

2017 Special Olympics Overnight Sports Camp



Special Olympics Delaware's Overnight Sports Camp is a three-day, two-night camp featuring sports training, traditional camp activities and socialization held at Camp Barnes, located near Bethany Beach in southern Delaware. Camp is offered to all qualified Special Olympics Delaware **athletes**. This year Special Olympics Delaware is again offering two overnight sessions. Athletes may apply for acceptance into **ONLY 1 of the 2 following camps:**

SESSION 1: SATURDAY, AUGUST 5-MONDAY AUGUST 7

SESSION 2: SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 – TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

Applications are being considered now for both camps. *Space at both camps is limited and a completed application does not mean acceptance into camp. Openings will be filled based on the following criteria:*

Criteria for Acceptance:

Athletes, at a minimum:

1. *Must be a current registered athlete of Special Olympics Delaware.*
2. *Must have trained and competed in a Special Olympics Delaware event within the past year (Summer Games 2016 through Basketball 2017). Priority will be given to athletes who have trained and competed in 2 or more sports during this time period with an **Area Program (Wilmington, Newark, MOT, Sussex, or Kent)**. Athletes who have only competed in school programs will be placed on a waiting list, if they meet all other requirements.*
3. *Must be willing to participate in all activities offered throughout the duration of camp.*
4. *Must be able to be relatively independent in daily life skills and follow directions of staff and counselors.*
5. ***Athlete(s) who live in a group home and are selected for camp may be required to have a staff member attend camp as a counselor.***

** Recommended minimum age for attending camp is 13 years old.*

Registration Procedure:

1. *Fill out the attached application and return to SODE by **April 14, 2017.***
 - a. *Any application that is not completely filled out or received after the date will not be accepted.*
 - b. *Receiving application before the deadline does not guarantee acceptance athletes must meet the minimum requirements.*
 - c. *Attendance at prior camps does not guarantee acceptance into this year's camp.*
2. *Must have a current valid Athlete Medical on file with Special Olympics Delaware.*
 - a. *If an athlete's medical is set to expire prior to camp he/she must have an updated medical before July 31, 2017 or have a Doctor's appointment scheduled prior to camp to ensure the medical will be updated.*
3. *Campers will be notified if they have been selected by May 12, 2017.*