

**Please join us for the 2019 Torch Run
and Summer Games**

May 20-25th

**Included in this packet: Schedule of
Events and any extra info you may
need!**



Please join this year's GroupMe so that you can stay up to date on events and times!



2019 LETR-Summer Games



Amanda Whitley would like you to join

Join Group

Member of Law Enforcement,


2019 marks the 32nd year Law Enforcement in Arkansas have celebrated Special Olympics Arkansas athletes through the fundraising and awareness efforts of Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Arkansas. Since 1987 members of Arkansas' Law Enforcement community have come together to raise 7.2 Million dollars for Special Olympics Arkansas athletes. Fundraising is not all that we do for the athletes. We are the guardians of the flame, running miles upon miles to bring awareness to the true ability of people with intellectual disabilities. We have made lifelong friends and supporters of the 15,000 athletes and the families that cheer them on each competition. This tremendous bond was cemented through the celebration of each victory and the relentless encouragement for those that may feel defeated.

Anyone that has ever laced up their shoes to run the Flame of Hope will tell you they began volunteering to help the athletes but it is the athletes who ended up helping us. Special Olympics Arkansas competitions are definitely a place where people are waiting in line to high five and hug a Law Enforcement Officer. We want you to join us for this amazing opportunity.

Ways you can get involved **NOW**:


1. **Join us** in carrying the Flame of Hope May 20th-23rd for the 2019 Special Olympics Arkansas Summer Games. (Find a leg near you by emailing amanda@specialolympicsarkansas.org)
2. **Not a Runner?** That is okay, you can participate in any of the 100 fundraisers we do across the state. Find out more by emailing amanda@specialolympicsarkansas.org or call 501-771-0222
3. **It isn't all about money:** Please attend a competition and award medals to champions. Visit our calendar <http://www.specialolympicsarkansas.org/calendar.html> or reach out to Special Olympics Arkansas
4. **GIVE:** Purchase a 2019 Torch Run T-shirt for \$15.00
http://www.specialolympicsarkansas.org/uploads/1/6/6/8/16687598/2019_letr_cotton_tshirt.pdf

Sincerely,
Amanda Whitley
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Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Arkansas
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"Special
Olympics
Arkansas
creates
heroes"

Shakila Kirksey, Fort Smith



"Special
Olympics
changed
my life"

Nathan McClain, Little Rock



"Special
Olympics
Arkansas
has taught
me to never
give up"

Bryson Williford, Batesville




**The Flame of Hope is on its way to 2019 Summer Games!
Check out the schedule for your local area:**



Throughout the week there will be Torch Arrival Celebrations at Centennial Bank locations around the state. Here is a list if you would like to join in the festivities!

May 20 Monday: The Law Enforcement Torch Run begins in the following cities:

Northwest Leg: Bella Vista (8am), Siloam Springs (8:30am), Bentonville (8:45am), Rogers (9:50am), Lowell (11:00am), Springdale (11:45pm), Fayetteville (1:00pm)

-  May 20th 2901 S. Walton Blvd Bentonville (est. time 9am)
-  May 20th 4000 W. Walnut Rogers (est. range 9:30am-9:45am)
-  May 20th 1400 E. Joyce Blvd. Fayetteville (est. time 1:00pm)

Northeast Leg: Blytheville (9am), Osceola (10am) Mountain View (10am), Piggott (8:30am), Rector (9:10am), Marmaduke (9:40am), Paragould (10:15am)

-  May 20th 300 W Emerson St Paragould (est. 10:30 am)

South: Mount Ida (9am), De Queen (9am), Nashville (10am), Texarkana (9am), Monticello (9am)

May 21 Tuesday: The Flame of Hope Travels through the following cities today:

Northwest Leg: Fort Smith (8am), Van Buren (11am), Alma (12pm), Dyer (12:30pm) Mulberry (1:30pm), Ozark (2pm), Altus (3:30pm)

Northeast Leg: Jonesboro (9:30am), Forrest City (8:30am), Marion (8am), Fairfield Bay (9am) Clinton



