



February 2017

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New SOA Website

CHECK OUT OUR NEW SITE HERE:
www.specialolympics.ca/alberta

Due to a technical issue, the new website will not be available until **March 1, 2017.*

We are excited to announce that our content has been successfully transferred to the new website. Here is what will change for Affiliates:

- **Affiliate & Community Program Webpages**

All of the old web addresses will now be redirected to the new home page. For example, www.specialolympics.ab.ca/red-deer will now be redirected to www.specialolympics.ca/alberta.

To access your Affiliate or Community Program page, go to: [www.specialolympics.ca/alberta/Affiliate or Community Program](http://www.specialolympics.ca/alberta/Affiliate%20or%20Community%20Program)

See the attached preview of the Affiliate & Community Program Webpages and to see how to make changes to your page.

- **Resources**

All resources will be housed here:
www.specialolympics.ca/alberta/resources

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Katherine (kdalusong@specialolympics.ab.ca) or Philippe (pphan@specialolympics.ab.ca).

APA Symposium

March 23-25, 2017
Mount Royal University

For more information or to register visit:
www.apasymposium.com

Mount Royal University & The Steadward Centre for Personal & Physical Achievement, U of A are hosting the 2017 Adapted Physical Activity Symposium.

Who should attend?
Anyone interested and involved in the field of Adapted Physical Activity, including families and caregivers.

REMINDERS

Affiliate Development & Athlete Conference

To register for either conference, visit:
www.specialolympics.ab.ca/spring-conferences-2017

Date: April 22, 2017

Location: Quality Inn & Conference Centre (7150 50 Ave, Red Deer)

U of A Sport Conference

To learn more about the conference or register, please visit:
www.edmontonsport.com/pdfs/the_sport_conference.pdf

SOA will cover the registration cost for coaches to attend this conference. To receive reimbursement, Affiliates must:

- Have coaches register by **April 1, 2017**
- Send a list of coaches attending and the amounts of each registration (based on number of days attending) to Jill
- Send receipts of registration to Jill.

For more information, please contact Jill (jmoore@specialolympics.ab.ca)

Team Alberta 2018 Applications

We are still looking for an Associate Coach. Applications can be found here:
www.specialolympics.ab.ca/team-alberta-2018

Deadline:
Associate Coaches - June 9, 2017



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 **THE STEADWARD CENTRE**
for Personal & Physical Achievement

Upcoming Courses

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



NCCP SO Competition Courses Locations

- **Red Deer** - April 1-2, 2017
To register, please contact Jerry Tennant (jerry@specialolympicsreddeer.ca)
- **Lethbridge** - April 7-8, 2017
To register, please contact Virene French (SOALethbridge@gmail.com)
- **Calgary** - April 29-30, 2017
To register, please contact Karen Hurley (karen@specialolympicscalgary.ca)
- **Calgary** - May 27-28, 2017
To register, please contact Karen Hurley (karen@specialolympicscalgary.ca)
- **Grande Prairie** - June 10-11, 2017
To register, please contact George Malcolm (geomal@telusplanet.net)

Provincial Summer Games Medicine Hat 2017

COUNTDOWN IS ON!



**WITNESS
PURE
JOY**

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

www.medicinehat2017.ca

IMPORTANT DATES:

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

EVENT & COMPETITION CALENDAR

MARCH

1	Start of #NoGoodWay Campaign
10	SOA-Calgary Spring Dance
11	LETR Cops & Crepes
	LETR Polar Plunge Medicine Hat First Aid Course (Calgary)
14-25	2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Austria
16	Unified BAGGO Tournament
18	SOA-Calgary Bowl-a-Rama
	SOA-Lakeland 5 Pin Bowling Competition
21	SOA-Lacombe Family & Friends Night at Bowling
23-25	APA Symposium 2017
24-25	SOA-Calgary Athlete Health and Nutrition Conference
25	SOA-Airdrie Swim Competition
	SOA-Camrose 5 Pin Bowling Competition
	SOA-West Central Floor Hockey Competition
	SOA-Foothills 5 Pin Bowling Competition

For more news and events, please visit our website:
www.specialolympics.ab.ca/news-event

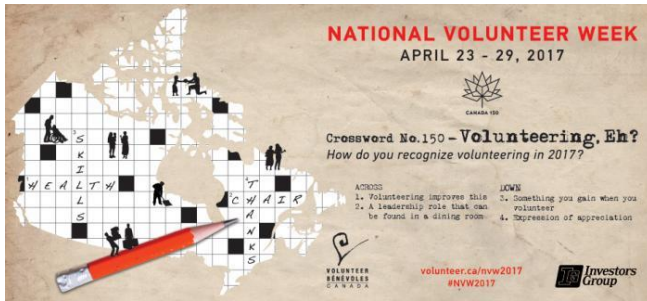
Want to add your event to next month's calendar?

