




**Georgia's  
Champions**

**August 2024**

**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 Elizabeth Joyce at [Elizabeth.Joyce@specialolympicsga.org](mailto:Elizabeth.Joyce@specialolympicsga.org) or (770) 414-9390 ext. 1116



**October 18th-19th**



For more information, please visit <https://www.specialolympicsga.org> or  
Contact Elizabeth Joyce at [Elizabeth.Joyce@SpecialOlympicsGA.org](mailto:Elizabeth.Joyce@SpecialOlympicsGA.org)

**Special Olympics**  
Georgia



Special Olympics Georgia, SOGA, would like to announce an incentive program to offer more athletes the opportunity to participate in SOGA. The incentive is called the Medical Incentive Program, beginning August 9th, 2024, and runs through October 9th, 2024. Any registered Agency that sends in a new medical packet, which includes the medical form, release form, and 2 health history forms, to register a new athlete or re-register an athlete whose form expired on or before December 31st, 2023, will receive a check from SOGA in the amount of \$45.00 per medical packet.

**SOGA INCENTIVE**

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS GEORGIA MEDICAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM**



**Visit <https://linktr.ee/specialolympicsgeorgia> to learn more!**



## 2024 DUCK PLUCK

SPECIAL OLYMPICS GEORGIA WANTS TO SAY THANK YOU TO OUR 2024 DUCK PLUCK SPONSORS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT! CLICK HERE AND [ADOPT A DUCK!](#)



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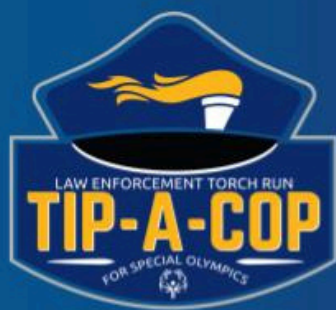
# PIZZA WITH A PURPOSE

**It's back! It's always a great time for pizza, especially for a great cause! Visit any of Atlanta's 3 #CaliforniaPizzaKitchen locations on Thursday, August 8th and 20% of your food and beverage purchases will be donated to #SpecialOlympicsGeorgia! Help support Georgias Champions and grab a hot slice of goodness! Be sure to share this promotion!**



# SAVE THE DATES

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## Save The Date for Tip-A-Cop at Topgolf

August 3 & September 7  
at participating U.S. locations



Special  
Olympics



On August 3rd, Law enforcement officers will serve as celebrity waiters to raise tips to benefit Special Olympics. All donations make a difference in local athletes' lives! Donate at the following minimum amounts to receive a commemorative item:

**LETR Flame Icon (\$5 donation)**

**Special Olympics Golf Ball Lapel Pin (\$20 donation)**

Book your bay now and get ready for a fun and meaningful experience! Donate or find out more by using this QR code, speak with a Topgolf Playmaker, or click [here!](#)



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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

Three, Four Player Teams, Three Hole Recognition Signs, Listing on Sponsor Board &  
website, Recognition at Reception, and 2 Banners

#### 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

One, Four Player Team One Hole Recognition Sign Listing on Sponsor Board

#### Bronze Sponsor \$2,200

One, Four Player Teams

#### Hole Sponsor \$550

One Hole Recognition Sign

#### 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



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Georgia




# MEDFEST


*Join us on  
September 13, 2024*

## Special Olympics Georgia Fall Medfest:

- ✓ Friday, September 13th from 9am - 2pm
- ✓ Athlete Medicals
- ✓ Healthy Hearing screenings
- ✓ Basketball Skills

**FREE MEDICALS**

 770-414-9390 ext. 1108

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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)



