Our Mission
The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

Special Olympics Kansas Athletes
Special Olympics Kansas serves more than 4,200 athletes with intellectual disabilities. Here are just a few of our amazing athletes.

Savannah Koehn
Team: Dodge City Dodgers
Career: 167 events in 61 games
Top Sports: basketball, track, bowling

Cody Pierce
Team: New Hope Bulldogs (Pittsburg)
Career: 203 events in 100 games
Top Sports: softball, golf, flag football

Abbi Griswold
Team: Sedgwick County Thundercats
Career: 92 events in 40 games
Top Sports: bowling, track, basketball

Keith Hartner
Team: Manhattan Sports Club
Career: 215 events in 92 games
Top Sports: volleyball, track, bowling

Cole Browne
Team: Douglas County Jayhawks
Career: 165 events in 80 games
Top Sports: powerlifting, tennis, soccer

Josh Alters
Team: Topeka Shawnee
Career: 290 events in 127 games
Top Sports: swimming, track, volleyball

What is the Polar Plunge?
The Polar Plunge is a unique opportunity for individuals, organizations, and businesses to support Special Olympics athletes by running or jumping into cold winter waters. Plunge participants take a quick dip in a lake or pool to raise funds for Special Olympics Kansas, the state’s largest year-round organization devoted to sports training and competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

What is a Polar Strut?
The Polar Strut is a fun run or walk held in conjunction with a Polar Plunge event. This experience is for anyone who wants to take a brisk walk or run in the cold Kansas winter weather. For individuals who are taking the Plunge this is a great way to warm up before cooling down in the water. For those not taking this Plunge this is a great way to be a part of the event without taking an icy dip.

2020 Locations & Contacts
Kansas City
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Pittsburg
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Lawrence
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Manhattan
Krystin Guggisberg  785-531-0577  guggisbergk@ksso.org

Topeka | Garden City
Luke Schulte  620-408-4450  schultel@ksso.org

Maize | Hutchinson | Emporia | Salina
Mitch Guthrie  316-263-1181  guthriem@ksso.org

Haysville
Brian Talarico  815-210-5671  talaricob@ksso.org
What Your Partnership Creates

Sports Training and Competition. We offer 20 year-round sports from team sports like basketball, volleyball and softball, to individual sports like bocce, track and field, and swimming. We even offer winter sports including snowshoeing, cross country and downhill skiing.

Leadership Opportunities. We offer training for our athletes to become leaders in Kansas communities. Our athletes take courses in public speaking, governance and healthy habits to become global messengers, committee and board members, and even become coaches.

Health & Wellness Programs & Screenings. We provide free health screenings to athletes at competitions and stand alone events through the year by trained medical professionals. The screenings focus on vision, hearing, dental, general fitness and healthy habits. We are even able to provide free glasses to athletes in need.

Inclusive Schools & Communities. We provide curriculum and materials to schools for grades K - college level for inclusive programs including adaptive sports, inclusive youth leadership and whole school engagement for inclusive activities.

Lasting Friendships. At the heart of all of our programs is our passion for our athletes to experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

What Your Partnership Means

Your partnership means Kansas athletes with intellectual disabilities will be given the opportunity to share their abilities, experience the power of inclusion, and feel the joy of victory both on and off the field.

Connect with Us

Facebook & Flickr Special Olympics Kansas
Twitter & Instagram @soKansas Web ksso.org & plungeks.org

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2020 Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Kansas

Please select a Plunge location:
- Emporia
- Kansas City
- Garden City
- Lawrence
- Haysville
- Maize
- Hutchinson
- Manhattan
- Pittsburg
- Salina
- Topeka

Please select a Partnership Level:
- $10,000
- $5,000
- $2,500
- $1,875
- $1,000
- $500
- $250
- $150

Contact Information

Primary Contact

Company Name

Street Address

City / State / Zip

Phone Number

Email Address

Payment Information

Credit Card Number

Expiration Date

CVV

Signature

Make checks payable to Special Olympics Kansas. Your donation is 100% tax deductible to the extent the law allows.

Return form with payment to:
Special Olympics Kansas
Polar Plunge
5280 Foxridge Drive
Mission, KS 66202

“Companies that encourage community involvement distinguish themselves from their competitors, and see many benefits including loyal customers and happier employees.”

-Entrepreneur Magazine