



# KENT AREA SPORTS UPDATE

## SODE BOWLING SCHEDULE

Please remember that all athletes must have a current Special Olympics medical form on file at the SODE office before practicing/training in their sport and before competing in Bowling. The deadline to submit your medical form (if expiring) is **Friday, November 18**. All Class A volunteers must also be current with their certification by that time.

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

**THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER AND GET ON THE ROSTER IS NOVEMBER 18.**

SPORT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	SPORT DIRECTOR	CONTACT
BOWLING	Sundays starting November 13	1-3:00pm OR 3-5:00pm	Brunswick Doverama  1600 S. Governors Ave., Dover	Bill Mathews	wrmaago@gmail.com  or call 302-284-4192
	Tuesdays starting November 15	6-8:00pm			

**Note:** Please contact the Sport Director to confirm if you will be competing in Singles or Doubles, and to confirm practice time. Athletes must stick with their selected practice time.

**The Area Bowling Tournament for Kent Co. will take place on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at Doverama.**

Information for the State Bowling Tournament will be given by the Sport Director in January for those who wish to participate.

### NEW! SODE launches Blackboard Connect mass notification system



In an effort to improve communication for our athletes and families, every Area program in Special Olympics Delaware is now using a mass notification tool called “Blackboard Connect.”

**Blackboard allows SODE and Area Directors to reach athletes and families through a variety of ways: via E-mail, mobile phone text alerts, and telephone voice messages.**

By implementing Blackboard, athletes and families can be connected with important area information immediately. This method of communication supplements our more traditional means of communication via the bimonthly Area News mailings, the website and social media (Area Facebook pages).

**What can you do to help? We need your correct contact information!** If you are NOT getting text messages, voicemail alerts or emails from your Area Director, then chances are we do not have the correct information. Please contact the Special Olympics office immediately at 302-831-4653 to report your updated information. Thank you.



Check out our Calendar of Events  
at [www.sode.org](http://www.sode.org) for more details!

**Sunday, October 2**

Flag Football Mid-season Tournament, MOT Youth Football Complex, Middletown

**Wednesday, October 5**

Night of Heroes Awards, Executive Banquet and Conference Center

**Saturday, October 8**

Volleyball Mid-season Tournament, Wilmington Christian School

**Sunday, October 9**

Soccer Mid-season Tournament, Delaware Union Park, Dover  
Kent Wild Kats Fall Social at Loblolly Acres

**Saturday, October 15**

5K Run / 1 Mile Run / 1 Mile Non-Competitive: Practice Race at St. Andrew's School for LDR

**Saturday, October 22**

Red Robin Tip-A-Cop (LETR fundraising event) - Come out and eat lunch or dinner at Red Robin while supporting Delaware Law Enforcement as they raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics!

**Wednesday, October 26**

Champions Together Breakfast Fundraiser Sheraton Wilmington South (7:45-8:45am)  
Please RSVP by to Ann Grunert at [agrunert@udel.edu](mailto:agrunert@udel.edu).

**Friday-Saturday, November 11-12**

SODE Fall Sports Festival at St. Andrews School in Middletown, sponsored by Chase.  
Cheer on our athletes as they compete in soccer, bocce, flag football, long-distance running/  
walking, and volleyball! Enjoy our fall-themed activities at Olympic Village -plus- don't forget to  
bring your folding chairs and blankets for the outdoors. We will see you there!



**Sunday, November 13**

Ryan's High Five 5K Run/Walk - Magnolia Volunteer Fire Dept. at 9:00am  
in memory of Ryan Bradford II. Funds raised will go to programs that Ryan was involved with,  
including Special Olympics Delaware

**Sunday, November 27**

Turkey Trot at Sea Colony in Bethany Beach

**Friday, December 2**

Reindeer Run and Romp in downtown Newark

**Saturday, January 21**

AREA BOWLING TOURNAMENT FOR KENT WILDKATS  
Doverama



Get ready for Fall with new AREA SPIRITWEAR - place your orders online!

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

# JOIN US FOR A KENT AREA SOCIAL!

## HAYRIDE *at* LOBLOLLY ACRES



**Who:** SODE Kent Wild Kats athletes, families coaches and volunteers

**When:** Sunday, October 9, 2016 from 5:30-7:00pm

**Where:** Loblolly Acres

Address: 3893 Turkey Point Road, Woodside, DE 19980

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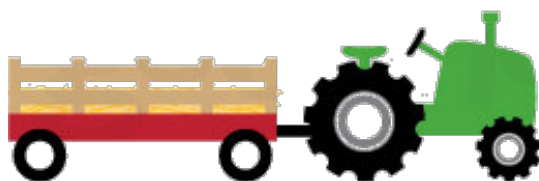
Please use driving directions below.

