



**Special  
Olympics  
Arkansas**



Mission of Special Olympics Arkansas

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 fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendships with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

Special Olympics Vision

To transform communities by inspiring people throughout the world to open their minds, accept and include people with intellectual disabilities and thereby anyone who is perceived as different.

Philosophy

Special Olympics is founded on the belief that people with intellectual disabilities can, with proper instruction and encouragement, learn, enjoy and benefit from participation in individual and team sports. Special Olympics also believes that through millions of individual acts of inclusion where people with and without intellectual disabilities are brought together, long-standing myths are dispelled, negative attitudes changed and new opportunities to embrace and celebrate people with intellectual disabilities are created.

Fast Facts about Special Olympics Arkansas

- Service over 15,000 athletes statewide
- Special Olympics Arkansas remains 100% FREE to athletes and their families
- 240 Competitions annually statewide
- We offer 20 different Olympic sports
- 9 Unified Sports
- Internationally recognized and supported by the International Olympic Committee
- In addition to sports competitions we provide training, health screenings, and leadership programs for our athletes throughout the state.

For more information on Special Olympics Arkansas please visit our website at [www.specialolympicsarkansas.org](http://www.specialolympicsarkansas.org)



FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS ARKANSAS

**Feb. 9, 2019**  
**Prairie Creek Swim Area @ Beaver Lake**  
**10:00 am - Registration**  
**11:00 am - Plunge**

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