To add an event, please complete this online form:
www.specialolympics.ab.ca/affiliate-community-program-page-update-form

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

DEADLINES:

- **March 3, 2017** – Send in your Arrival Times in Medicine Hat
- **March 3, 2017** – Send in your Affiliate Colours
- **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
- **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



Volunteer Month

In conjunction with National Volunteer Week, SOA will be taking the whole month of April to celebrate our volunteers.

We would like to get feedback on what improvements you would like to see to recognize volunteers. We will continue to publish any volunteer spotlights and welcome submissions from all Affiliates.

We are also looking at a small token to be mailed to all our current registered volunteers in our system (last year all volunteers should have received a card).

If you have any questions, please contact Philippe (pphan@specialolympics.ab.ca)



#NoGoodWay Campaign

#Nogoodway campaign will kick off March 1 and will continue for the entire month. We encourage affiliates to let us know if there are any local events tied to the anti-bullying campaign and to share the message that Special Olympics Alberta will be posting on our website and social media on March 1 and on.

For instance, Camrose is hosting an event engaging with high school students and media and Edmonton will have high school students spreading awareness.

If you have any questions, please contact Katherine (kdalusong@specialolympics.ab.ca)

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.



Staples Campaign

Date: May 2017

More information to come



Jysk Campaign

Date: TBD

For more information, please contact Edie (edixon@specialolympics.ab.ca)



Using your AGLC Funds

Remember to make use of your hard-earned AGLC Funds (Casino, Harley Raffle & BMW Raffle ticket sales)! All invoices must adhere to the AGLC Use of Proceeds guidelines.

If you have any questions or would like to **submit an invoice payment request**, please contact Sue White (swhite@specialolympics.ab.ca).

2017 Flame of Hope Harley Raffle

TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!



1st Prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize
Retail value: \$27,755.00	Retail value: \$19,565.70	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. Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50 (8150 tickets printed).

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

Polar Plunge 2017

POLAR PLUNGE
FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS ALBERTA

EDMONTON
January 22nd
Lake Summerside
12 p.m.

LETHBRIDGE
February 4th
Nicolas Sheran Lake
10 a.m.

CALGARY
February 25th
Arbour Lake
9 a.m.

MEDICINE HAT
March 11th
Family Leisure Centre
Time to be determined

PRESENTED BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS ALBERTA

ARE YOU FREEZIN' FOR A REASON?

<http://alberta.polarplunge.ca>

The Lethbridge and Calgary Polar Plunge were a great success with 125 in Lethbridge raising over \$23,000 and 175 plungers in Calgary raising over \$50,000! We have **ONE MORE PLUNGE** in Medicine Hat to get us to our goal of \$250,000!

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

Polar Plunge 2017

▪ Medicine Hat

March 11, 2017 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Venue: Family Leisure Centre

Cora's Cops & Crepes

March 11-12, 2017

Details:

albertatorchrun.ca/wordpress/?post_type=event



Lethbridge Polar Plunge



Calgary Polar Plunge



Team Canada 2017: Alberta Members

Members of the media have been alerted on the 1 month announcement and will receive another 10 days out last request to interview athletes.

Currently, Edmonton members are slotted for a media interviews before they fly out to Toronto. Calgary will also be holding a press conference at City Hall to celebrate the athletes and LETR members part of the Final Leg.

There are also weekly feature stories on our Team Canada members on our website and shared on social media and a prize for the best post for a Team Canada cheer. Tim Horton's will be featuring Team Canada in their in store Tim's TVs during the Games and there will be ESPN coverage which we hope will be shared with TSN as well.

Read more about Team Canada here:
www.specialolympics.ab.ca/team-canada-2017

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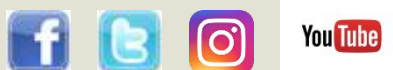


Photo Gallery



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