



## April 2017

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### Affiliate Development & Athlete Leadership Conference

The third Affiliate Development Conference was a success! It is truly inspiring to see how dedicated everyone is to creating quality programs and enriching the lives of the athletes in your community. There was lots of great information shared and it fostered tons of great discussions.

This year, the communities that were represented included:  
**Airdrie, Calgary, Camrose, Edmonton, Lacombe, Lakeland, Leduc, Lethbridge, Olds, Red Deer, St. Albert, St. Paul and Sylvan Lake**

**We will be sending a follow-up e-mail to all Affiliates and Community Programs.**

Please share your feedback and let us know what you would like to see at the next conference!



### Special Olympics Alberta Awards 2017

At Special Olympics Alberta, we love to celebrate the outstanding athletes, volunteers, coaches, schools and communities who drive the movement in our province!



Nominating someone is easy!

- Step 1 - Go to our Awards page:  
[www.specialolympics.ca/alberta/awards](http://www.specialolympics.ca/alberta/awards)
- Step 2 - Pick the Award you would like to place your nomination for
- Step 3 - Fill out the online form
- Step 4 - Click "Submit"

**Please have your nominations in by June 1, 2017.**

### REMINDERS

#### Provincial Games - Police Information Checks

Please ensure that all volunteers and coaches attending Provincial Games have completed a PIC or have a current one on file! If you have any questions, please contact Philippe ([pphan@specialolympics.ab.ca](mailto:pphan@specialolympics.ab.ca))

#### New Website

[www.specialolympics.ca/alberta](http://www.specialolympics.ca/alberta)

Please give us any feedback you have regarding our new website! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Katherine ([kdalusong@specialolympics.ab.ca](mailto:kdalusong@specialolympics.ab.ca)) or Philippe ([pphan@specialolympics.ab.ca](mailto:pphan@specialolympics.ab.ca)).

#### Team Alberta 2018 Applications

We are still looking for Associate Coaches. Applications can be found here:  
[www.specialolympics.ca/alberta/news-events/national-games/team-alberta](http://www.specialolympics.ca/alberta/news-events/national-games/team-alberta)

Deadline:  
**Associate Coaches - June 9, 2017**

#### Board of Director – Youth Leader

The SOA Board of Director's is looking for an enthusiastic, dedicated and motivated youth to be part of the Board and to help the organization connect and engage with young people.

Please pass along this opportunity to any youth members in your community:  
[www.specialolympics.ca/sites/default/files/Youth%20Position-March%202017.pdf](http://www.specialolympics.ca/sites/default/files/Youth%20Position-March%202017.pdf)

We are accepting nominations for the following categories:

- [Male and Female Athlete of the Year](#)
- [Team of the Year](#)
- [Male and Female Coach of the Year](#)
- [Volunteer Leadership Award](#)
- [Rising Star Award](#)
- [Athlete Spirit Award](#)
- [LETR Outstanding Contribution Award](#)

# Provincial Summer Games Medicine Hat 2017

**COUNTDOWN IS ON!**



**WITNESS  
PURE  
JOY**

We are less than 100 days away from Games!

For all updates regarding Provincial Games, check out the Games website here:

[www.medicinehat2017.ca](http://www.medicinehat2017.ca)

## IMPORTANT DATES:

**Next Affiliate Provincial Games Call  
May 24, 2017 at 12pm.**

## DEADLINES:

- **May 5, 2017** – Sport Specific Registration DUE
- **May 15, 2017** – Transportation Procedure Documents DUE (Affiliates Driving Own Vehicle proposals, Bus transportation/contracts)
- **May 15, 2017** – Affiliate Accommodation Lists DUE
- **May 16, 2017** – Provincial Games Torch Lighting Ceremony from 12:00 to 12:45 pm at the Alberta Legislature building in Edmonton
- **June 1, 2017** – Affiliate Driving own vehicles with # vehicles and # athletes in each list DUE
- **June 1, 2017** – Transportation - Names of Bus Drivers that need accommodations DUE
- **June 2, 2017** – Coach Exemption Forms



Unified Sports is growing in Alberta! In partnership with the Alberta School Athletics Association, we have opened tons of new opportunities for student involvement in the Unified Sports movement.

