

Special Olympics Maryland Area Memo

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Welcome

Congratulations and thank you to the many area programs who had Plunge teams throughout the 2023 Polar Bear Plunge! We enjoyed a successful (but cold!) plunge, and enjoyed seeing so many of you at the park! Thank you for all you did to help make the plunge a success!

If there are any members of your area's leadership who are not currently receiving the Area Memo, please send their names and email address to jabel@somd.org.

Shout out a volunteer

This memo's shout outs go to...

All of our Area Plunge Teams and Plunge Team Captains!

Thank you for making this year's plunge a great event!

Stewart Holt

Thank you for your willingness to be the Dunk Bear whenever needed as we continue to promote the Deep Creek Dunk!

Ellen Fineran

Ellen not only volunteers as a coach and management team member with the Prince George's County Program, but she also shows up to volunteer for many state events including our recent MedFest and the Polar Bear Plunge!

Please use the link below to submit your shout outs!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LV88QG9>

(NEW) Unified Rec is back!

-PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR ATHLETES-

Just a reminder that we are excited for Unified Rec to return to Towson University with BASKETBALL this winter!

Play Unified with Towson Campus Recreation! Join Towson Students and Special Olympics Maryland athletes for a Unified Recreation Basketball League.

Special Olympics Maryland athletes will play on Unified Teams with Towson Students as part of their Campus Recreation Intramural program.

All games will take place at Burdick Gym at Towson University from on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm

Expectations:

- Teams part of the Towson Unified Rec program will NOT advance to qualifiers or state competition. This is an additional play opportunity
- SOMD Athletes must be pre-registered and have up-to-date paperwork filed with SOMD
- SOMD Athletes must have played 3v3 or 5v5 Traditional or Unified Basketball in the past (Skills and PDU are not eligible for this program, yet)
- SOMD athletes must arrive on time, ready to play. These teams will not practice; this is a 'show up and play' opportunity without coaches.

Register Here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/65PMX5L>

Please share with other athletes who may be interested in competing!
If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Abel (Jabel@somd.org)

Spring Event Classy Needs?

Are you hosting an Inspiration Walk or other fundraiser this spring that needs online registration and/or peer to peer fundraising? Remember CLASSY is a great resource made available to our Area Programs at no cost. If you have a spring fundraising event and would like a classy page set up, please email Jeff (jabel@somd.org) so we can start talking about how to use the site!

(NEW) Finance Corner...with a Twist!

IN KIND – We have received very little in terms of In-Kind from the Area programs. Please reach out to any vendors/schools that have supplied the program with in-Kind contributions during the calendar year. This is very important. In-kind is used for organizational match for our grants and is reported in the annual audit. Remember to send your reports to Kim Wijnands kwijnands@somd.org by **FEB 13, 2023!**

Congratulations to Laurie Brewer and Michele Taltys who won a gift card for answering the Dashboard Trivia question #1 correctly.

The screenshot shows a balance sheet summary with the following items:

- Assets
 - Cash & Cash Equivalents
 - Accounts Receivable
 - Total Assets
- Liabilities
 - Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses
 - Total Liabilities
- Net Assets
 - Total Liabilities and Net Assets

A callout box on the right contains the text: "The balance of your Area's '1042 – Savings/Money Market – Area' account can be found by navigating to Your Area Balance Sheet, clicking on Cash & Cash Equivalents. The detail opens to show you the 1042 account and balance." An orange arrow points from the callout box to the 'Cash & Cash Equivalents' line item in the screenshot. Below the screenshot, a partial view of the expanded 'Cash & Cash Equivalents' section is shown, listing '1016 - Cash - Area Operating' and '1042 - Savings/Money Market - Areas'.

Dashboard Trivia Q#2 -

Using the Dashboard, what is your area's 2023 approved budget for Uniforms? *Send a screen shot or snip it to show me your answer.* BONUS – How do you find the detail for how many different sports are included in the Uniforms budget? *Send a screen shot or snip it.* The first correct answer wins a gift card.

If you have any questions about this update, please reach out to Joanne.

(NEW) Monthly Area Director Call

Our February monthly Area Director call of 2023 is this Wednesday, 2/15/2023 at 6:30pm. Please use this link to register and join:

<https://somid.zoom.us/j/81789995337?pwd=TGxIZkJOY1BOcFRsZ1NRNUhDcDBoZz09>

JTCC Tennis Clinics are back!

PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR ATHLETES!

Registration for JTCC's Special Olympics tennis program for the winter and spring sessions is OPEN! Located in College Park, MD, the tennis center's mission is "Tennis for Everybody" and is proud to partner with Special Olympics MD to offer year-round tennis clinics. The clinics focus on building a strong athletic foundation while learning tennis stroke and strategy fundamentals through an engaging game-based format. Additionally, JTCC has a low coach-to-player ratio to ensure athletes are getting individualized, level-based instruction that they need to take their game to the next level, whether they are beginner Level 1, high-performance Level 6, or anywhere in between!

The clinics are held on Sundays from 4-5:30pm at JTCC (5200 Campus Drive, College Park, MD 20740). Winter Session runs January 29-April 2 and the Spring Session runs April 16-June 11. You do not need to attend all clinics within a session to participate and benefit from the program! To register for the program, visit <https://jtcc.clubautomation.com/calendar/event-info?id=72463&style=0&isFrame=0> and contact Gabby Hesse at ghesse@jtcc.org with any questions.

Plunge and Dunk Reminder

Remember, there's still time to sign up your local program teams and recruit new teams! And we are committed to the 70/30 net revenue split with new teams recruited by local programs for any of the plunge properties!

Visit: www.plungemd.com and www.dunkmd.com to register!

(UPDATED) Winter Games 2023 – Information/Input Web Meetings

SOMD is very excited to have Winter Games return to Wisp Resort in Garrett County. Given the significant amount of change that this involves, we have scheduled several additional briefing and input sessions so we can work to get folks as much information as possible and provide an opportunity for suggestions far enough in advance of the Games that we may be able to implement them for 2023. Please see the list of sessions below and join us for the one(s) that match your role with Winter Games.

We are also very pleased that our relationship with Whitetail Resort continues and that we were able to hold a limited but valuable on-snow training date for Alpine skiers on January 7. We look forward to seeing skiers out on the snow again on February 11 and are hopeful that our snowshoers will be able to join them.

Pre-Competition Coaches Webinars

Sport	Date/Time	Registration / Recording Link
Alpine	Mon, Feb 20 6:00-7:00pm	https://somed.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUldOCupzkgEtXvnzt8Zfah8pirrZiAZ4dx
Snowshoeing	Thu, Feb 23 6:30-7:30pm	https://somed.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMoceuopjljGdLh-WXsRFkRGpN6EH-sd37l
Basketball	Wed, Mar 15 6:00-7:00pm	https://somed.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMvdeCurT0uGt3BEiBXVP8qGTmqr--X8usF

Sports Department Contacts – Assigned Sports

Your Area Director and Area Leadership should always be your first point of contact. However, should you have questions regarding a specific sport, coach education, or competition, please work with the corresponding Sport Director.

- **Melissa Anger, Senior Sports Director**

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Basketball	Soccer
Cheerleading	Softball
Flag Football	Tennis

*Locally Popular Sports: Volleyball,
Cross Country Skiing*

- **Ryan Kelchner, Sports Director**

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Athletics	Golf
Bocce	Powerlifting
Distance Running	Snowshoeing

*Locally Popular Sports: Dance,
Equestrian Sports, Floor Hockey*

- **Elizabeth Kramer, Sports Director**

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Alpine Skiing	Kayaking
Bowling (10 pin)	Swimming
Cycling	

*Locally Popular Sports: Figure Skating,
Sailing, Short Track Speed Skating,
Duckpin Bowling*

If you have questions regarding multi-sport events, or USA/World Games, please contact:

- **Steve Bennett, Senior Director, Competitions**

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Summer Games	Fall Sports Festival	USA Games
Winter Games		World Games

If you have questions regarding High School Unified Sports (IUS) training and competition, please contact:

- **Zach Cintron, Senior Director, High School Unified Sports**

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IUS Athletics (T&F)	IUS Outdoor Bocce	IUS Tennis
IUS Indoor Bocce	IUS Strength & Conditioning	

Overall Sports Leadership (any sports/competition questions that aren't related to a specific sport)

- **Mike Czarnowsky, Vice President, Sports**

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Questions?

If You Have Any Questions on Any Other Non-Sports-Related Issues, please contact a member of the Local Programs Team

- **Jeff Abel, Vice President. Local Program Development**
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