



March 2017

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BMW Raffle – Volunteer Month – NoGoodWay Campaign
Harley Raffle – Polar Plunge – Cops & Crepes - Worlds Games (Team Canada)

Board of Directors – 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

Spring Conferences 2017

SIGN UP NOW!

Date: April 22, 2017

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

www.specialolympics.ca/alberta/spring-conferences-2017

Affiliate Development Conference

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.

REGISTER HERE:

<https://goo.gl/forms/7RS2qJ5jo3s4TOgS2>

Athlete Leadership Conference

Our Athlete Conference this year will focus on growing athlete leaders in Governance, and a nutrition session geared towards their everyday lives. Sobey's will be helping with our nutrition session and providing realistic health goals athletes can incorporate in their everyday lives.

REGISTER HERE:

<https://goo.gl/forms/2hDLSndVMGSNJ8i1>

Athlete Speaker's Bureau

Separate from the conference, athletes can enroll in Athlete Speakers Bureau. This is essentially Toast Masters for athletes where they will learn to write a speech and deliver it to a group of people. This is a vital skill for all athletes as we often call upon athletes to help deliver our message through media opportunities and local events.

REGISTER HERE:

<https://goo.gl/forms/pAqMgxfmDNlLHf4F2>

REMINDERS

New Website

Please check out and share your feedback on our new website:

www.specialolympics.ca/alberta

Affiliate/Community Program Pages:

www.specialolympics.ca/alberta/communities
(multiple pages)

Resources Page (under construction):

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).

Using your AGLC Funds (Casino, Harley Raffle & BMW Raffle)

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).

U of A Sport Conference – May 3 to June 4, 2017

To learn more about the conference or register, please visit:

www.edmontonsport.com/pdfs/the_sport_conference.pdf

Please contact Jill

(jmoore@specialolympics.ab.ca) for information on reimbursement.

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

Deadline:

Associate Coaches - June 9, 2017



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**

We are less than 100 days away from Games!

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

EVENT & COMPETITION CALENDAR

April

1	SOA-Lethbridge 5-Pin Bowling Competition
	SOA-Olds 5-Pin Bowling Competition
	SOA-Calgary Health & Nutrition Conference
	NCCP Special Olympics Competition Course in Red Deer
	SOA-Edmonton Duker Fundraiser
4	University of Lethbridge Family Fun Fair in support of Special Olympics
	International Day of Sport
7	Unified Bean Bag Toss Tournament in Bonnyville
	NCCP Special Olympics Competition Course in Lethbridge
8	Oral Health, Total Health Presents Sharing Smiles in Edmonton
	SOA-Edmonton Bowl-4-SOE Fundraiser
14-17	Easter Long Weekend (SOA Office Closed)
22	Affiliate Development & Athlete Leadership Conference
	SOA-St. Paul 5-Pin Bowling Competition
	SOA-Olds 10-Pin Bowling Competition
29	LETR 2017 Cycle for a Cause in Lethbridge
	SOA-Red Deer 5-Pin Bowling Competition
	First Aid Re-Certification in Calgary
	NCCP Special Olympics Competition Course in Calgary

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.



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.

We held the first Bean Bag Tournament in Airdrie on March 16th and it was a great success!

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



2017 BMW Ultimate Driving Experience Package

We will once again be offering the 2017 BMW Raffle again with tickets available to sell as of **July 1st** and the draw will be in December (date still to be finalized).

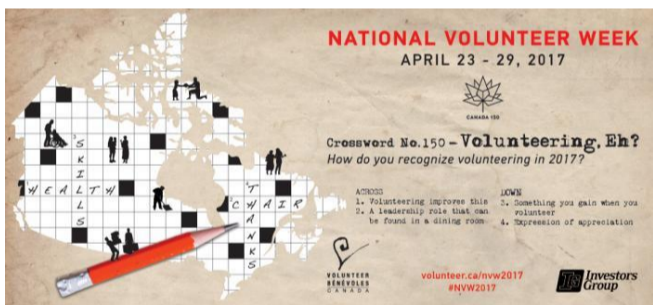
We have 3 prizes this year:

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

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

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)



Volunteer Month 2017

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

We'll **publish volunteer stories** and fun facts on social media and our website during National Volunteer Week April 23 to 29. During this week, volunteers will also receive a **thank you post card** from Special Olympics Alberta.

Please share any recognition events that you will be holding for your volunteers and we can help promote it on our website and social media.

If you have any questions, please contact Philippe (pphan@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

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



#NoGoodWay Campaign

The #NoGoodWay anti-bullying campaign event sparked a strong and loud message of standing with our athletes on March 1! Here are some of the events that took place:

- **Camrose** held an event that included high school students and local government officials to spread the message.
- **University of Calgary** students spread awareness on campus and on social media with a photo series of students taking the pledge.
- **McNally High School** in Edmonton, had student leaders present and invite a local athlete to speak to students with over 80 students taking the pledge and sharing on social media.
- **University of Alberta** best buddies student group took to social media to also show their support of #NoGoodWay



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-raffle>

Polar Plunge 2017

POLAR PLUNGE

FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS ALBERTA

PRESENTED BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN 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

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT PARTICIPATED!

<http://alberta.polarplunge.ca>

We have 657 plungers in total and raised over **\$167,000!** Thank you to all the sponsors and volunteers that helped make this another great event!

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

2017 Lethbridge Cycle for a Cause

April 22, 2017 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Venue: Park Place Mall

Details:

albertatorchrun.ca/wordpress/?post_type=event

Cops & Crepes 2017

On March 11th and 12th, LETR for Special Olympics Alberta served up coffee and smiles in 14 Cora Breakfast and Lunch restaurants throughout Alberta raising over **\$47,000** for Special Olympics Alberta. More than half the funds raised were the result of generous donations from Cora patrons.





2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games and Team Canada

Team Canada competed in six winter sports: alpine skiing, cross country (Nordic) skiing, figure skating, floor hockey, speed skating and snowshoeing and took home 171 medals: **61 gold, 81 silver and 29 bronze.**

From this incredible medal haul, Alberta athletes brought their best game faces and are coming home with 16 medals (eight gold, five silver and three bronze) in cross country, speed skating and figure skating.

Not only did they break personal bests, they represented Canada with grace and true sportsmanship, sharing the joy of wins not just for their fellow teammates, but also for their competitors.

How has your community celebrated our athletes achievements? Share your stories with us and check out our news stories here: <http://www.specialolympics.ca/alberta/news>

Our Team Canada athletes even got a shout out from prime minister Justin Trudeau.



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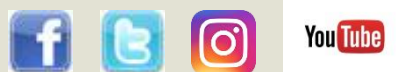


Photo Gallery



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