

LET ME WIN, BUT IF I CANNOT WIN,



Special Olympics

Pennsylvania — Chester



LET ME BE BRAVE IN THE ATTEMPT

WINTER 2007—2008

Who can participate in Special Olympics?

An athlete must be at least 6 years old (8 years old to attend competitions) and identified by an agency or professional as having one of the following conditions: an intellectual disability, cognitive delays as measured by formal assessment, or significant learning or vocational problems due to cognitive delay.

Before an athlete can begin Special Olympics sports training, the athlete's parent/guardian and a medical professional must complete an application for participation. The medical portion of this form needs to be completed only once, unless the athlete has a current health situation or develops a health situation. In this case, the medical portion must be completed annually by a medical professional. If no health situation exists that requires an annual medical review, the basic informational portion of the form must be updated every three years.

Submit the completed athlete participation form to your local program coordinator at
458 E. King Rd. Malvern, PA 19355

Thank You

**Oreck Floor Care in Gateway Shopping Center
The Dansko Foundation
Family and friends of Hank Gardiner**

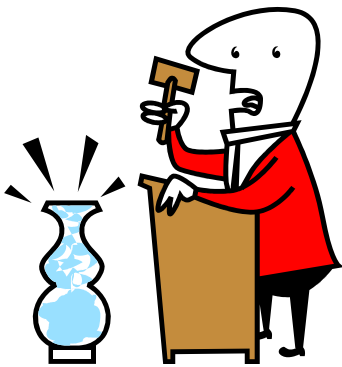
A special thank you to friends and family of Hank Gardiner for their kind donations in his memory. Hank was a valued volunteer for many years who donated time and talents to many athletes and the management committee. Hank will always be in our thoughts and hearts for his many years of dedication.

458 East King Road
Malvern, PA 19355

Phone: 484 320-8401
Fax: 484 320-8401

Email: SOPAChesterCounty@comcast.net

We are hoping to have our website updated soon, watch for it at www.pasocc.org



SOLD! That was the sound heard at the Annual Auction held this year at the Chester County Historical Society. A great evening was had by all and many thanks go out to all responsible for putting it together.

We also need to thank those who donated all the great food, especially Applebee's, WAWA (@ Greenhill & Pottstown Pike), Papa Johns Pizza, Wing's to Go, Genuardi's, Dominos Gay St., and Madge for the delicious brownies.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Competitions:

- Aquatics — 4/23/08 at Southern Chester County YMCA
- Basketball — Team: 4/13/08 at Downingtown East HS
- Skills: 4/12/08 at Sts. Phillip & James
- Skiing — 2/7/08 or 2/14/08
- Eastern Training Camp — 1/29/08—1/30/08

Equestrian



All riders interested in the equestrian program that starts in the early Spring, should contact the Special Olympic office by phoning 484-320-8401 or by email to SOPAChester-County@comcast.net. Your name will be placed on the list and names will be drawn out of a hat.

PLEASE HAVE YOUR NAME IN BY JAN. 21,2008.

Volunteer Opportunities

We always have opportunities for committed volunteers. Please contact us if you are interested, you may have just the skill we are looking for!

Presently we are looking for someone to do data entry of our athlete medical forms to the state database. It involves some knowledge of computers and can be done in the comfort of your home or our office on King Rd. We are very sorry to see Jon Waddell step away from this position; he has been helping us out above and beyond for the past few years. We are looking for someone to fill his shoes after the first of the year. Jon will be available to train and advise the volunteer who would like to do this.

Please call 484-320-8401 and speak to Janet or Gwen for more information.



Remember: You may specify for United Way contributions to be allocated to "Special Olympics Pennsylvania, Chester County". United Way of Southeastern PA, please specify Agency Number 07572. Thank you!

