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**SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSTS ITS 39TH ANNUAL STATE WINTER GAMES
Athletes from Across New Hampshire Compete**

Waterville Valley, NH –This weekend SONH will hold its State Winter Games at Waterville Valley Resort. The Games will bring together 381 athletes in the sports of Alpine Skiing, Cross-Country Skiing, Snowboarding and Snowshoeing from March 1st to 3rd. Athletes have been training for the event for ten weeks and are ready and excited to go for the gold!

Opening Ceremonies

Sunday, March 1, 2015
7:30 PM

Town Square, Waterville Valley

During this event, which is open to the public, athletes and coaches will parade into the ceremonies. The “Flame of Hope” will arrive, and all will be treated to a NH State Police helicopter flyover along with the traditional fireworks display. Admission is free for anyone who wishes to attend.

Time Trials Begin

Monday, March 2, 2015
9:30 AM

Various Locations, Waterville Valley

Competition kicks off with the preliminary time trials. Members of the public are encouraged to attend and cheer on the athletes. Admission is free for anyone who wishes to attend.

Medal Competition

Monday, March 2, 2015 – 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM
Tuesday, March 3, 2015 – 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Various Locations, Waterville Valley

Medal Competitions begin in the afternoon on Monday and run through Tuesday afternoon. The public is encouraged to attend the Games and cheer on the athletes of Special Olympics.

To learn more about the sports and programming offered by Special Olympics New Hampshire visit www.sonh.org. Results for all of the events will be available at www.sonh.org.

The State Winter Games are sponsored by Circle K, Irving, McDonalds – The Napoli Group, Coca-Cola Bottlers of Northern New England, Marshalls Tent and Event Rentals, TD Bank, Paul Goyette and Michelle Wheeler of Northeast Planning Associates, Applebee’s, Associated Grocer – Sully’s/Harvest Market/Vista, WOKQ, WMUR, Knights of Columbus, Law Enforcement for Special Olympics, Hometown Foundation, Project UNIFY and Healthy Athletes.

About Special Olympics New Hampshire

Special Olympics New Hampshire (SONH) is an accredited program of Special Olympics International (SOI) and is part of an international global movement that changes lives by encouraging and empowering people with intellectual disabilities, promoting acceptance for all, and fostering communities of understanding and respect worldwide. SONH was founded in 1970 with the first State Summer Games at Phillips Exeter Academy. To learn more, visit www.sonh.org.

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