

Special Olympics Maryland Area Memo

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Welcome

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...

Jamie Valis:

Kudos to Jamie Valis for coming through yet again to plan our amazing restaurant night fundraiser through BC Brewery. I'm so sad I will miss it this year, but very excited it will be fully back in person! Thanks, Jamie!

From: Joyce Powell

Note from Jeff: It was a great fundraiser and very fun! Thank you, Jamie!

Becky Peters

Shout out to Becky Peters, who has stepped up as our head coach for the Lower Shore's first ever YAP Community Program! We're excited to have new young athletes joining the program and gaining awesome experiences in an inclusive sports setting. Thank you Becky for all your work!

Please use the link below to submit your shout outs!

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

(NEW) Some SOMD Staff Members Out of Office 3/13-3/16/2023

This week is the Special Olympics North America Sport Business Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. Because of this, the following members of staff will be out of the office from 3/13-3/16 attending the meetings. Please note there may be limited access to email while our team attends sessions, and there is a 2 hour time difference.

- Melissa Anger
- Ryan Kelchner
- Zach Cintron
- Mike Myers
- Sam Boyd
- Kyler Mellott
- Lily Bean
- Mackenzie Irvin
- Kayla Shields
- Mike Czarnowsky
- Jeff Abel

(NEW) Spring Area Director Meeting- Register Today!

We're just a few weeks away from our Spring Area Director webinar and meeting. Please use the links below to register!

Webinar	3/27 7:00pm	https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqf-Chpz4pGdNMnwFFNFU85nH-eFyf6PsL
Meeting	4/1 9:00am	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8P5M7TJ

NEW FOR THIS MEETING: Because members of our Development Department will be on-site to talk about topics including: Area Program Grant Writing, Collaborative Fundraising, and Fundraiser risk management, please share this meeting with your Fundraising Coordinators! Their section of the meeting will be approximately 9:00am-11:30am. They are welcome to join us for lunch and then we'll continue with just Area Directors/Assistant Area Directors for the remainder of the meeting.

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

IN KIND – Kim has been reaching out to all programs for in-kind donations. We had asked for your reports by Feb 13th. Many programs have not responded. 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.

We didn't have a winner, so this question is still in play!

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.

Summer Games Theme- Athlete Input needed!

We have begun to plan for Summer Games and are in need of a theme. In the past, we have done song titles (Don't Believe Me Just Watch, Champions, etc.) and pop culture like Games of Thrones, Super Heroes, etc. This theme helps us in our advertising, T-Shirt Design, social media, and other promotions. You can help us decide what that will be in 2023. Athletes, we want your help in planning this year's theme.

Join us for one of the following Zoom meetings listed below and share your thoughts.

Monday, March 20th, 2023 7pm-8pm

Registration Link: https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAvC0mrqiMiE90kITCtA_uLnywTW2GHVoJB

Tuesday, March 21st, 2023 12pm-1pm

Registration Link: <https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwvfuihrjwuEtGhIxh2NGyjCSSkwtwfh9u>

Wednesday, March 22nd, 2023 8am-9am

Registration Link: <https://somed.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZclcu-qpzwtGtVRLXdoY2R8FMATJjIR2UND>

Thursday, March 23rd, 2023 7pm-8pm

Registration Link: <https://somed.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlkceqrqjssH93HzI1XIYRCdrkfJji2v0F3>

The Basketball Pre-Competition webinar will be moved to Tuesday, March 21st at 6:00pm.

It was originally scheduled for March 15th, but Melissa Anger will now be at a conference that week. Please ensure you register for the webinar as very important information regarding the State Basketball Tournament on March 25-26 will be provided during the webinar.

Registration Link- <https://somed.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMvdeCurT0uGt3BEiBXVP8qGTmqr--X8usF>

(UPDATED) Pre-Season and Pre-Competition Webinars

The dates and time for Pre-Season webinars have been set for the upcoming seasons. Please share this info with your coaches and sports volunteers.

Pre-Season Coaches Webinars (slides from recorded sessions are available on the respective CRP)

Sport	Date/Time	Registration / Recording Link
Alpine	Wed, Nov 30	Recording: www.youtube.com/watch?v=aEDme1liaeg
Snowshoeing	Wed, Nov 16	Recording: www.youtube.com/watch?v=mhOK0vbWkxE
Basketball	Tue, Dec 6	Recording: www.youtube.com/watch?v=HZSK6DkTYQI

Pre-Competition Coaches Webinars (slides from recorded sessions are available on the respective CRP)

Sport	Date/Time	Registration / Recording Link
Alpine	Mon, Feb 20	Recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-iq2O8qi9Zg
Snowshoeing	Thu, Feb 23	Recording: https://youtu.be/HmO611hX1ZE
Basketball	Wed, Mar 21 6:00-7:00pm	https://somed.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMvdeCurT0uGt3BEiBXVP8qGTmqr--X8usF

Other Winter Games Briefing Sessions (slides from recorded sessions are available on the respective CRP)

Sport	Date/Time	Registration / Recording Link
Heads of Delegations	Thu, Feb 16	Recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RSQYHvufPgY
Athletes and Families	Tue, Feb 21	Recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sIny6-jddHE

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	<i>Locally Popular Sports: Dance, Equestrian Sports, Floor Hockey</i>
Bocce	Powerlifting	
Distance Running	Snowshoeing	

- **Elizabeth Kramer, Sports Director**
 - ekramer@somd.org, 410.242.1515 x127

Alpine Skiing	Kayaking	<i>Locally Popular Sports: Figure Skating, Sailing, Short Track Speed Skating, Duckpin Bowling</i>
Bowling (10 pin)	Swimming	
Cycling		

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

- **Steve Bennett, Senior Director, Competitions**
 - sbennett@somd.org, 410.242.1515 x102

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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 - Any general question, COVID Protocol

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