

Delaware County Special Olympics

Hello Special Olympics' Family,

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer!

Our Fall Sports kicked off last night - beginning with Bocce and then we *roll* right into bowling at three training centers, beginning on Sunday, July 14, 2019; volleyball, long distance running and powerlifting not far behind. For a full listing of our Fall offerings, please visit our website at <http://sodelco.org/>.

Special Events

Ric Koehler Athlete and Volunteer Appreciation Brunch will be held on Sunday, September 22, 2019 at 11:00am at the Lazaretto Ballroom in Essington. Please consider joining us as we say "thank you" to the *athletes* (who give volunteers a purpose and guiding light to serve) and to the volunteers/coaches (who make it possible to execute the level of training we achieve each and every year). Tickets are \$25 per person/\$10 per Special O athlete. You will receive an email from the Event committee in the coming weeks.

We have other GREAT events planned for late summer/early fall - Annual Golf Outing, Bingo and Pancake Breakfast. Information forthcoming.

New Relationship - Anytime Fitness in Boothwyn

SOPA has partnered with Anytime Fitness in Boothwyn to offer the following:

- Fitness: Anytime Fitness Boothwyn will provide a free complimentary membership for up to **24 Special Olympics Pennsylvania athletes per year**. After 24 free complimentary memberships a year, Special Olympics Pennsylvania athletes will be charged the corporate rate of \$29.00 a month. These memberships are on a first come/first served basis. If interested, please email DelcoSpecialO@comcast.net by August 1, 2019.
- Facility Use/Group Fitness - Group weekly fitness training with an instructor at no charge; use of gym space/workout room at no charge. If you have a team that would be interested, please email DelcoSpecialO@comcast.net, include the number of athletes and coaches interested. Please note that the requesting coach will be responsible for coordinating this activity.

Our 2019/2020 Wish List (in no specific order):

- Indoor/Outdoor Track and Field Facility (March through June)
- Pool (March through June)
- 10 additional certified coaches (any sport)
- 20 additional/fully cleared volunteers to serve as chaperones
- 20 additional/fully cleared volunteers to serve on the management team
- \$15k in funding to supplement transportation budget

SOPA Reorganization

Region 5 (Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton, Bethlehem, Berks, Monroe and Schuylkill) has been selected as the pilot region. The pilot has not officially started. We will learn more at leadership conference in August, 2019.

Management Team

Interested in assisting with program administration, volunteer recruitment, athlete recruitment, securing funds/grant writing, securing facilities for athlete training, public relations, enhancing our social media presence - then WE NEED YOU. Our first meeting of the 2019/2020 Competitive Season is August 19, 2019 at 7:00pm, DCIU, 200 Yale Avenue, Morton, PA.

Delaware County Special Olympics is free to every athlete. Fundraisers help off-set the cost of training, transportation, uniforms, registration fees (just to name a few things) for every athlete.

Sincerely,

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