



Special Olympics
Kansas

Coach News Update

If you collect sports and entertainment memorabilia you won't want to miss the Sports Memorabilia auction benefiting Special Olympics Kansas on Oct. 20, 2018 in Johnson County. There will be hundreds of live and silent auction items from the MLB, MLS, NBA, NFL, NCAA, TV, movies and more! Tickets are only \$10 and include entry and a bidder card. [See the full list of auction items.](#)

This newsletter is designed to provide you with resources to help you in your coaching journey and information on the happenings with SOKS. Here's what you'll find below:

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There is lots of good and relevant information in this email so please take some time to look over all of it.

KC SPORTS MEMORABILIA AUCTION

Join us October 20, 2018 at the Abdallah Shrine Temple, 5300 Metcalf Ave, Shawnee Mission, KS 66202

Hundreds of LIVE and SILENT AUCTION autographed items from the NFL, MLB, NHL, NCAA, WWE and more. Plus movie and TV memorabilia. There's something for everyone!



Hosted by the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Kansas

[Click HERE](#) to buy tickets in advance and see the full list of auction items.

JOHN L. CASSIDY HEARTLAND WINTER GAMES



If your athlete has never participated in Winter Games, please consider this opportunity for them to try out a new sport! Competition is held for all skills levels, including beginner, and athletes can compete in one or all of the events. The best part yet is that it's FREE. The cost for facility rentals, lift tickets, rental equipment, training clinics and the competition is raised by the Heartland Winter Games Auction and Dinner. [Click here to download the informational flyer and find out more.](#)

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STORAGE CLEARANCE GARAGE SALE

Special Olympics Kansas is clearing it's storage of new and used items! Sports and event equipment including megaphones, electronic scoreboards, coolers, portable chairs, softballs and more! Get your hands on Special Olympics Kansas apparel and other branded items on clearance. Plus lots of other misc. items from storage and donated items for sale. Lots of items that need to go as we make room for our expanding programs and raise money to support our athletes.

Stop by and shop on October 27th between 8am and 2pm.

LocatSpecial Olympics Kansas Headquarters, 5280 Foxridge Drive, Mission, KS 66202

EXCEPTIONAL PARENT MAGAZINE

Exceptional Parent Magazine is a free digital magazine that provides practical advice, emotional support and the most up-to-date educational information for families of children and adults with disabilities and special healthcare needs.

Just click the link [Read ep-magazine.com](#). Please pass this onto others who might be interested. Plus, all 36 previous months issues are available at this same link; all available to read online, or to print.

FIT FAMILIES/FIT FRIENDS CHALLENGE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN



Fit Families/Fit Friends is a 6-week fitness challenge for athletes and their supporters (family members or others) to get active and healthy together. Groups track their physical activity and nutrition in a weekly journal and submit their progress along the way. The challenge offers incentives as families/teams work towards a healthier lifestyle. Participants can repeat the challenge in efforts toward year round fitness.

Families who complete the challenge and all required documents will receive a team reward at the end of the 6 weeks!

Register Today!

[Please share with any families in your local program that may be interested.](#)

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY AND SPECIAL OLYMPICS KANSAS UNIFIED BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Calling on all athletes in the Wichita area: Dedicated to promoting social inclusion through shared sports training and competition experiences, Wichita State University and Special Olympics Kansas are joining forces to bring together people with and without intellectual disabilities on the same team for a 5v5 Unified Basketball League this winter. It is inspired by a simple principle: training together and playing together is a quick path to friendship and understanding.

[Download flyer for more details](#)

[Click Here to Register](#)

Similar relationships are being developed with KSU, KU and Pittsburg State.

FALL FUNDRAISING EVENTS

[Click here](#) for a list of fundraising events across the state this fall.

Can't attend? You may consider sponsoring an athlete to attend. Find out more about sponsoring an athlete by contacting Cougar Gray at grayc@kssso.org.

POLAR PLUNGE REVENUE SHARE

Special Olympics Kansas invites you to Earn \$\$\$ for your team/organization through the Polar Plunge®!

We will share the funds* your team raises online! The polar plunge website and details on dates and locations will be coming out in the upcoming weeks. In the meantime, take a look at our revenue share opportunity and start considering how your program can take advantage of it.



[Download Polar Plunge Revenue Share Flyer](#)

SPECIAL OLYMPICS FIT 5: WEAR OUT THE OTHER TEAM

Silvia Haas had doubts about her soccer team's fitness. Last summer, Haas challenged her group, made up of players with autism, to finish a 5K run by Thanksgiving. "One of my big coaching philosophies is, 'We're going to wear out the other team,'" Haas said. "We're going to be the best-conditioned team out there." [Learn how Haas embraced the Special Olympics Fit 5 guide to accomplish this goal.](#)



NEW UNIFIED CHAMPION SCHOOLS VIDEO SERIES

The Unified Champion Schools team is starting a new video project called [The Moment Series](#). [CLICK HERE](#) to see the trailer.

The Moment Series description: All around the world, people experience life-changing moments when they finally see/feel/grasp the true power of inclusion. We want to inspire millions of people to join the Inclusion Revolution by showing what happens when people experience their own Special Olympics "Moment".

[Find out more about Unified Champion Schools in Kansas](#)

Are you looking for volunteer coaches? We can help.

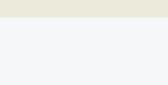
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