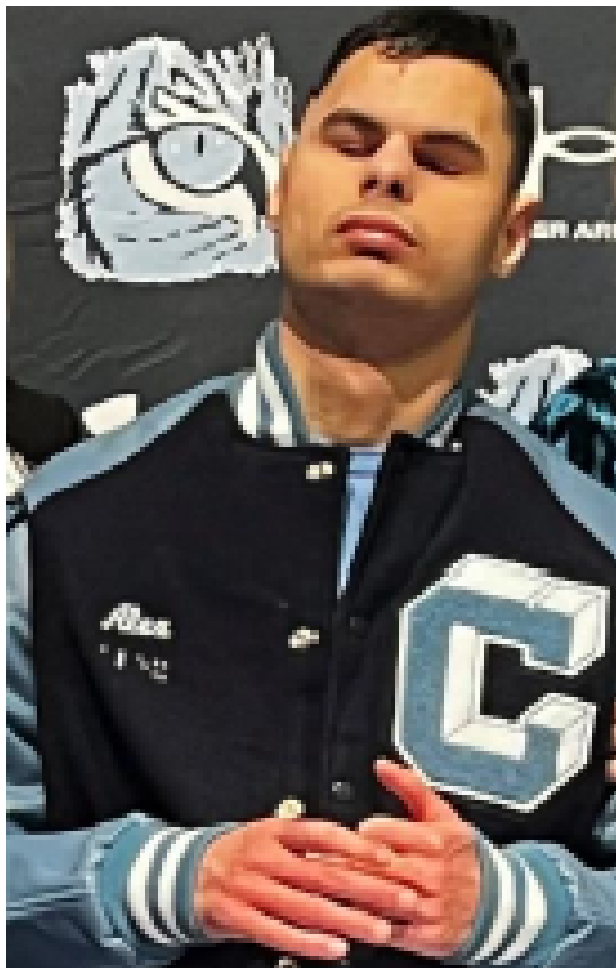


Winter Construction has been a Statewide Sponsor, supporter, and believer in the 18,546 registered athletes of Special Olympics Georgia. The employees of Winter Construction are the most enthusiastic, helpful, and reliable volunteers for the organization and are always there at the State Games to cheer on the athletes! Winter Construction is an award-winning commercial construction company with a reputation for consistently building great daily experiences. They have completed over 2,000 projects in the Southeast including new offices, government facilities, mixed-use, historic restorations, K-12 and higher education, hospitality, multi-family, industrial, and aviation. Building great experiences daily is not just one of their core purposes, it is how they approach every facet of their business. Special Olympics Georgia appreciates everyone at Winter Construction for their dedication, involvement, and genuine connection that they have with the athletes.



<https://www.winter-construction.com>

## ATHLETE OF THE MONTH



**Alex F.**

Alex is a young man who fully exemplifies the Special Olympics motto, "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt." Alex is a senior student-athlete at Camden County High School. Although Alex is deaf and blind, he does not let that hold him back. Alex has participated in Special Olympics each year with Camden County Schools. He has competed in track and field events, as well as bowling. It has been exciting to watch how much Alex has improved in these events through the years. The highlight for Alex was being able to light the torch at our most recent Special Olympics Ceremony at Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base! Alex has had an exciting senior year as he earned his school letterman's jacket for his participation in Special Olympics. Alex received this honor on National Signing Day in February along with other student athletes at Camden County High School. He believes anyone can overcome any obstacle! Alex's senior quote is, "they believed I could, so I DID!"



## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



**Bruce C.**

Bruce has been a volunteer for Special Olympics for 39 years. He has been involved in Athletics (Summer Games) and has also worked in Basketball Skills for Winter Games. He was named Director of Athletics over 10 years ago, and he's very thankful for his team. He often gets asked why he has been a Special Olympics volunteer for so many years. His first year, he was a volunteer for Track & Field (Athletics). The athletes were running the 800 meters. There were 5 athletes in the race and 4 that finished. The 5th Athlete was still on the track and was struggling. He was on the backstretch struggling, walking with his head down. As soon as he made the turn for the home stretch, everyone in the stands stood up, cheering him on. All of a sudden, his head came up, and he started to run, smiling in front of the stands with his arms high up in the air. He finished the race with his arms high in the air, smiling through the finish line. In his mind, he won the race - AND HE DID !!!!!!!!!!!!!!! This is why he volunteers.

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



<https://www.specialolympicsga.org/become-an-athlete/coach/>



ANY QUESTIONS EMAIL  
LIZ.SMITH@SPECIALOLYMPICSGA.ORG

## 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



Thinking of selling or trading in that old car, boat or RV? Donate it instead! SOGA has partnered with CARS to turn your old vehicle, whether it's running or not, into much needed funds for our programs. CARS accepts most cars, trucks, trailers, boats, RV's, motorcycles, off road vehicles, heavy equipment, and most other motorized vehicles. CARS will make all the arrangements at no cost to you. They handle the title transfer requirements and will provide you with a written acknowledgement of your donation and tax deduction information. Click here for more information or to donate your vehicle. A helpful representative will contact you within 24 hours to schedule a pickup, or call CARS seven days a week at 1-844-404-SOGA (7642) to speak with a representative.

Thank you to agency treasurers for the hard work and timely financial submissions!



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