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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE 49TH ANNUAL
SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE SUMMER GAMES**

On June 1st and 2nd Special Olympics New Hampshire (SONH) will hold its State Summer Games at the University of New Hampshire in Durham. The Games will bring together nearly 800 athletes to compete in athletics, bocce, equestrian, powerlifting, sprint triathlon and swimming from Friday, June 1st to Saturday, June 2nd. Athletes have been training for the event for ten weeks and are ready and excited to go for the gold!

More than 1,000 volunteers are needed to make the Games a success. Volunteers help in all aspects of the event including: timing races, serving food, taking pictures of the event and handing out awards. Special Olympics is still looking for volunteers to help on both Friday and Saturday. Please visit www.sonh.org to sign up.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS ABOUT THE STATE SUMMER GAMES ARE LISTED BELOW.

Opening Ceremonies

Friday, June 1st at 7:30 PM

Wildcat Stadium

During this event, which is open to the public, athletes will be highlighted, 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

Friday, June 1st 8:00am – 3:00pm

Saturday, June 2nd 8:00am – 3:00pm

Wildcat Stadium & Bremner Field

Equestrian

Friday, June 1st 10:00am – 12:30pm

Light Horse Barn

Aquatics

Friday, June 1st 9:00am – 4:00pm

Saturday, June 2nd 10:30am -1:30pm

Swasey Pool

Powerlifting

Friday, June 1st 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Jerry Azumah Performance Center

Bocce

Friday, June 1st 9:30am – 3:30pm

Saturday, June 2nd 9:30am – 3:00pm

Bremner Field

Sprint Triathlon

Friday, June 1st 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Starts at UNH Campus Recreation Outdoor Pool and ends at Wildcat Stadium

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

SPONSORS

The State Summer 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, Eversource Energy, Applebee’s, Associated Grocer – Sully’s/Harvest Market/Vista, WOKQ, WMUR and Knights of Columbus.

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. To learn more, visit www.sonh.org.