



July 12, 2017

Tune In as Eunice Kennedy Shriver is Honored at ESPYS



Eunice Kennedy Shriver will be honored with the prestigious Arthur Ashe Courage Award during the live broadcast of the Excellence in Sports Performance Yearly Awards (ESPYS) on ABC on 12 July. Special Olympics Chairman Tim Shriver will accept the award on behalf of his mother and the entire Special Olympics movement, especially its athletes. Eight athletes will join him on stage for what is sure to be an amazing moment of television. Tune in to see it all LIVE on ABC at 8 pm tonight!

Iron Eagle 5k & Fun Run

On Saturday, over 130 runners and walkers came together to honor the late Shane Bartholf, whose life ended too soon, for the inaugural Iron Eagle 5K & Family Run. Shane Bartholf was "relentlessly compassionate, endlessly encouraging and an avid adventure seeker who's passion was supporting athletes be the best they can be at Special Olympics New York," said Race Organizer and Sister of Shane, Leah Jacob.

Participants enjoyed a scenic run through the landscapes of Mendon finishing with a medal ceremony, music, bounce houses and sports massages. Over \$15,000 was donated to the Genesee Region of Special Olympics New York where Shane volunteered over the years, whether through competition or in the office, Special Olympics is a cause that was near and dear to his heart and Shane's family is proud to keep his legacy of compassion and love of sport alive with this race.

A special thanks to the Bartholf family for their support and being a friend to Special Olympics New York!



2018 Winter State Games

The 2018 Winter State Games will commence on February 23 with Opening Ceremonies, including a ceremonial parade of athletes, motivational speeches, local entertainment and the Law Enforcement Torch Run at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center which will also host Olympic Village and Healthy Athletes throughout. The Rochester Riverside Convention Center will also host Closing Ceremonies and a Victory Dance on February 24, 2018.

Winter State Games event venues include:

Alpine Skiing - Swain Ski Resort
Figure Skating and Speed Skating - Genesee Valley Sports Complex
Floor Hockey - Rochester Riverside Convention Center
Nordic Skiing - Bristol Mountain
Snowshoeing - Cobbs Hill Park

A Games Organizing Committee (GOC) has been established to organize the various aspects of the games, secure local community support, sponsorship and provide a unique Greater Rochester feel to the games. The Co-Chairs of the 2018 & 2019 State Winter Games GOC are Dennis Mullen, President/Founder of The Mullen Group, Managing Director of the Monroe County Sports Commission and Maggie Brooks, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, Regional Transit Service.

The 2018 Special Olympics State Winter Games will require extensive local support to be as successful as possible. Local businesses and organizations can also provide support through a range of sponsorship opportunities. We are proud to announce the following corporate partners who have made a commitment to the 2018 Winter Games- Constellation Brands, The Bonadio Group, E.R. Select, The Mullen Group, Tobey Village Office Park, Genesee Regional Bank and Lily Pond Ventures. For more information about sponsorships, contact Kelley Ligozio, Senior Director of Development, at 585-586-7400 or email her at kligozio@nyso.org.

Local volunteers - individuals or groups - will be needed for various jobs throughout the weekend. For more information and to register online, please visit www.specialolympicsny.org or email volunteer@nyso.org.

The full press release regarding the 2018/2019 Winter State Games in Rochester, NY can be found [here](#).

Coaches Corner

Coaches Training

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a certified Special Olympics New York coach, the first step is to attend one of our online general sessions followed by attending one of our sport specific trainings. Please click the link(s) provided below to register for the corresponding general session and/or sport specific training.

Style of Training	Date	Time	Location
General Session Orientation	7/26/2017*	6-9pm	Online
Coaches Training - Bocce	8/15/2017	6:30-7:30pm	Harris Whalen Park 2130 Penfield Road Penfield, NY 14526
Coaches Training - Bocce	8/22/2017	6:30-7:30pm	Harris Whalen Park 2130 Penfield Road Penfield, NY 14526

Please note that the 7/12/2017 General Session Orientation has been rescheduled for 7/26/2017



Rochester Youth Triathlon

Rochester Area Triathletes will be hosting their 7th annual Youth Triathlon on July 22th at 8:30am at Genesee Valley Park. The triathlon is open to anyone ages 6-17 and there are three distances to choose from: Short, Long, or Teen Super Sprint. Special Olympics athletes can register at a discounted rate of \$5 for the event, just select that you are a city resident on the registration form. Please check out the website [here](#). If you have any questions or would like some more information please contact Betsy Ernst at bernst@nys.o.org.

