

## STATE COMPETITIONS and EVENTS

- July 18-20, 2010  
USA National Games  
Lincoln, Nebraska
- November 4-6  
State Basketball Tournament  
Butte, MT
- February 27—March 1, 2011  
State Winter Games  
Whitefish, MT
- May 10-13, 2011  
State Summer Games  
Bozeman, MT
- Local and Area competitions  
occur throughout the year.
- Coaches Training Clinics  
throughout the year.

More events posted at [www.somt.org](http://www.somt.org).



## SPECIAL OLYMPICS MONTANA

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS



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### The Athlete's Oath

"LET ME WIN.  
BUT IF I  
CANNOT WIN,  
LET ME BE  
BRAVE IN THE ATTEMPT"



**WHEN YOU CHEER ME ON  
MY VOICE GETS  
LOUDER**

2009 SPECIAL OLYMPICS MONTANA  
STATE SUMMER GAMES. MAY 13-15. BOZEMAN.

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**MISSION**

Special Olympics Montana is a non-profit organization that provides 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 share gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

**VISION**

Special Olympics Montana will fully implement the Special Olympics mission and will be the “charity of choice” in Montana, which is financially stable, increasingly endowed and served by a strong, well-trained volunteer force.

**MAGNITUDE**

Special Olympics is a global non-profit organization serving more than 2.8 million athletes with intellectual disabilities, with a presence in nearly 200 countries worldwide through seven regional offices.

**40th Anniversary YEAR!**

2010 marks Special Olympics Montana’s 40th Anniversary. Nearly 2,000 athletes registered in 100 programs from 63 Montana communities to participate in area and state competitions, with many more programs offering services at the local level. With 1,800 screened volunteers and over 1,500 day-of-event volunteers, approximately 3,200 volunteers support the program.

**INCLUSIVE PROGRAM**

Fifty percent of the athletes are school aged while the remaining athletes are adults. Special Olympics serves athletes at all ability levels by assigning them to “competition divisions” based on both age and performance. Whether athletes are high or low functioning, they may advance all the way to the World Games!

Unified Sports® training and competition brings together athletes with and without intellectual disabilities to share in the spirit of sports.



**SPORTS OFFERED**

Special Olympics Montana offers training and competition in these Olympic-type sports:

- Aquatics**
- Athletics (Track and Field)**
- Basketball**
- Bocce**
- Bowling**
- Cycling**
- Equestrian**
- Floor Hockey**
- Golf**
- Gymnastics**
- Horseshoe Pitch (demo)**
- Kayaking**
- Powerlifting**
- Soccer**
- Alpine (downhill) Skiing**
- Cross-Country Skiing**
- Snowboarding**
- Snowshoeing**

The Motor Activities Training Program has been introduced for people who have severe/profound intellectual disabilities.

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