



# KENT AREA SPORTS UPDATE

## SIGN UP FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS BASKETBALL and/or WINTER SPORTS

\*To participate, please contact the Sport Director to register prior to attending your first practice.

Please remember that all athletes must have a current Special Olympics medical form on file at the SODE office before training and competing in Basketball or Winter Sports. Below are the due dates for SODE athletes and Unified Partners' medical release forms, as well as coaches' Class A requirements. These are also the deadlines to sign up for these sports:

**December 4 (Nordic Skiing or Snowshoeing) • December 23 (Alpine Skiing) • February 5, 2016 (Basketball)**

SPORT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	SPORT DIRECTOR	CONTACT
<b>WINTER SPORTS (Snowshoeing)</b>	Practices start Sunday, Nov. 29	2-3:30pm	Paper Mill Park, Newark	Kevin Chong	snowshoeseason@gmail.com
<b>WINTER SPORTS (Nordic or Alpine Skiing)</b>	TBD	TBD	Alpine Skiing trains at Blue Mountain	Mark Wise	mwise@udel.edu or call 302-831-4669
Athletes compete at the Special Olympics Pennsylvania Winter Games in Seven Springs Ski Resort on Feb. 7-9, 2016. Special Olympics Delaware will provide uniforms and equipment. For more information on Winter Sports, please contact Mark Wise at mwise@udel.edu					
<b>BASKETBALL</b>	Practices start on Sunday, Jan. 17, 2016	1:00 pm	Main gym at Wesley College on Governor's Ave. in Dover	Jasper Little	302-399-3395
Please contact Jasper Little at 302-399-3395 or Dave Manwiller at 302-233-8018 if you are interested in playing Basketball. We will have a Unified team, traditional teams and a skills team. Let us know in advance if you are planning on joining a team!					
REMINDER: All coaches MUST complete a Class A certification, complete an online certification course and attend a coaching clinic. We will have a clinic in conjunction with one of our practice session, TBA.					

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- 1) **Young Athletes Program Coordinator needed!** Looking for a volunteer with a willingness and desire to work with young children (ages 2-7), and coordinating volunteer coaches. Program will run 1x a week for 45 min. during February through March. For more information, please contact Jon Buzby at jbuzby@udel.edu or 302-831-3484.
- 2) **Coaches and Unified Partners are needed for the upcoming Basketball season.** If you are interested, please contact Dave Manwiller at sode.kent@gmail.com or call 302-233-8018.
- 3) **We are looking for persons interested in coaching Swimming.** Please contact Dave Manwiller if interested.
- 4) Volunteers are always needed throughout the year in Kent County. If you would like more general information on volunteering for Special Olympics, please contact Carly Thompson at cthom@udel.edu.

**New! AREA SPIRITWEAR - place your orders online (\*\*Great holiday gift!)**

In an effort to provide athletes, families and fans with access to Special Olympics Delaware spiritwear, all areas will now have the opportunity to order area wearables and gear at any time with our new and secure vendor-based online ordering system! T-shirts, sweatpants, crew and zip up sweatshirts and hoodies will be available. New this year are tank tops, mesh shorts, twill caps and drawstring backpacks!



Example: Navy sweatshirt in crewneck style

Use this link to place an order. [http://willpromo.com/wild\\_kats\\_spiritwear](http://willpromo.com/wild_kats_spiritwear)



Thank you to all our Kent Area leadership team, volunteers, families and athletes for your work and support with our hayride and with the Area spirit tent at the SODE Fall Festival! Many thanks, also, to all our coaches, Unified Partners and volunteers for your help throughout this past sports season. Go Wild Kats!

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**2015-2016 UPCOMING EVENTS:** (Go to [WWW.SODE.ORG](http://WWW.SODE.ORG) for additional information)

**Friday, December 4, 2015**

**Get in the holiday spirit and register for the 10th Anniversary of the Reindeer Run & Romp**  
Register at [www.sode.org](http://www.sode.org).

**Friday, December 11, 2015**

Charlton School - MATP demonstration and Young Athletes Program (YAP) event

**Saturday, January 9, 2016**

Bowling Area State Tournament at Milford Bowl, Milford and at Brunswick Doverama, Dover

**Sunday, February 7, 2016**

**Join us for the 2016 Lewes Polar Bear Plunge in Rehoboth Beach ... it's our 25th Anniversary!**

This can be your year to "Take the Plunge" on behalf of our athletes ... form a team and recruit your friends and family -or- join a team and be a part of the fun. Whether you dip your toes, venture ankle-deep, or go for the full immersion - YOU can be a Polar Bear! Register today at [www.PlungeDE.org](http://www.PlungeDE.org).

**Sunday-Tuesday, February 7-9, 2016**

SOPA Winter Games at Seven Springs Ski Resort, Pennsylvania

**February 10-19, 2016**


MATP Bowling at Brunswick Doverama (2/10), NCC Bowlerama (2/11) and Millsboro Lanes (2/19)

**April 2-3, 2016** SODE State Basketball Tournament at the Bob Carpenter Center



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• Like our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/SpecialOlympicsDelawareKent](http://www.facebook.com/SpecialOlympicsDelawareKent). 

• Have you changed your mailing address, email address or phone number? If so, please notify the SODE office at 302-831-4653 so that we can update our records. Thank you!