., West YMCA

■ Basketball: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., YMCA Homecourt in Meridian

■ Softball: 8 a.m. to noon, Fort Boise

■ Equestrian: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Expo Idaho

■ Golf: 1 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Shadow Valley Golf Course

■ Healthy Athletes Screening: 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., Capital High School

■ Picnic and Barbecue: 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Capital High School

■ Victory Dance: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Capital High School

### Sunday

■ Breakfast Service: 7 to 8:30 a.m., Capital High School

turn of the Law Enforcement Torch Run, Panitz said. About 50 officers from agencies across the Treasure Valley will carry the torch from the Boise Train Depot to Julia Davis Park as part of the opening ceremonies, to be held at 7:15 p.m. tonight at the park's band shell.

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