

2018 Special Olympics USA Games Seattle, WA- July 1-6, 2018



SueAnn Wanklyn

USA Games Sport: Swimming-coach

Hometown: Frankfort, Kansas

Local Team: The Road Runners

Volunteer for Special Olympics: 9 years

Certified coach in: Alpine ski, snowshoe,

athletics, powerlifting, and equestrian

"Special Olympics gives people with different abilities the opportunity to be as competitive as their peers. It makes me smile when I see an athlete take such pride in their accomplishments."

Favorite Fun Facts

• Color: Purple

• Movie: Grease and

Hairspray

• TV show: America's Got

Talent

• Food: Pasta

Music: Oldies/Country

• Sports Team: Kansas State

• Hobby: Camping, Fishing,

being outdoors

SueAnn work for USD #383 at Manhattan High School In her spare time, she volunteers as the secretary of 3G's Saddle Club, which is connected to her son's 4-H Horse Club. Her Saddle Club puts on a horse show every year.

Special Olympics has allowed SueAnn and her family to create new relationships with people that she now calls "family". This organization has given her son the confidence and ability to compete and win in sports against his peers, which is something that he was not able to do at the community level.

SueAnn considers it her biggest accomplishment to be selected as a swim coach for Team Kansas at the 2018 USA Games.