Another great Unified event for the books! Bonnyville Centralized High School put on a great bean bag toss tournament!



Check out upcoming Unified Events here:  
<http://www.asaa.ca/sports/special-olympics-unified-sports>

## EVENT & COMPETITION CALENDAR

### May

6-23	Staples Campaign Give a Toonie, Share a Dream
13	LETR Camrose Final Leg Torch Run/Walk
16	Provincial Games Torch Lighting Ceremony
22	Victoria Day (SOA Office Closed)
26	Unified Sports Basketball Jamboree - Calgary
	Unified Sports Bocce Competition in Lethbridge
27	LETR 2017 Flame of Hope Harley Davidson Raffle
	SOA-Leduc Year-End Party
27-28	NCCP SO Competition Course in Calgary
29	SOA-Lethbridge Volunteer Appreciation Evening
30	Unified Sports Basketball Jamboree - Edmonton

### June

2	LETR Final Leg Torch Run in Calgary
3	LETR Free Our Finest in Olds
10-11	NCCP SO Competition Course in Grande Prairie
13	SOA-Red Deer Annual Wind-up Wiener Roast 2017
16	LETR Free Our Finest in Edmonton
	LETR 500 km Bike Ride Lethbridge
24	LETR Free Our Finest in Calgary
	LETR Final Leg in Edmonton
25	LETR Final Leg in Red Deer
	Special Olympics North America Golf Invitational
28	LETR Final Leg in Lethbridge

For more news and events, please visit our website:  
[www.specialolympics.ab.ca/news-event](http://www.specialolympics.ab.ca/news-event)

Want to add your event to next month's calendar? To add an event, please complete this online form:  
[www.specialolympics.ab.ca/affiliate-community-program-page-update-form](http://www.specialolympics.ab.ca/affiliate-community-program-page-update-form)

\* If you already completed a Competition Sanction Form for hosting a competition, you do not need to submit the form above.

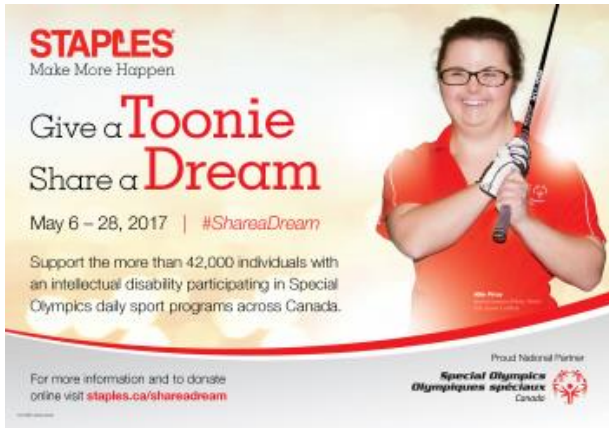
## Upcoming Courses

Below is a list of the upcoming courses that we have currently booked:



### NCCP SO Competition Courses Locations

- **Calgary** - May 27-28, 2017  
To register, please contact Karen Hurley ([karen@specialolympicscalgary.ca](mailto:karen@specialolympicscalgary.ca))
- **Grande Prairie** - June 10-11, 2017  
To register, please contact George Malcolm ([geomal@telusplanet.net](mailto:geomal@telusplanet.net))



## Staples Campaign 2017

This year's national campaign features Special Olympics Alberta athlete, Allie Price from Calgary who competes in golf and floor hockey. Staples has proudly been supporting Special Olympics Canada for over 15 years by spreading awareness and raising funds from customer donations.

**This year, Staples has given us flexibility in choosing the date of the Awareness Day, so please arrange a date that would work best for your athletes and volunteers!**

### 1. Connect with Store Managers and set up Awareness Day

You should have received your store manager's contact information, if you did not, please contact Philippe ([pphan@specialolympics.ab.ca](mailto:pphan@specialolympics.ab.ca)).

### 2. Schedule Athletes and Volunteers

Once you have arranged a date and scheduled athletes, please send your list of athletes/volunteers back to Michele ([mlichak@specialolympics.ab.ca](mailto:mlichak@specialolympics.ab.ca)).

