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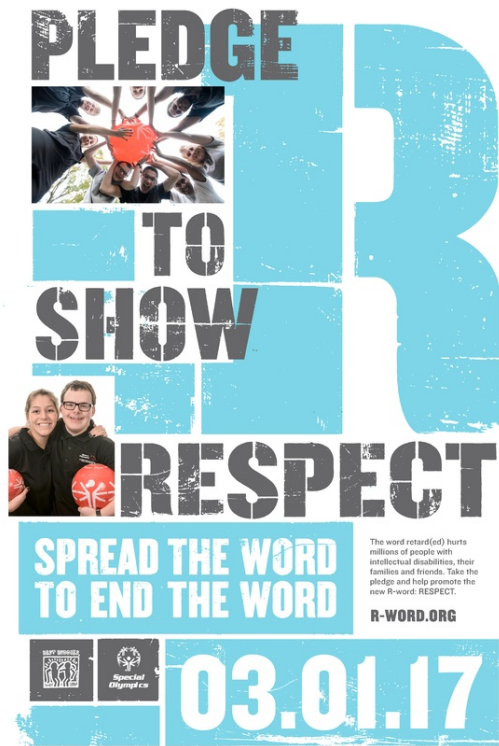


Pictured Above: Central Region's Jordan Schachtler heads towards the finish line at the 2017 State Winter Games held in Poughkeepsie. Later this month, Jordan will be heading to Austria to compete at the World Winter Games in Nordic Skiing. We wish you the best of luck Jordan!

2017 State Winter Games

On February 17th-19th, Poughkeepsie served as the host for the 2017 State Winter Games. Athletes from across New York came together to compete in alpine skiing, Nordic skiing, figure skating, floor hockey, and snowshoeing. The Central Region contingent included clubs from Madison, Oneida and Onondaga.

Congratulations to all the competitors on a job well done!



It is time we Spread the Word to End the WordTM and build awareness for society to stop and think about its' use of the R-word. Use of that R-word, "retard" or "retarded," is hurtful and painful and whether intended or not, is a form of bullying. Most people don't think of this word as hate speech, but that's exactly what it feels like to millions of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families and friends. The R-word is just as cruel and offensive as any other slur. Visit www.r-word.org to make your pledge today. Eliminating the use of this word is a step toward respect.

Coaches Corner:

The Central Region has transitioned to the summer season and many training clubs have already started practices while others will be starting up with in the next few weeks. For a list of the training clubs offered please refer to the link located at the top left of this page.

Upcoming Events:

March 11th: Springbrook Basketball Invitational
April 1st: Genesee Super Regional Basketball
April 2nd: Regional Aquatics at Auburn YMCA
April 8th: Weedsport Bowling
April 30th: Central Super Regional Volleyball

Development

World Winter Games Donations

Donate today to help sponsor local Special Olympics athletes going to Special Olympics 2017 World Winter Games in Austria, March 14 - March 25, 2017.

Central Region & Southern Tier are proud to have 3 of our Special Olympics athletes from our region(s) representing New

Kinsey Henry of Groton, NY- snowshoe
Jordan Schachtler of Clinton, NY- cross country skiing
John Williams of Berkshire, NY- cross country skiing

This once in a lifetime experience of representing the United States of America on a world stage is completely cost-free to our athletes. Help underwrite the cost of this amazing opportunity and make a dream come true! The cost for one Athlete to experience this life-changing opportunity is approximately \$10,000. Special Olympics does not charge its Athletes, their families or caregivers to train or compete.

Over 15,000 people will participate in the Special Olympics World Winter Games in 2017. In addition to the 3,000 athletes expected from 108 countries, there will be 5,000 family members, 1,100 coaches, 1,000 media representatives, 3,000 volunteers and 1,200 honored guests expected.

Make checks payable to Special Olympics NY, or donate online
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