-  May 21st 2901 E. Highland Dr Jonesboro (est. 10:30am)

Southwest Leg: Prescott (2pm), Hot Springs Village (8am), Hot Springs (8:00am)

Southeast Leg: El Dorado (6am), Hope (9am), Camden (10am)

May 22 Wednesday: The Flame of Hope Travels through the following cities today:

Northwest Leg: Clarksville -Johnson Co (8am), Russellville (10am), Morrilton (8am), Conway (11am), Maumelle (1pm)

-  May 22nd 401 N. Arkansas Ave. Russellville (est. time 11am)
-  May 22nd 620 Chestnut St. Conway (est. time 11am)

Northeast Leg: Batesville (10am), Newport (8am), Bradford (9:30am), Bald Knob (10am), Judsonia (10:30am), Searcy (11:15am)

-  May 22nd 1895 Harrison St Batesville (est. 10:00 am)

Southwest Leg: Arkadelphia (8am) Benton (9:30am), Bryant (2pm)

Southeast Leg: Pine Bluff (10am), Hampton (2pm)

2019 Torch Run Leg Leader Contacts

Please feel free to contact your local leg leader for more details about the run in your area.

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Or you can contact your local Special Olympics Arkansas Field Rep for more information on the routes

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Schedule of Events

Thursday May 23rd: Final Leg Press Conference 9:30am Arkansas State Capitol Steps.

What: All Guardians of the Flame will converge at the Arkansas State Capitol to join their flames in a ceremonial lighting of the Final Leg Torch. Law Enforcement Officers will then take off on the Final Leg, a 50 mile continuous run, to Searcy. Officers will complete the Final Leg by running the Flame of Hope into Harding Stadium for the 2019 Summer Games Opening Ceremonies.

The 2019 Torch Run convoy is made up of [Stallion Transportation](#), [Centennial Bank](#), [Good Sam](#), and members from across the State in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Arkansas movement.

To be involved in the Final Leg: Be at the Capitol Steps at 9:00am

6:00pm: Final Leg Runner Celebration

Dinner taking place at [Orr](#):

[ORR GM Superstore](#)
1000 Truman Baker Drive
Searcy, AR 72143

7:00pm: Run the Flame of Hope into the stadium for the 2019 Summer Games Opening Ceremonies

Attire: 2019 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Arkansas t-shirt and athletic attire appropriate with running.

To be involved: Be at the Runner Celebration at Orr GM Superstore at 6pm

All officers needing a hotel room for Thursday night should contact [Amanda Whitley](#)
Amanda@specialolympicsarkansas.org or 501-247-8881

What Role do Officers play? Officers will be able to present awards at our multiple award stands through the eight different sports offered at Summer Games. When not presenting awards please feel free to be a fan at any of our venues! (Officers planning to present award please wear your uniform if possible.)

8:30am-4:30pm: Friday May 24th: Summer Games Competition begins. Officers will be encouraged to present awards at the numerous sport award stands, tour the games, and work the Law Enforcement Torch Run merchandise booth.

*After competition ends on Friday, dinner will be provided by [Ashland](#) at the Holiday Inn Hospitality Room at 6pm. Officers will then be encouraged to attend the Victory Dance with the Athletes at Berry Park at 8pm.

8:30am-1pm: Saturday May 25th: Summer Games Competition begins. Officers will be encouraged to present awards at the numerous sport award stands, tour the games, and work the Law Enforcement Torch Run merchandise booth.

Summer Games Daily Schedule:

Friday, May 24

- 8:00am Warm-up - Stretching for athletes, powerlifting weigh-ins
- 8:30am Athletic competitions begins
- 9:00am Swimming time trials, Competition begins in Softball, Bocce, Unified Bocce
- 9:00-3:00pm Healthy Athletes (Ganus Complex)
- 11:30am Lunch served at the venues
- 1:00pm Competition resumes in all sports

Saturday, May 25

- 8:00am Competition resumes
- 10:00am Young Athletes Competition
- 12:00pm Competition Concludes
- 10am-1pm Tennis Exhibition

