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**SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSTS ITS 46<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL STATE SUMMER GAMES  
ATHLETES FROM ACROSS THE GRANITE STATE WILL COMPETE**

This weekend SONH will hold its State Summer Games at the University of New Hampshire in Durham. The Games will bring together 808 athletes in the sports of athletics, aquatics, bocce, equestrian and powerlifting from Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Athletes have been training for the event for ten weeks and are ready and excited to go for the gold!

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

**Memorial Field**

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 cruiser parade along with a fireworks display. Admission is free for anyone who wishes to attend.

**COMPETITION**

The public is encouraged to attend the Games and cheer on the athletes as they compete.

**Athletics**

Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 7:30am – 4:30pm

Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> 7:30am – 6:00pm

**Cowell Stadium & Bremner Field**

**Aquatics**

Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – 11:30am

Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – 4:00pm

**Swasey Pool**

**Bocce**

Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 12:30pm – 5:00pm

Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – 3:00pm

**Bremner Field**

**Equestrian**

Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> 9:30am – 12:00pm

**Light Horse Barn**

**Powerlifting**

Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm – 3:30pm

**Jerry Azumah Performance Center**

To learn more about the sports and programming offered by SONH visit [www.sonh.org](http://www.sonh.org). Results for all of the events will be available at [www.sonh.org](http://www.sonh.org).

**VOLUNTEERS**

We are still looking for volunteers to help at the event. We have jobs that fit all interests and ability levels. Please visit our website at [www.sonh.org](http://www.sonh.org) to sign up or simply head to the Volunteer Check-In tent at the Games.

**SPONSORS**

The State Summer Games are sponsored by: Ride-Away, Convenient MD, 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.

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