

Magic in the Air



Billings 2026

2024 - 2026 Summer State Games

May 13th - 15th, 2026

Special Olympics

Montana



Welcome to the State Summer Games!

Dear Friends and Families of Special Olympics Montana,

We are the Beall Family - Rob, KC, Ry, and Grady. Ry is 14 years old, has Down Syndrome, and is a proud member of the Teton Tigers Special Olympics Team. He participates in golf, throwing, running, basketball, and bowling. Special Olympics has meant a great deal for our whole family.

Our youngest son, Grady, is involved in many sports, and the rest of us spend most weekends following him around to his games. Ry has had to sit on the bleachers for many years, and now, finally, this is his chance to be on the field and the center of attention!

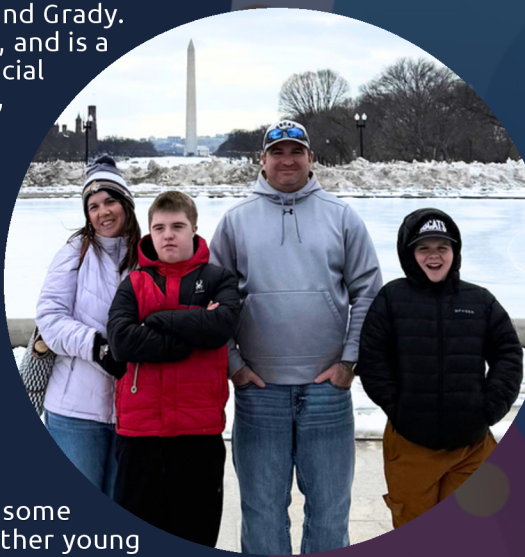
Relationships have been another incredible benefit of Special Olympics. When Ry was younger, he experienced some bullying. He was trying to play with 2 other young boys, and they kicked Ry in the stomach to keep him out of the trampoline they were playing in. He started crying uncontrollably, and the sound I heard wasn't from physical pain - it was from "heart pain," as a result of being excluded. And it was gut-wrenching to hear.

After that day, it was like Ry gave up. He didn't even try to interact much with his peers. He stuck to making only adult friends, like teachers and paras. He stopped putting himself out there, seemingly out of fear of rejection again.

All that changed with Special Olympics! He had two amazing Unified partners last year, Tessa and Kohl. They guided him, motivated him, talked with him, and laughed with him. And he loved it! For the first time ever, Ry was playing around, hanging out, and "just being one of the kids." So when SOMT says there is "Magic in the Air," I for one believe it! The magic of inclusion, of acceptance, of friendship, of recognition, of rising to the occasion, and of excelling in an endeavor. Special Olympics means all that and more to us!

Thank you for being part of the "magic,"

KC Beall



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Cassidy Robinson of
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2026 Games Management Team

Three years in, the State Summer Games GMT has gone full pro league. This powerhouse group of volunteer leaders has partnered with SOMT staff to plan every detail of the Games. Their tireless work and sharp attention to detail have made the Games an unmatched success in Billings. Thank you, Billings GMT. YOU are the magic!



Brian Brown

Co-Director of our GMT, Brian has been with First Interstate Bank for over 25 years and is the Eastern Montana State President.



Tyler Wiltgen

Co-Director of our GMT, Tyler is the Executive Director of Philanthropy - MT/WY at Intermountain Health St. Vincent Regional Hospital.

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Meet Your Athlete Emcees

KEITH KING & LACI NOME

The 2026 State Summer Games will be co-emceed by athletes Keith King and Laci Nomee, both representing Billings.

Keith, a standout competitor since 1998, is best known for his dominance in the mile and his advocacy for Native American athletes across the state. A member of the Assiniboine tribe, he is also deeply involved in native dance and drum circles. His pride for his heritage is only matched by his passion for competition and camaraderie in Special Olympics and a love for family and tradition.