- Rt. 13 (duPont Highway) to Arby's at Woodside
- Turn toward Woodside (right going South; left going North) through first red light to Rail Road tracks
- Just before RR tracks turn left
- Loblolly Acres will be on the right. Look for red sign.

**We will have a hay ride, bon fire, hot dogs, etc. and other "fall activities. There is also a small gift shop .**

**RSVP to: Mary Ann Evans at 302-653-6900 or email [maeinou@yahoo.com](mailto:maeinou@yahoo.com)**

**Please indicate the # of people who are attending. Thank you!**



# See you there!

### COMMUNICATE WITH CONFIDENCE FALL REFRESHER CLASSES

Graduates of the Communicate with Confidence (CWC) class are invited by SODE and Toastmasters to come to our Fall Refresher classes, to be held in Dover and Newark.

**Downstate: Mondays - October 10, November 7, December 5 (at Delaware State Police Troop #3, Camden-Wyoming)**

**Upstate: Wednesdays - October 12, November 9, December 7 (at the Special Olympics Office in Newark)**

New athletes who wish to join are encouraged to sign up and preview the class! Past graduates are invited to "refresh" their speaking skills. All are welcome to attend. Participants should arrive by 6:15pm, and the class will start promptly at 6:30pm.

**\*\* (A new 8-week CWC course will be offered after the New Year, starting in February.)**

# NEW! BOWLING INFORMATION

## Beginning with the 2016-17 Bowling Season:

Special Olympics Delaware has made it an organizational priority to provide additional competitive opportunities for our athletes in all sports. These opportunities enhance the training aspect of an athlete's preparation by providing valuable competitive experiences leading up to State-level events.

**This bowling season, athletes and Unified partners will have the opportunity to bowl in Area Bowling Tournaments prior to competing at the State Bowling Tournament. The State-level tournament provides all bowlers the opportunity for an additional true competitive experience if they wish to advance.** Participation in the Area Tournaments is a requirement to advance to the State Tournament. However, participation in the the State Tournament is not required.

## Area Tournament Information

- Athletes/ Unified Partners must meet the following conditions to be eligible for the Area Tournament:

1. They have fulfilled the criteria of the "Participant Expectations" for bowling and requirements set forth by the Area Leadership Team.
2. They have trained with their Area during the designated training times throughout the training season and according to the rules of Special Olympics.

- **Each Area will have its own event and final Area Tournament (times are still TBD):**

1. Wilmington Wizards      Saturday, January 21, 2017 – NC Bowlerama
2. Newark Dragons          Saturday, January 21, 2017 – Prices Lanes
3. MOT Tigers                Sunday, January 22, 2017\* – Mid County Lanes\*    (\*Date & Location tentative)
4. **Kent Wild Kats            Saturday, January 21, 2017 - Doverama**
5. Sussex Riptide            Saturday, January 21, 2017 – Millsboro Lanes

- Area Tournament Event Information:

- ◆ Events offered: Singles, Traditional Doubles, Unified Doubles, Ramp Singles (Assisted/Unassisted), Bumper Singles, MATP.
- ◆ All events offered are governed according to the rules of Special Olympics and Special Olympics Delaware.
- ◆ Athletes/Teams will be placed in divisions according to preliminary scores submitted on registration forms and will receive Special Olympics Area Awards based on their placement in their division at the end of competition.
- ◆ Team Events: Both participants on all 2-person teams must compete together at the Area Tournament to be eligible for the State Tournament. Substitutions will not be allowed.
  - If one player scratches on the day of the Area Tournament the remaining player will be allowed to bowl but will receive a participant ribbon for the event and will not be eligible to advance to State Competition.

## State Tournament Information

- Athletes/Unified Partners who successfully competed at the Area Tournament are eligible to participate – regardless of place – at the State Bowling tournament under the following conditions:

1. They must practice at least 2 additional times with their team after the Area Tournament.
2. Will only qualify and compete in the event they successfully competed in at the Area Tournament.
3. Must register for the State Tournament through the Sport Director (typically within 1 week after the Area Tournament).

- **State Tournament Location: Brunswick Doverama – Saturday, February 18, 2017**

- State Tournament Event Information:

- ◆ Events Offered: Singles, Traditional Doubles, Unified Doubles, Ramp Singles (Assisted/Unassisted), Bumper Singles, MATP
- ◆ All events offered are governed according to the rules of Special Olympics and Special Olympics Delaware.
- ◆ Athletes/Teams will be placed in divisions according to scores obtained at the Area Tournament and will receive official Special Olympics State Awards based on their placement in their division at the end of competition.
- ◆ Team Events: Both participants on all 2-person teams that participated at the Area Tournament must compete together at the State Tournament. Substitutions will not be allowed.
  - If one player scratches after the team is registered and before the State Tournament the entire team will be scratched from competition. The remaining teammate will NOT be allowed to compete in singles.
  - If one player scratches on the day of the State Tournament the remaining player will be allowed to bowl but will receive a participant ribbon for the event.

