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Team New Hampshire Competes in Seattle at 2018 Special Olympics USA Games *Saturday, June 30, 2018*

Thirty-eight athletes and fifteen coaches from across New Hampshire are in Seattle, Washington competing at the 2018 Special Olympics USA Games. From July 1-6, Team New Hampshire will join thousands of Special Olympics athletes and coaches from across the nation, along with tens of thousands of volunteers, family members and fans, for a week of special events and competitions. Team New Hampshire athletes will be competing in athletics, basketball, bocce, bowling, golf, powerlifting and swimming. In addition, Team New Hampshire has one athlete and one Unified Sports® partner participating in the Youth Leadership Experience, which will bring together high school students from across the country where they will participate in a week of volunteering and training on how to be representatives of change within their schools, communities, and state.

Photos of Team New Hampshire

<https://flic.kr/s/aHskDLtmwE>

Team New Hampshire Bios

<http://sonh.org/sports-and-competitive-events/Summer/USA-Games/default.aspx> (see Meet the Team section at bottom of the page).

Saturday Summary

Team New Hampshire arrived in Seattle late Friday night and spent Saturday exploring the University of Washington's campus. They walked to each venue to familiarize athletes and coaches with where each team would be competing. The Team visited Pikes Market Place in the afternoon. The team loved watching the Ferris wheel that is next to the water as well as the Pike's Market Fish Toss. Most athletes had more than 10,000 steps on their Movbands before the day was done!

Sunday's Events

Opening Ceremony will take place on Sunday, July 1st. The Ceremony will include a Parade of Athletes and entertainment including Charlie Puth, Marshmello, Allen Stone, Ann Wilson of Heart, Massive Monkees and more! Taye Diggs will serve as the master of ceremonies while the 2,018 member choir will serve as the living backdrop. Plus, the Special Olympics Cauldron will be lit to open the 2018 USA Games.

Opening Ceremony will air LIVE on ABC 3:30p ET / 12:30p PT, it will also be streaming LIVE on ESPN3 (which can be access through the WatchESPN app/website).

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