Laci, a member of the Crow tribe, has been competing with the Billings Thunder since 2004 in athletics, cycling, basketball, and bowling. Laci is described by mentors and friends as a true and genuine person who does not try to be anything but her genuine self. She holds strong beliefs in both heritage and family. Together, they embody the spirit, leadership, and cultural richness of Special Olympics Montana.



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Opening Ceremony Contributors

OC Pillar Lead: *Lacey Zinke*

Co-Emcees: *Brian Brown & Tyler Wiltgen*

Athlete Emcees:

Keith King & Laci Nomee

Sign Language Interpreters:

Brenda Burch

Annie Fischer

Moment of Reflection: *Rod Souza*

Athlete of the Year: *Hilary Benjamin*

Coach of the Year: *Chris Findley*

Keynote Speaker: *Sydney Little Light*

Opening Ceremony Entertainment:

Billings Area Indigenous Drum and Dance Group

National Anthem: *Shakira Glenn*

Celebrating America's 250th Anniversary:

Tim Fox - SOMT Board Chair

Hilary Benjamin - SOMT Athlete of the Year

Flame of Hope:

Chief St. John

Torch Bearers:

Deputy Devin Aiello - Yellowstone County Sheriff's Office

LETR Ambassador Carson Patten

Sound, Video & Lights: *DiA Events*

Presentation of the Special Olympics Montana Flags:

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Let's make some magic happen!



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Schedule of Events

TUESDAY, MAY 12TH

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm | **Early Team Check-In (5:30) & Coaches Meeting (6:00)**
RMC/Fortin Education Center Upper Floor

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13TH

7:30 am - 3:30 pm | **Nerve Center & Information**
RMC/Fortin Education Center Upper Floor

7:30 am - 9:00 am | **Team Check-In**
RMC/Fortin Education Center Upper Floor

9:00 am - 3:30 pm | **Medical/First Aid** | *Sport Venues/Special Events*

10:15 am - 3:30 pm | **Athletics (Throws and Jumps)**
Lockwood High School Stadium

9:00 am - 1:00 pm | **Cycling (Sprints)** | *MetraPark Upper Lot*

9:00 am - 3:30 pm | **Swimming** | *MSUB Pool and Upper Gymnasium*

11:00 am - 3:00 pm | **Gymnastics** | *Magic City Gymnastics*

WEDNESDAY'S SPECIAL EVENTS

11:00 am - 1:00 pm | **Lunch Pick-Up** | *RMC/Bair Family Student Center*
Begins @ 4:00 pm - Torch Run – Final Leg

Rims - MSUB – Downtown Billings – MetraPark

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm | **Team BBQ** | *MetraPark Exhibit Hall*

***** **First Interstate Arena at MetraPark** *****

6:00 pm - 6:30 pm | **Team Line-up**

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm | **Parade of Athletes**

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm | **Opening Ceremony**



Schedule of Events continued...

THURSDAY, MAY 14TH

8:00 am - 3:30 pm | Nerve Center & Info

RMC/Fortin Education Center Upper Floor

8:00 am - 4:00 pm | Medical/First Aid | *Sport Venues*

8:00 am - 3:30 pm | Golf (Level 2-5 Singles/Alternate Shot) 9 or 18 hole

Par 3 Golf Course

11:00 am - 3:30 pm | Golf (Individual Skills) | *Par 3 Golf Course*

9:00 am - 3:30 pm | Bocce (Traditional Doubles & Modified Singles)

RMC/Herb Klindt Field

9:00 am - 4:00 pm | Soccer (5v5 Traditional Team, 5v5 Unified Team)

RMC/Soccer Fields

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm | Soccer (Level 1 Individual Skills Competition)

RMC/Soccer Fields

THURSDAY'S SPECIAL EVENTS

11:00 am - 1:00 pm | Lunch Pick-Up | *RMC/Bair Family Student Center*

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm | Friends & Family Dinner – RSVP required

St. Vincent Regional Hospital – Mansfield Education Center

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm | Dine Out Night – All Registered Team Members

Various Locations in Billings

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm | Healthy Athletes & Performance Stations