### 3. Promote the Campaign

Promote the campaign locally on social media, in your newsletters, etc. I have attached some materials that you can use to help you with promotion.

## National Volunteer Week 2017

Special Olympics Alberta thanks all the dedicated amazing volunteers who make the movement possible. Please check out our website and social media to see volunteer spotlight features and share any events affiliates will be holding to recognize volunteers.

The following stores will be participating in the campaign:

Airdrie	505 Main Street
Calgary	<b>10 stores</b>
Camrose	6800 - 48 Avenue
Cochrane	#20 - 40 Quarry Street East
Edmonton	<b>9 stores</b>
Foothills	Unit #1, 100 Village Avenue (Okotoks)
Grande Prairie	10160 108th Street
Lakeland	4902 - 69 Avenue, Unit #107 (Cold Lake)
Leduc	5305 Discovery Way
Lethbridge	501 1st Ave.S.Unit #Y03A
Lloydminster	4219-75th Avenue
Medicine Hat	1910 Strachan Rd.
Olds	6700 46 Street
Red Deer	100 - 150 Leva Avenue 4747 67th Street
St. Albert	40-445 St. Albert Trail
Strathcona County	#107 - 9410 86th Avenue (Fort Saskatchewan) 350 390 Baseline Rd (Sherwood Park)
West Central	70 McLeod Avenue, Box #142 (Spruce Grove)
Whitecourt	4223-52 Avenue

## UPCOMING NATIONAL CAMPAIGNS



Eat better.  
Feel better.  
Do better.

### Sobeys Campaign

Date: **February – July, 2017**

From February to July, together with Campbell's, twenty-five cents (\$0.25) will be donated from the sale of each tub of **Creamy Mexican-Style Black Bean Chipotle Soup**.

For more information, please contact Edie ([edixon@specialolympics.ab.ca](mailto:edixon@specialolympics.ab.ca))



## 2017 Flame of Hope Harley Raffle



### 1st Prize

Retail value:  
\$27,755.00

### 2nd Prize

Retail value:  
\$19,565.70

### 3rd Prize

Retail value:  
\$13,144.95

The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Alberta Flame of Hope raffle raises money for sports programs that benefit athletes with intellectual disabilities all over Alberta.

This year the 2017 Flame of Hope of Raffle is your chance to win one of three Harley bikes.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit:  
<http://albertatorchrun.ca/wordpress/?event=flame-of-hope-harley-raffle>

## 2017 BMW Ultimate Driving Experience Package



We have 3 prizes this year:

- Four (4) BMW Vehicles
- A Gift of Flight for 2 from Westjet
- Framed Wayne Gretzky and Joey Moss Print from Gretzky's Oilers Retirement

Once again, Affiliates will receive 75% of the tickets they sell.

If you are interested in participating or you have any questions, please contact Edie ([edixon@specialolympics.ab.ca](mailto:edixon@specialolympics.ab.ca))

## UPCOMING LETR EVENTS



### 2017 Flame of Hope Harley Raffle

January 1, 2017 10:00 am – May 27, 2017 3:00 pm  
Venue: Gasoline Alley Harley Davidson

### LETR Final Leg Torch Run Events:

May 13: Camrose  
June 2: Calgary  
June 3: Olds  
June 24: Edmonton  
June 25: Red Deer  
June 28: Lethbridge

### 2017 500 km Provincial Ride

June 16, 2017 10:00 am – 17, 2017 12:00 pm

Details:

[albertatorchrun.ca/wordpress/?post\\_type=event](http://albertatorchrun.ca/wordpress/?post_type=event)

## TWO GREAT RAFFLES!

### Ticket Information

#### Harley Raffle

Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50 (8150 tickets printed).

- **To purchase tickets:** Please call the SOA office at 780-415-0719 or 1-800-444-2883.

#### BMW Raffle

Tickets will be \$10 each with 10 tickets to a book.

- **To purchase tickets:** Tickets will be available on July 1st

## Photo Gallery



To see more photos, visit the SOA Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/SpecialOAlberta](http://www.facebook.com/SpecialOAlberta)

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