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SOKS Spotlight

Marlee Strunk is a 15-year-old Special Olympics Kansas athlete who inspires her teammates and her coach through her hard work and passion for sports. Click [HERE](#) to read Marlee's full story.

Upcoming Sporting Events

- [Metro Region Powerlifting](#)
April 7
 - [West Region Track and Field](#)
April 7
 - [SE Region Powerlifting](#)
April 14
 - [Unified Soccer Matches](#)
April 15
 - [Metro Region Cycling](#)
April 17
 - [SE Region Track and Field](#)
April 19
 - [Metro Region Swimming](#)
April 21
 - [North Central Region Track and Field VOLUNTEERS NEEDED](#)
April 28
 - [South Central Region Track and Field](#)
April 28
 - [Metro Region Track and Field](#)
April 28
 - [West Region Track and Field](#)
April 28
 - [State Powerlifting](#)
April 29
 - [Southeast Track Meet](#)
May 2
 - [Metro Tennis](#)
May 5
 - [North Central Swimming VOLUNTEERS NEEDED](#)
May 6
- To volunteer email burtc@ksso.org or click [HERE](#)

Upcoming Fundraising Events

- [SW Truck Convoy](#)
April 14
- [Chad W. Oehme Fishing Tournament](#)
April 20
- [Johnson County KS Sheriff's Office Shoot Out](#)
April 21
- [Shrimp Peel](#)
April 26
- [Crappie Fishing Tournament](#)
April 28-29
- [Emporia PD Golf Scramble for SOKS](#)
May 5
- [Kansas Heart and Sole Classic](#)
May 5

Recent Events

- State B-ball & Cheer**
Click to see photographs from [Hays](#) and [Topeka](#).
- Heroes Pull**
Click [HERE](#) to see photographs from the event. This year more than \$9,000 was raised for SOKS.
- Popcorn Standoff**
Police officers from Merriam, Prairie Village and Lawrence took part in this annual event on opening weekend of "A Wrinkle in Time" and raised \$6,500 for SOKS.

Young Athletes

- Upcoming/ongoing events:
 - Lawrence, KS**
Sundays 4-5 p.m.
April 8 - May 6
 - Gardner, KS**
Tuesdays, May 8
6-6:45 p.m.
- Contact Terri Price at pricet@ksso.org for information or to join a group.



Team Financials due April 15

Contact Sheri Stanton at stantons@ksso.org with any questions. Please get them in on time!



SUMMER GAMES 2018

Here's what you need to know to start planning for the summer games.

- Venue Info
 - [Summer Games Map](#) Friday
 - [Summer Games Map](#) Saturday
 - Click [HERE](#) for schedules
- Opening Ceremony will be held at Maize South High School the evening of June 1.
- [Directions](#) to Cotillion Banquet and Dance
- Torch Run final mile: We will be doing our Unified Run again this year. If you would like to run with the LETR officers for the last mile and support them as they bring the torch into the opening ceremonies, please contact Mitch Guthrie at Guthriem@ksso.org for information.
- Healthy Athletes screenings will be offered. Please contact burtc@ksso.org for more information.

Thank you to the following Summer Games Sponsor: Dane Hansen Foundation.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE AWARDS

The following are finalists for the 2017 Making a Difference Awards. Winners will be notified in late April. Awards will be presented at the Summer Games Opening Ceremony.

Business of the Year Finalists:

- Pittsburg American Legion
- KC Supply Company
- Kansas Gas Service
- Sporting KC
- Johnny's Tavern

Coach of the Year Finalists:

- Dave Swift; Blue Valley
- John Hagerty; Junction City
- Joy Riebel; A&W Coop and Allen County
- Pat Willig; Haysville Homets
- Sam Overman; New Hope Bulldogs

Family of the Year Finalists:

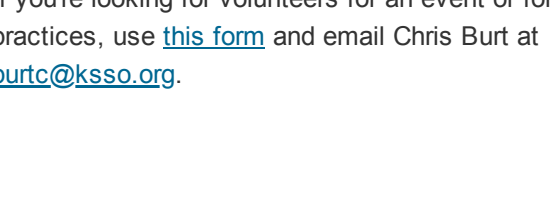
- Tonia and Ed Lee
- Skylar Morgan Family
- Jerad Leatherman Family

Program Volunteer of the Year Finalists:

- Jeff Bragg
- Kak Eli-Schneider
- KS Air National Guard

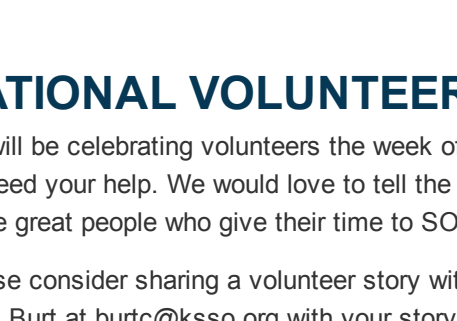
Special Event Volunteer of the Year Finalists:

- Kim Brice
- Cathy Butler



COACHES' CORNER

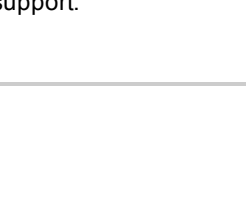
If you're looking for volunteers for an event or for help with practices, use [this form](#) and email Chris Burt at burtc@ksso.org.



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

We will be celebrating volunteers the week of April 15-21, but we need your help. We would love to tell the stories of some of the great people who give their time to SOKS athletes.

Please consider sharing a volunteer story with us. Email Chris Burt at burtc@ksso.org with your story today.



CROWD RISE

Special Olympics Kansas is participating in A Community Thrives, a fundraising project on CrowdRise, the largest crowdfunding platform for good.

Special Olympics Kansas is eligible to win a \$50,000 grant and an additional \$25,000 grant as the fan favorite. Click [HERE](#) to support.

FINANCIAL PLANNING WORKSHOP

If you were unable to attend the Northwestern Mutual Financial Planning Workshop and would like to receive the information, email Lynda Krupp at kruppl@ksso.org.



DOUBLE YOUR DONATION

Do you or someone you know work at one of the companies listed below? If so you may be able to help raise money through matching gifts.

Click [HERE](#) to learn how or email Erin Fletcher at fletcher@ksso.org.

Companies include: ExxonMobil, Aetna, Outerwall (Coinstar/Redbox), Verizon, ConocoPhillips, Microsoft, Dell, RealNetworks, Time Warner and Subsidiaries, and Allstate.

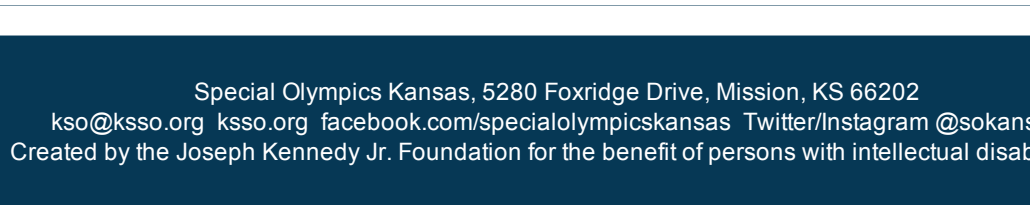
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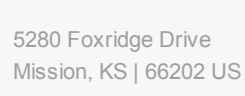


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