MetraPark Expo Center

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm | MTN Chevy Raffle Drawing & Closing Ceremony

MetraPark Expo Center

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm | Dance Carnival | *MetraPark Expo Center*

FRIDAY, MAY 15TH

8:00 am - 3:30 pm | Nerve Center & Info | *RMC/Fortin Center Upper Floor*

8:00 am - 4:00 pm | Medical/First Aid | *Sport Venues*

8:00 am - 4:00 pm | Athletics (All races – walks, runs, wheelchair, relays)

Lockwood High School Stadium

9:00 am - 3:30 pm | Bocce (Unified Doubles) | *RMC/Herb Klindt Field*

11:00 am - 1:00 pm | Lunch Pick-Up | *RMC/Bair Family Student Center*

MetraPark | 308 6th Ave. N, Billings, MT

MSUB | 1500 University Drive, Billings, MT

Lockwood High School Stadium | 1932 Highway 87 E, Billings, MT

Herb Klindt Field – Rocky Mountain College | 1511 Poly Drive, Billings, MT

Par 3 Golf Course | 19 S 19th St. W, Billings, MT

Magic City Gymnastics | Rimrock Mall 300 S 24th St. W, Billings, MT

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Katie Pickering brings incredible energy, heart, and passion to her new role as a Law Enforcement Torch Run Athlete Ambassador. A dedicated leader, Katie has led Polar Plunge teams for three years, supported Cool Schools, and was named Miles City's top individual fundraiser in 2024. At Miles City Community College, she has served as Freshman Representative, Vice President, and Assistant to the Advisor in Student Senate, earning the Montana Student Volunteer Award along the way.

Katie leads with kindness, confidence, and a genuine love for people. As one mentor shared, "Katie is a servant leader who builds relationships, leads with heart, and inspires others to get involved."

CONGRATULATIONS KATIE!

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– Phyllis J. Washington –

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Helena, MT



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**Spirit of Special Olympics
Individual**

Domingo Zapata
Helena, MT



Adult Volunteer of the Year

Shirley Ebert
Billings, MT



Youth Volunteer of the Year

Chilo Imlay
Great Falls, MT



Nominate someone today to win in 2027!!

2026 Winners



Local Program of the Year

Helena Halos - Helena, MT



Unified Champion School of the Year

Billings West High School - Billings, MT



Family of the Year

*The Lawson Family
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**Spirit of Special Olympics
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*The Ranch Club
Missoula, MT*



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ATHLETE LEADERSHIP

Hey athletes! Ready to get your Game On as an athlete leader?

Contact Kelly Herda at kherda@somt.org or 406-315-4201 for more information!

CURRENT ATHLETE LEADERS

- AmyMarie Wittman
- Anna Vanderwende
- Anton Veverka
- Brandy Petersen
- Brian Osterbuhr
- Carson Patten
- Chris Halverson
- Christopher Allard
- Coley Stensgar-Maul
- Dakota Shaffer
- Daniel Boos
- DJ Burditt
- Elizabeth Crawford
- Emily Ruff
- Frank Zepeda
- Gary Fuller
- Hannah Rogers
- Henry Thompson
- Hilary Benjamin
- Jamie Darko
- Jared Redeen
- Jay Foley
- Jena Lawson
- Jenny Hill
- Jessica Hasler
- Jessica Tomscheck
- Joe Gibson
- Jon Hargett
- Josh Anderson
- Kadee Jamieson
- Katie Pickering
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- Kyle Norman
- Kyler Morrison
- Lily Niblack
- Nick Roberts
- Nickadoums Heinzman
- Pam Cloonan
- Patrick Yerman
- Payson Kemmerling
- Robert Allard
- Ruschelle Tyvand
- Ruth Spinelli
- Skylehr Stiles
- Stacey Johnston-Gleason
- Tanner Davis
- Tevan Smith-Brown
- Thad Powell
- Tiffany Jorgensen
- Tom Moody
- Will Moody
- Xxy Belt



