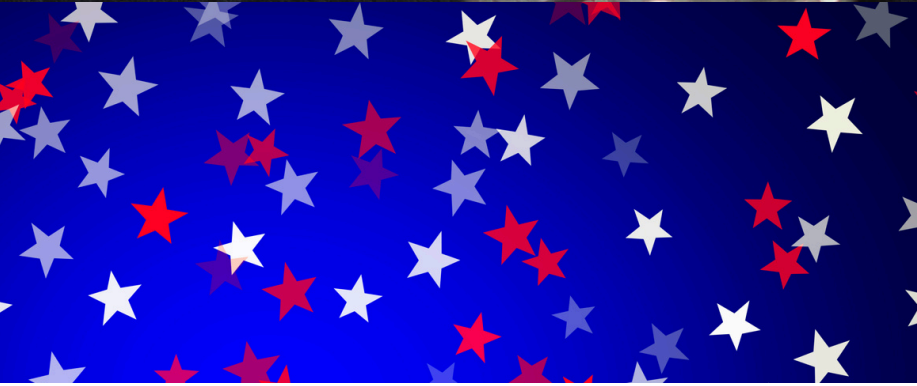


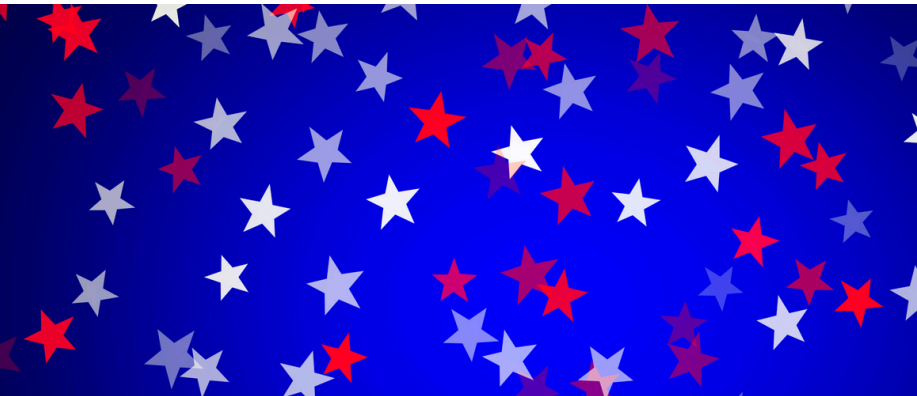


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4<sup>th</sup> of  
July



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## 2024 FALL GAMES FREEDOM PARK - VALDOSTA, GA

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### We Need Help With

- Bocce
- Softball
- Golf
- Cycling

We need volunteers for a variety of jobs at our 2024 State Fall Games! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact David Crawford at [David.Crawford@specialolympicsga.org](mailto:David.Crawford@specialolympicsga.org) or (229) 292-5143

**OR SIGN UP WITH OUR LINK!**

**SIGN UP HERE**






**October 18th-19th**



For more information, please visit <https://www.specialolympicsga.org> or  
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**PRIDE MONTH**



*We are all the same* 

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#2026USAGames #SpecialOlympicsGeorgia  
#CallingAllChampions #NationalFlagDay



Throughout June, we celebrated the values that unite us as athletes, competitors, and people. #SpecialOlympicsGeorgia is proud to be a part of this, and we can't wait to showcase our athletes' incredible talent and determination at the 2026 USA Games! Athlete Erin H. and SOGA team member Jake B. are in front of our state office, headquartered since 2017. Also included is our Champions Memorial, donated by The Coca-Cola Company!

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# 2024 STATE SUMMER GAMES

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## SOGA MEMORIAL GOLF CLASSIC

Monday, November 11, 2024

### Sponsorship and Golfer Opportunities

If interested, please contact Georgia Milton-Sheats at [GMS@specialolympicsga.org](mailto:GMS@specialolympicsga.org), or  
(770) 414-9390 ext. 1106

#### Presenting Sponsor \$10,000

Five, Four Player Teams, Four Hole Recognition Signs,  
Listing on Sponsor Board & website, Recognition at Reception, Opportunity to speak  
at Reception, Logo on event PR & flyers, & Opportunity to put logo or company items  
in Golfer bags and 3 banners.

#### Platinum Sponsor \$7,000

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#### Gold Sponsor \$5,000

Two, Four Player Teams, Two Hole Recognition Signs, Listing on Sponsor board and  
1 Banner

#### Breakfast Sponsor \$3,000

One, Four Player Team Two Hole Recognition Signs, Opportunity to  
speak- Golf sendoff, Listing on Sponsor Board, 1 Banner

#### Silver Sponsor \$2,500

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One, Four Player Teams

#### Hole Sponsor \$550

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#### Single Golfer \$500

(Will be Paired)



Each golfer will receive:

A Tournament Gift Bag

Breakfast

Boxed Lunch on course

Beverages throughout the day

Hors d'oeuvres and beverages at

the post-tournament

Reception/Silent Auction



## *Christmas in July*

**5K/10K/Half Marathon  
is supporting**



**Special Olympics  
Georgia**

***(Volunteers Needed)***

You can, too, by participating in the  
**Christmas in July 5K/10K/Half  
Marathon**

***Click*  
*here to*  
*sign up!***

on July 20 at New Realm Brewing.  
Start & Finish at New Realm but run  
on the BeltLine!

Races start at 7:30 am.

Finisher medals to the 1st  
500-registered.



