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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Success in business requires training and discipline and hard work. But if you're not frightened by these things, the opportunities are just as great today as they ever were."

– David Rockefeller

SOKS MISSION STATEMENT!

SOKS MISSION STATEMENT: *Special Olympics Kansas is dedicated to empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities to become physically fit, productive and respected members of society through sports competitions, health and nutrition programs, and leadership development. Offering year-round initiatives to children and adults with intellectual disabilities, Special Olympics Kansas is a platform for acceptance and inclusion as well as one of the largest advocates for healthy lifestyles in the state – regardless of race, religion, ethnicity or cultural differences.*

COMPETITION, TRAINING, AND SPECIAL EVENT INFORMATION

SUMMER GAMES TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (June 5 – 7): below is the schedule for the Summer Games in June. Two major changes is the dance will return to Hawker Beechcraft (Kellogg & Webb) this year and **breakfast will be held at the Rhatigan Student Center (this was change effective 5/26/09).**

Coach's should have received the coach's handbook (can also be found at www.kssso.org) and a final delegation list – they were mailed on 5/29/09. Call HQ if your games information has not arrived.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

11:00a.m.	Coaches Check-In
10:30a.m. - 11:30a.m.	Powerlifting Weigh-In, Heskett Center
11:30a.m.	Powerlifting Competition, Heskett Center Upstairs
12:30p.m.	Cycling, WSU
1:00p.m.	Aquatics, Heskett Center Natatorium
1:00p.m.	Gymnastics, Wichita Gymnastic Club (9400 E. 37th Street, North)
1:00p.m.	Tennis, WSU Tennis Courts
3:00p.m. - 7:00p.m.	General Store
4:45p.m. - 6:00p.m.	Dinner for all teams
5:00p.m.	Coaches Meeting – 208 Hubbard Hall
6:30p.m.	Seating for Opening Ceremonies
7:00p.m.	Opening Ceremonies

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

6:30a.m. - 8:30a.m.	Breakfast – Rhatigan Student Center
8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.	Athletics (Track & Field) Competition, Cessna Stadium
9:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.	General Store
9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.	Olympic Village
11:00a.m. - 1:30p.m.	Lunch
6:30p.m. - 7:30p.m.	Victory Banquet, Hawker Beechcraft
7:30p.m. - 10:00p.m.	Victory Dance, Hawker Beechcraft

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

6:30a.m. - 8:30a.m. Breakfast – Rhatigan Student Center
8:00a.m. (Approx.) Closing Ceremonies - Most Inspirational Athlete Award
8:30a.m. Athletics (Track & Field) Competition
9:00a.m. - 11:00a.m. Olympic Village
10:00a.m. - 12:00p.m. General Store
12:00p.m. Lunch

Summer Games Numbers in 2009 & 2008:

Athletes:	1,358 - 1,414	Coaches:	448 - 471
Cycling:	39 - 35	Gymnastics:	17 - 20
Powerlifting:	45 - 49	Swimming:	307 - 317
Tennis:	73 - 76	Track:	1,231 - 1,288

SOUTHEAST ATHLETE FISHING TOURNAMENT (JUNE 19): The Southeast Region Athlete fishing tournament will be held on Friday, June 19th from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Lakeside Park in Pittsburg, KS. For more information or to register your athletes please contact John Lair at 620-231-9895 or by email at JMLair@medicalodges.com.

KC METRO GOLF TOURNAMENT (JULY 6 & 7): The KC Metro Golf tournament will take place on Monday, July 6th at Adam’s Pointe Golf Course in Blue Springs and Tuesday, July 7th at Hodge Park in KCMO. Both events will begin at 5:00 p.m. and go until dark. All of the tournament information will be emailed to the coaches sometime in Mid June and teams will be sent to one of the 2 courses to play. Please check with your coaches for more information regarding the tournament. Space will be limited for Unified Golfers at both courses.

KC METRO SOFTBALL LEAGUE (June 24): We will be offering a Softball league again this year beginning June 24th and ending July 22nd. The games will be held on Wednesday nights at Heartland Learning Center in Olathe. Teams are guaranteed to play 2 games in league. Please check with your coaches regarding the schedule that will come out in late June.

KC METRO SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT (JULY 10 - 11): The Metro Softball tournament will be held on Friday evening, July 10th and Saturday, July 11th at Basehor Field of Dreams. We will only be playing on Friday night if we get an overabundance of teams playing in the tournament. We will be offering t-ball, coach pitch and regular softball for our athletes. The packet of information will go out in the mail to all coaches sometime in June. **The physical/packet registration deadline is Monday, June 29, 2009.** If you have any questions please let me know at hellwiga@kssso.org.