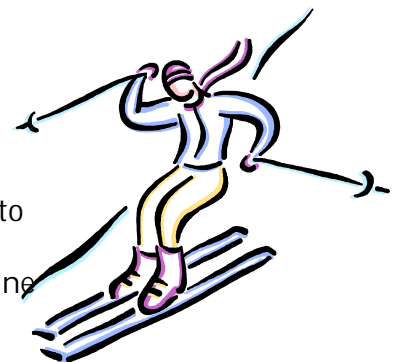
2008 Winter Games February 24-27, 2008

More than 300 athletes and 150 coaches from across Pennsylvania travel to the Special Olympics Pennsylvania Winter Games in the Johnstown area, each year. This statewide competition features intense competition in alpine and cross-country skiing, figure and speed skating events.

This event requires volunteers from around the state to serve as officials, athlete escorts, award presenters and various other positions.

Spectators are welcome to visit any of the competition venues and cheer on the athletes.

For more information or to volunteer, visit <http://www.sopawintergames.ctcnet.net>



Valor Bowl 2008

Since 1999, under the leadership of coaches Joe Carroll and Scott Allison, the Valor Bowl has served as an all star game for the senior football players from several of the high schools in Chester County. It also serves as the largest fundraiser for Special Olympics of PA Chester County.



This year's game will be held at Downingtown East on May 29, 2008. Come out and support your favorite high school teams and your Special Olympic athletes. If you would like to be one of the athletes announced along with the players at the beginning of the game, please contact our office.

Remember that all proceeds from this event support the Special Olympic athletes and the programs they participate in here in Chester County. Start soliciting businesses you frequent for advertising space in the brochure. Visit the web site www.valorbowl.org for information on sponsorship.

Rainbow Athletics offers Track & Field as well as Softball starting in April '08. Please contact them by email RainbowAthletics@yahoo.com for more information.

Management Team

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Outreach/Unified Sports Coordinator:	Cathy Stein	610 827-0981	bstein@comcast.net

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SPORT	LOCATION	START/TIME	CONTACT
BASKET-BALL	Sts Phillip & James, Exton	Sunday 1-2:30p Starts 1/13/08	Jim Curcio 610-430-8079
	East Vincent Elem. School	Sat. 10-12 starts 1/5/08	Chuck Sheaffer 610-326-6028 RainbowAthletics@yahoo.com
	Upper Main Line YMCA @ Gen. Wayne Elem.	Wed. 7:30-9pm Starts 1/2/08	Kathy Wagner 610-647-9622 (x2401) Kathy.wagner@umly.org
	Avon Grove HS	Sun. 1:30-3:30 Or TBA Starts 1/6/08	Tony Carney 484-888-3419
	CDC	3:00-4:30pm Starts 1/22/08	Paula Bewley 610-383-7400,ext.220 paulabe@cciu.org
GYMNASTICS	Berks East	Sat. 4-6p Starts 1/5/08	Christy Smith Boatingsmity@aol.com
ICE SKATING (speed & figure)	Power Play 701 Haywood Dr. Exton,PA	Saturday 3:15-4:45 Starts 1/05/08	Sue Lapin 610-696-2179 sue@lapinsystems.com
	Ice Line Lawrence Dr West Goshen	Tues. & Wed. 9:30-11am Starts 1/8/08	Angie Robinson 610-431-2098 angie.robinson@robinsonsales.com
SKIING (downhill, cross country & snow shoeing) <u>MUST pre-register</u>	Bear Creek	Thursday Downhill Starts 1/3/08	Paula Bewley 610-383-7400ext 220 paulabe@cciu.org
		Snowshoe & X-country 1/10/08	
	Vans depart:	Great Valley Shopping Ctr (401 & 30) 4:45pm Lionville Y 5 pm CDC 3pm	Kathy Wagner 610-647-9622 ext 2401 Kathy.wagner@umly.org
SWIMMING	OJR Middle School	Sat. 10-12n Starts 3/1/08	Chuck Sheaffer 610-326-6028 RainbowAthletics@yahoo.com
	Upper Main Line YMCA	Saturdays Starts March 1 st	Angie Robinson 610-431-2098 angie.robinson@robinsonsales.com