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## MEDFEST

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2024

9AM-2PM

6046 Financial Dr.  
Norcross, GA 30071

### OUR SERVICE

- ✔ Free Athlete Medical Screenings
- ✔ Basketball Skills
- ✔ Referrals/Resources
- ✔ Lunch Provided

### CONTACT US

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## *Thank you*

TO ALL OF THE LOCAL  
COORDINATORS FOR GETTING  
ATHLETE MEDICALS COMPLETED.

FALL INCENTIVE WILL START  
AUGUST 9TH-OCTOBER 9TH

## SOGA NIGHT ATLANTA DREAM



THE ATLANTA DREAM IS HAPPY TO HOST A NIGHT  
FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS GEORGIA ATHLETES!  
TICKETS ARE \$27 (LINK TO COME) AND INCLUDES  
A UNIFIED BASKETBALL GAME PRIOR TO THE  
GAME, WATCH WARMUPS FROM BASELINE, FAN  
TUNNEL, AND MORE!

[AtIDreamGroups.Com/SOGA](https://AtIDreamGroups.Com/SOGA)

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2024**

IF INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT [LIZ.SMITH@SPECIALOLYMPICSGA.ORG](mailto:LIZ.SMITH@SPECIALOLYMPICSGA.ORG)

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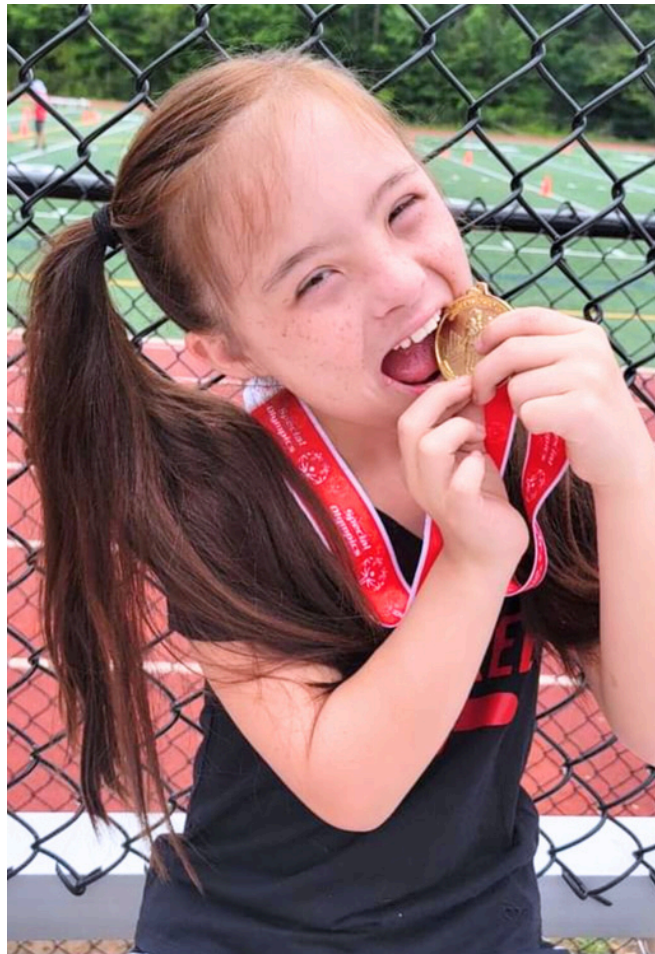
### Honda USA Foundation

Honda USA Foundation has always been a company with a purpose that guides how we act and what we believe. Honda USA has been a presenting sponsor for the last several years supporting our Georgia Athletes at Summer Games every May. The Honda USA Foundation supports society in the areas of education, mobility, the environment, and traffic safety by strategically collaborating with like-minded organizations to drive sustainable change in marginalized communities throughout the nation where Honda operations are located. They provide a fun activity to make tie dye t-shirts with the Athletes at Summer Games. It is one of the favorite activities besides competition for the Athletes. They can take a keepsake home to remember their Summer Games competition.



<https://csr.honda.com/>

## ATHLETE OF THE MONTH



**Lyric W.**

**Lyric has one of the best personalities of any athlete you will ever meet! Although she might be small in stature now, her fierceness more than makes up for it on the track and on the softball field! Lyric has only been an athlete for two short years, but her presence has already made a huge impact on the Cherokee County delegation. Lyric is a great example of being brave in every attempt that she makes! We're excited to watch her grow and compete for many years to come!**

## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



**Lisa V.**

Lisa has worked for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation for 18 years and is an Assistant Special Agent in Charge. Over the 15 years she has been involved with the Law Enforcement Torch Run, she has been blessed to have participated in various Cops on Donut Shops, Polar Plunges, Torch Runs, State Games, and other fundraising events. One common theme that is exhibited over and over during every fundraising event is the spirit that is shown by each and every athlete. Friendship, joy, and passion are what embody our amazing athletes. Lisa is on the Executive Council for LETR and she raised over \$30,000.00 with her Hockey Fun Day on June 2nd! Since 2021, she and her 8-year-old son Nolan have been Unified Partners with North Fulton United FC, a soccer team out of Johns Creek, Georgia. They have both made wonderful life-long friends because of the opportunity to play unified soccer. Each time they lace up their cleats and step onto the pitch, they get the gift of experiencing the best of humanity displayed in every game and practice. Raising awareness for our athletes is her passion in life.

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NEED TO GET RE-CERTIFIED?  
RENEW YOUR CERTIFICATION  
ONLINE!**



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ANY QUESTIONS EMAIL  
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## CALLING ALL UNIFIED PARTNERS

**Unified partners train and compete on the same team comprised of athletes with and without intellectual disabilities.**

**COME BE A PART OF INCLUSION. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF A SPECIAL OLYMPICS TEAM PLEASE CONTACT US!**

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## SOGA PROMOS



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