SPECIAL OLYMPICS MISSION

The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

WHAT IS THE POLAR PLUNGE?

The Polar Plunge is an annual event taking place throughout the state of Kansas to raise money for Special Olympics Kansas. Each year, brave individuals jump into the icy waters of Kansas pools or lakes to support Special Olympics athletes. These brave individuals prepare for the event by fundraising during the weeks leading up to your big plunge! All proceeds from the event go toward programs for Special Olympics Kansas athletes!

WHAT IS THE POLAR STRUT?

The Polar Strut is a fun run that can range up from a mile up to a 5K or walk held in conjunction with a Polar Plunge event. The Strut is for anyone who wants to take a brisk walk or run in the cold winter weather. For individuals who are taking the Plunge, this is a great way to warm up before cooling down in the water. For those not taking this Plunge, this is a great way to be a part of the event without taking an icy dip.

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Your partnership means Special Olympics Kansas athletes with intellectual disabilities will get the opportunity to share their abilities, experience the power of inclusion, and feel the joy of victory both on and off the field.

**Connect With Us!**

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**Your Partnership Creates**

**Sports Training and Competition**
We offer 20 year-round sports from team sports like basketball, volleyball, and softball, to individual sports like bocce, track and field, and swimming. We even offer winter sports including snowshoeing and downhill skiing.

**Leadership Opportunities**
We offer training for our athletes to become leaders in Kansas communities. Our athletes take courses in public speaking, governance, and healthy habits to become global messengers, SOKS health messengers, committee and board members, and even become coaches.

**Health & Wellness Programs & Screenings**
We provide free health screenings to athletes at competitions and stand-alone events throughout the year by trained medical professionals. The screenings focus on vision, hearing, dental, general fitness, and healthy habits. We are even able to provide free glasses to athletes in need.

**Inclusive Schools & Communities**
We provide curriculum and materials to schools for grades K-college level for inclusive programs including adaptive sports, inclusive youth leadership, and whole school engagement for inclusive activities.

**Lasting Friendships**
At the heart of all of our programs is our passion for our athletes to experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

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**2023 Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Kansas**

If you wish to fill out this information in an online format, head to soks.org/polar-plunge and click the “Sponsor” tab in the main menu.

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Make checks payable to Special Olympics Kansas. Your donation is 100% tax deductible to the extent the law allows.

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