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## Special Olympics Georgia to Host 2024 State Fall Games

Special Olympics Georgia (SOGA) is thrilled to host the 2024 State Fall Games on Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at Freedom Park and other locations in Valdosta, Georgia. SOGA is excited to welcome all athletes, coaches, volunteers, and fans in the stands! Athletes will be competing in multiple events including Bocce, Cycling, Golf, and Softball.

The festivities will start on Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> with the Opening Ceremonies at 7:30 pm. The Lighting of the Torch from the LETR Executive Council members and local law enforcement will follow. Mayor Scott James will perform the Welcome and the 2024 State Fall Games Grand Marshal, Mason Massey, will recite the Opening Games Declaration to kick off the competition. All athletes and delegates in attendance are invited to enjoy the athlete dance and fireworks show!

The competition will start on Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00pm and continue at different venues throughout the weekend. Athletes will also have the chance to attend 2 Healthy Athletes disciplines for free screenings which include Special Smiles and Healthy Hearing. Don't forget to stop by Olympic Town on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:30am-2:00pm, under the tents on Field 1 at Freedom Park! They'll be many fun activities to choose from for the entire family.

Special Olympics Georgia would like to thank our Premier State Sponsors: Publix, UPS, Marlow's Tavern, Dunwoody Country Club and Winter Construction for their dedicated support and loyalty to our athletes. Special Olympics Georgia would also like to thank our Platinum State Sponsors: The Coca-Cola Company and Knights of Columbus.

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