2026 COHORT

- Amber Gertsch
- Christopher Clare
- Noah Walund
- Cody Amundson
- Tyler Schreckendgust
- Olivia Smith
- Chris Wagar
- Gail Anderson
- Alison Bowers



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Grand Prize: 2026 Chevy Silverado 1500 Crew Cab

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St. Vincent Regional Hospital – Mansfield Education Center
RSVP attendees only



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May 14th 7PM - 8:30PM
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SCREENINGS OFFERED:

FIT FEET:

Screenings evaluate ankles, feet, lower extremity biomechanics, and proper shoe and sock gear. Fit Feet helps Special Olympics athletes step lively on the playing field and in everyday life.

SPECIAL SMILES:

Provides comprehensive oral health care information, including offering free dental screenings and instructions on correct brushing and flossing techniques.

HEALTHY HEARING:

Provides comprehensive hearing screenings, hearing aid maintenance and minor repairs, hearing aid fittings, and audiologic services, such as earwax removal.

EYE SCREENINGS:

The Lions Club provides free eye screenings, primarily focusing on early detection of vision problems in children and adults. These are screenings, not comprehensive medical exams. They are designed to identify risk factors; if a problem is detected, the Lions will provide a referral for a follow-up with a professional eye doctor.

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GOOD LUCK TEAM MONTANA!

This June, Montana will send a delegation of 54 to Minneapolis for the 2026 USA Games. One of the largest delegations to travel to these games, Team Montana consists of the following:

Athletes: 25 | Coaches: 9 | Unified Partners: 9
Youth Leadership: 1 athlete & 1 Unified Partner | Support Staff: 9

Cities & Towns represented (18)

Anaconda • Belgrade • Big Arm • Big Timber • Billings • Bozeman • Butte
Columbia Falls • Glasgow • Great Falls • Havre • Helena • Kalispell • Manhattan
Missoula • Polson • Ronan • Sidney

Sports represented (7)

5v5 Unified Basketball • Aquatics • Athletics • Bocce • Golf • Gymnastics • Bowling

54 DELEGATES. 34 COMPETITORS. 18 COMMUNITIES. 7 SPORTS.

ONE VERY LOUD MONTANA CHEERING SECTION.

check in at go.somt.org/USAgames

Visit the SOMT USA Games page for daily updates on where to watch competition, find daily summaries, medal counts and more!





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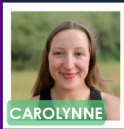
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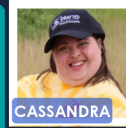
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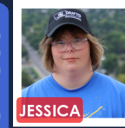
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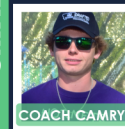
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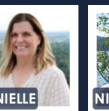
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2026 Athlete of the Year

Hilary Benjamin

Missoula



Hilary Benjamin has been an athlete for more than 40 years, competing with the Missoula Diamondbacks in sports including bocce, golf, basketball, bowling, track and field, and several winter sports. A highlight of her career was competing in downhill skiing at the 2021 World Games in Alaska.

Hilary is also a passionate leader and advocate. She serves as an athlete leader, Development Messenger, Health Messenger, LETR Ambassador, and has completed two terms on the Board of Directors.

She works at Jimmy John's and enjoys playing softball and singing in a choir that performs at community events. Known for her friendly, outgoing personality, Hilary takes pride in helping others get involved and experience the joy of Special Olympics. From Hilary: "What do I love most about being involved with Special Olympics? I love to get in shape, meet new friends, and help others out. Being an athlete leader has helped me be a better athlete. It has helped me get others involved and help them.

There's nothing I would say no to with Special Olympics! Special Olympics has impacted me in so many ways. It's everything to me. If I didn't have Special Olympics, there would be a lot less joy in my life."

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To the **athletes** who continue to inspire, the **volunteers** who show up and give it their all, the **sponsors and local partners** who make it possible, and **every fan who cheered from the sidelines**, we thank you.

Your **energy, generosity, and commitment** are what made these Games unforgettable. Simply put, this doesn't happen without you.

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