Get Involved!

We have lots happening throughout the Greater Rochester community to support Special Olympics New York this summer. Check these events out and join in on the fun!

Tony D Memorial Golf Tournament in Honor of Tony DiCesare
Tuesday, August 8
Brook-Lea Golf County Club

Tony DiCesare was a dear friend to Special Olympics New York and to honor his legacy the DiCesare family is hosting a 18-hole golf tournament with a 12:30PM Shotgun Start, followed by a dinner, auction and awards ceremony. Proceeds raised from the inaugural golf outing will benefit Special

Olympics New York. Foursomes are sold out but sponsorships are still available that offer opportunity to golf. For more information visit tonydgolf.org.

**14th Annual Teeing Off For Teddy
Saturday, August 26
Davis Countryside Meadows in Pavilion**

Teeing Off for Teddy is an annual golf tournament that benefits Special Olympics New York, Genesee Region. Since 2004 Andy Schwytzer and the Schwytzer family have donated over \$103,000 to Special Olympics New York! 10AM Shotgun Start followed by a delicious dinner and great prizes! Registration is open and for more information visit the Teeing Off For Teddy Facebook page @teeingoffforteddy.

**Knights of Columbus, Finger Lakes Chapter, Special Olympics Golf Outing
Saturday, August 26
Pinewood Country Club in Spencerport**

Come out for some fun for the Knights of Columbus, Finger Lakes Chapter day of golf to support Special Olympics New York. The day tees off at 8:30AM with a Shotgun Start, 9-hole golf tournament and ending the day with delicious buffet dinner at Noon. Registration is open and for more information on signing up to golf or volunteer contact Bob Rejewski 585-637-227, Mike Flanagan 585-314-3163 or email at KofC.FLC.SpecialOlympicsGolf@gmail.com.



**Special Olympics Athlete
Scholarships Offered Through YMCA
of Greater Rochester**

Did you know that the YMCA of Greater Rochester offers Special Olympic's Athletes a personalized financial assistance process for individual memberships?

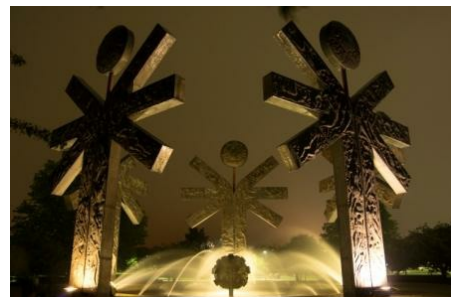
Did you know that the YMCA of Greater Rochester is supportive of 1:1 support at all of their branches as a benefit to the Athletes membership?!

Take advantage of these great benefits today by filling out [this application](#) and emailing/faxing it directly to Caroline Moran at carolinem@rochesterymca.org, fax 585-454-1326, or contact Caroline directly at 585-263-3941.

Competitions and Volunteer Opportunities

Fall season events are posted on the calendar and we are adding more information for these events as it comes in. To access registration forms or volunteer at any of these events, please visit our calendar and click on the program(s) that interest you.

[OUR CALENDAR](#)



"Volunteering for the Special Olympics has been a life changing experience. The athletes I have met and worked with have given me a new outlook on life!"

Special Olympics Volunteer, Jessica Anders

"Participating with Special Olympics New York has allowed me to make lots of new friends and have experiences that would never have been possible before"

Special Olympics Athlete, Amanda Vito

"There is no greater cause on earth, which is why I jump into Lake Ontario every year to support it!"

Special Olympics Supporter, Mitch Caracho

Links: [Resources](#)/ [Medical & Consent](#)/ [Concussion Training](#)/ [Protective Behaviors](#)

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