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Buffalo Snow Bowl - Thank You!

This past Saturday saw supporters of Special Olympics NY take to the gridiron at New Era Field in the first annual Buffalo Snow Bowl fundraiser. With temperatures reminiscent of a Bills' home playoff game in January and snow flurries throughout the day, the setting was perfect for 6-on-6 flag football action. It was a thrilling experience for everyone involved, and we look forward to making it even bigger and better next year!

A special thank you to our photographer, Ken Smith, who braved the elements and other obstacles to provide us with this outstanding [photo gallery](#) from the day!

Upcoming Coaches Trainings

The March 15, 2017 online General Session Orientation has been re-scheduled. The orientation will instead be held on **March 22, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.**

This is the first step to becoming a certified Special Olympics coach and required for any volunteers that plan to travel to competitions with a Special Olympics team. Please use the link below to register for this training. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3897159971413948675>

On Tuesday, Mar. 28, an aquatics coaches training will be offered at Clarence Middle School from 6:00 - 8:30 pm. All coaches who work with aquatics athletes are required to have this training. Click [here](#) to sign up!

Special Olympics World Games in Austria - Coverage Begins March 18

- ESPN's first World Winter Games coverage includes live three-hour Opening Ceremony featuring Parade of Athletes, Special Guests and musical performances from multi-Grammy Award winner Jason Mraz and Grace VanderWaal.
- Robin Roberts, Kevin Negandhi, Lindsay Czarniak and Dustin Plunkett to host coverage from Graz, Schladming-Rohrmoos and Ramsau.
- Nightly Special Olympics World Winter Games 2017 program to bring viewers stories, competition showcase, interviews and more throughout the Games.
- Coverage also includes: Extensive news, video and information on ESPN.com, ESPN App; Vignette Series across ESPN platforms.

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Reminders and Updates

[Super Regional Basketball - Registrations due Mar. 17](#)

[Western Local Aquatics - Registrations due March 24](#)

[Aquatics Coaches Training - Mar. 28](#)

[Western Regional Basketball - Registrations due April 7](#)

Law & Order Tully's - May 4

"I've volunteered with Special Olympics NY in high school in the Syracuse area and in college at Niagara University. Working with the athletes has been one of the best experiences of my life!"

Morgan B., Niagara University graduate student

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