SOUTHEAST SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT (JULY 17): The Southeast Softball tournament will be held on Friday, July 17th at the Don Guttridge Sports Complex in Pittsburg from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. We will be offering t-ball, coach pitch and regular softball for our athletes. The packet of information will go out in the mail to all coaches sometime in June. **The physical/packet registration deadline is Monday, June 29, 2009.** If you have any questions please let me know at hellwiga@kssso.org.

STATE SOFTBALL & GOLF (July 31 – Aug. 2): The 2009 Chuck E. Watson State Softball & Golf Tournament will move from Winfield, KS to Wichita, KS. The events will be Friday, July 31 – Sunday, August 2, 2009. Cessna Activities Center will host the softball competition and golf still has not been scheduled.

SOKS POLICIES AND FORMS

EXPIRING PHYSICALS: All physicals completed and dated January 1, 2006 - December 31, 2007 expired December 31, 2008. Physicals that were given and dated from January 1, 2008 forward are good until December 31, 2010. If you need a copy of your delegation or blank physicals, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail Linda at 1-800-444-9803 or huntl@kssso.org.

DON'T BE TOLD YOU CANNOT VOLUNTEER!

VOLUNTEER SCREENING POLICY:

All Class A Volunteers; volunteers who have regular, close physical contact with athletes; volunteers in a position of authority or supervision with athletes; volunteers in a position of trust of athletes; or volunteers who handle substantial amounts of cash (\$10,000) or other assets of the Program, must complete a volunteer registration form and have a personal screening using a national vendor.

Special Olympics Kansas will not permit a New Class A Volunteer applicant to participate as a Class A Volunteer until that person has been screened and approved by the Program. Volunteers registered on or after January 1, 2005, must be re-screened at least every three years.

Special Olympics Kansas must have screened all existing volunteers no later than July 1, 2008.

*Class A Volunteers screening by a national vendor must include the sex offender registry for each State in which the sex offender registry is available electronically. Questions, contact Terri Price, pricet@kssso.org.

PROTECTIVE BEHAVIORS REQUIRED TRAINING:

Special Olympics, Inc. Policy:

Special Olympics Kansas, Inc. shall not permit a **Class A Volunteer** to participate as a Class A Volunteer until that person has completed the online Protective Behaviors training.

Each U.S. Program must incorporate the new Protective Behaviors training into its regular ongoing training for all Class A Volunteer. Effective October 1, 2007, the online version of Protective Behaviors was made available. You may complete the training at your convenience. Visit: <http://www.specialolympics.org/protectivebehaviors>. Take the online training at your earliest convenience. Don't wait! If you have questions, contact Terri Price, pricet@kssso.org.

SOKS GENERAL INFORMATION

GENERAL STORE: SOKS has established a new online general store to purchase all of your SOKS clothes, hats and knick knacks. Go to the website below and shop away. <http://www.waonlinestore.com/so>

EASTBAY: Needing team uniforms? Wanting to update your look with the latest styles or colors? Remember to check out Eastbay.com, the Spirit Sponsor of Special Olympics Kansas. Contact Shana Seubert – Affiliate Marketing Coordinator – sseuber2@eastbay.com or phone 715.261.9283 for prices. Eastbay can also help with your design needs.

SOKS PHOTOGRAPHS

PHOTOS ONLINE: As always, don't forget to check out website www.kssso.org or updated pictures of Metro and Statewide events. Not all pictures are posted on the website as we only have a certain amount of limited space. However, Myron has developed his own website and it will include all of the pictures taken as SOKS event. The website <http://www.pixofevents.com/>

2009 METRO & SOUTHEAST REGION CALENDAR

JUNE

5 – 7	Summer Games	Wichita
19	SE Region Athlete Fishing Tournament	Lakeside Park, Pittsburg

JULY

6	Metro Region Golf	Adam's Pointe Golf Course, KCMO
7	Metro Region Golf	Hodge Park, KCMO
10 - 11	Metro Region Softball Tournament	Basehor Field of Dreams, Lansing
17	SE Region Softball Tournament	Pittsburg
31	State Golf	Wichita

AUGUST

1-2	State Softball	Wichita
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SEPTEMBER

26	State Soccer & Bocce	Olathe, KS
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OCTOBER

17	Metro Region Bowling Tournament	Overland Park – AMF West/College Lanes
18	Metro & SE Region Volleyball Tournament	JCCC
22	SE Region Youth Bowling Tournament	Holiday Lanes, Pittsburg
23	SE Region Adult Bowling Tournament	Holiday Lanes, Pittsburg

NOVEMBER

20 - 21	Fall Sports Classic	Johnson County, KS
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2010 EVENTS

MARCH

18 – 20	State Basketball & Cheerleading	Hay, KS
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JUNE

4 – 6	Summer Games	Wichita, KS
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