



**Special
Olympics**
Alberta

Community and Volunteer Memo

January 2017

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One weekend, two great conferences

Affiliate Development Conference 2017

This Affiliate Development Conference is a great opportunity for affiliate members to come together and learn about different topics affecting Special Olympics. Not only that, you will get the chance to network and share ideas with volunteers from all over the province.

Athlete Leadership Conference 2017

Athletes and mentors will come together, network, and sit in on some engaging sessions at the Athlete Leadership Conference. Athletes will also have the opportunity to develop public speaking and speech writing skills at the Athletes Speakers Bureau (separate from the conference).

Date: April 22, 2017

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

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

REMINDERS

Team Alberta 2018 Applications

Team Manager, Mission Staff, Head Coach, and Associate Coach applications can be found here:
www.specialolympics.ab.ca/team-alberta-2018

Deadlines:

Mission Staff / Head Coaches - Feb 10, 2017
Associate Coaches - June 9, 2017

New SOA Website

We are launching the new SOA website, along with Special Olympics Canada on **February 28**. The transition will happen with minimal interruptions, but this is a good opportunity for Affiliates and Community Programs to **review the content on their webpages and update it**. Currently Affiliates and Community Program pages can be found here:
www.specialolympics.ab.ca/local-sports

For more information about the website transition, please refer to the memo here: **See attached memo in e-mail.**



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. Reimbursement will follow same process as course reimbursement where Affiliates will have to reimburse their coaches first and then SOA will reimburse the affiliate directly.

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

Upcoming Courses

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

NCCP

- **SO Competition Course in Edmonton**
February 25-26
To register, please contact Celina Comeau
ccomeau@specialolympics.ab.ca
- **SO Competition Course in Red Deer**
April 1-2
To register, please contact Jerry Tennant
jerry@specialolympicsreddeer.ca
- **SO Competition Course in Calgary**
April 29-30
To register, please contact Karen Hurley
karen@specialolympicscalgary.ca

Sport Specific

- **Special Olympics Canada Powerlifting Module**
February 25th – 9am-5pm
Foothills Academy (745 37 St NW, Calgary)
To register, please contact Jill
jmoore@specialolympics.ab.ca or Karen Hurley
karen@specialolympicscalgary.ca

EVENT & COMPETITION CALENDAR

February

4	LETR Polar Plunge – Lethbridge
	LETR Cops, Pops & Pizza - Calgary
	SOA-Edmonton Floor Hockey Competition
	SOA-Leduc 5 Pin Bowling Competition
	SOA-Red Deer Swim Competition
6	6 Months to 2017 SOA Summer Games-Medicine Hat
9-12	LETR Harley Raffle at Calgary Boar and Sportsman Show
19	SOA-Airdrie 5 Pin Bowling Competition
20	Family Day (SOA Office Closed)
22	Pink Shirt Day – Anti-Bullying Awareness
24-26	LETR Harley Raffle at World of Wheels Calgary
25	LETR Polar Plunge – Calgary
	SO Canada Powerlifting Course in Calgary
25-26	SO Competition Course in Edmonton

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.

Provincial Summer Games Medicine Hat 2017



**WITNESS
PURE
JOY**

For all other updates regarding Provincial Games, check out the Games webpage here:
www.medicinehat2017.ca



Team Canada 2017: Alberta Members

GO TEAM GO!

As Team Canada gears up for the 2017 World Winter Games, 11 talented, committed Albertans are on a mission to perform their best and demonstrate the true spirit of Special Olympics. Read more about Team Canada here:

www.specialolympics.ab.ca/team-canada-2017



Eat better.
Feel better.
Do better.

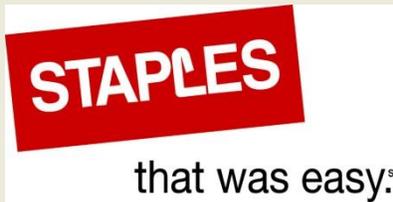
Sobeys Campaign

February – July 2017
Awareness Day: February 4th

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**. Funds raised through the \$0.25 cent donation will support the Special Olympics Alberta. Campbell's has arranged for sampling events at select stores across the country on Saturday, February 4th. This is a great opportunity to have Special Olympics athletes in the stores, paired up with the locations that will be holding a soup demo on February 4th.

Athletes and Affiliates that were to participate in the February 4th Soup Demo were already contacted.

UPCOMING NATIONAL CAMPAIGNS



Staples Campaign

Date: May 2017

More information to come



Jysk Campaign

Date: TBD



R-Word Campaign

Date: Spring 2017

More information to come

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

2017 Flame of Hope Harley Raffle

TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!



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. 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-affle>

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 Edmonton Polar Plunge was a great success with 245 plungers raising over \$77,000! We are well on our way to reaching our goal of \$250,000 provincially!

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

Cops, Pops & Pizza – Calgary

February 4, 2017 10:00 am – 5, 2017 8:00 pm
Venue: Cross Iron Mills

Polar Plunge 2017

▪ Lethbridge

February 4, 2017 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Henderson Lake

▪ Calgary

February 25, 2017 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Venue: Arbour Lake

▪ 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



We look forward to our plunges in Lethbridge, Calgary and Medicine Hat!

You can still register for the upcoming plunges:

[**SIGN UP HERE!**](#)

Photo Gallery



To see more photos, visit the SOA Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/SpecialOAlberta

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