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MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of Special Olympics Arkansas is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic type sports for all 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.

VISION: The Vision of Special Olympics Arkansas is to transform communities by changing lives through sports.

ATHLETE OATH: "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

PARTICIPANTS: 15,000 athletes and 13,000 Unified Young Athletes (2-7yrs).

VOLUNTEERS: Over 5,000 include Class A volunteers, Board Members, LETR, day of event, Coaches, etc. To volunteer please visit our website at specialolympicsarkansas.org and click on GET INVOLVED

SPORTS OFFERED: 20 different Sports and 240 competitions throughout the state

COST TO PARTICIPATE: *FREE* of charge for all registered athletes including food, lodging, uniforms & training

LOCAL PROGRAM: Programs offered in 17 areas all counties participating

SPECIAL OLYMPICS IMPACT ON ATHLETE

Gain Self Confidence

Have more opportunities to socialize with non-disabled peers

Know what it is like to be part of a social network

Most athletes compete for 10 plus years

SO Athletes are 5 times more likely to hold a job or be gainfully employed than their peers who do not participate

Additional Programming:

Athlete Leadership Program, Special Olympics Health, Unified Champion Schools, Young Athletes, Special Olympics College

82% of every dollar goes to program (see Special Olympics Arkansas 990 audit report)

Discover More: Speicalolympicsarkansas.org

It is through advancing sports excellence for all, building communities, transformative education, and Athlete Health that we are challenging mindsets and smashing stereotypes; thus leaving not only a positive impact but changing attitudes in Arkansas for life.