



## Alberta Guardian

### Upcoming Events

We are half way through our fundraising year and it's shaping up to be our best yet! We need you to be successful!! If you would like to come out and help at an event please contact the lead listed below. Thank you for helping us makes dreams a reality for over 3,300 Athletes across the province.

Event	Location	Date	Event Lead
Free our Finest	Airdrie	August 10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	Melisa Eye <a href="mailto:melisa_eye@hotmail.com">melisa_eye@hotmail.com</a>
Cars Cops & Kids	Carstairs	August 18 <sup>th</sup>	Shawn Press <a href="mailto:shawnp@carstairs.ca">shawnp@carstairs.ca</a>
Free Our Finest	Red Deer	August 24 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup>	Tracy Duval <a href="mailto:tracy.duval@shaw.ca">tracy.duval@shaw.ca</a>
Free Our Finest	Wetaskiwin	September 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	James Jones <a href="mailto:james.jones@rcmp-grc.gc.ca">james.jones@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</a>
Truck Convoy	Calgary	September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Lonnie Croal <a href="mailto:lcroal@bowvalleycollege.ca">lcroal@bowvalleycollege.ca</a>
Wine & Cheese	Calgary	October 11 <sup>th</sup>	Theresa Manuel <a href="mailto:tmanuel@telusplanet.net">tmanuel@telusplanet.net</a>
Battle of the Badges	Camrose	TBD	Kelly Bauer <a href="mailto:kbauer@camrose.ca">kbauer@camrose.ca</a>
2019 Kick Off Conference	Leduc	October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Lorrie Sitler <a href="mailto:lsitler@specialolympics.ab.ca">lsitler@specialolympics.ab.ca</a>
Heroes Running for Heroes	Edmonton	October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Amanda Trenchard <a href="mailto:amanda.trenchard@edmontonpolice.ca">amanda.trenchard@edmontonpolice.ca</a>
Gala	Lethbridge	October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Mat Champagne <a href="mailto:mchampag@taber.ca">mchampag@taber.ca</a>
Cops, Pops & Pizza	Lacombe	October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Jeff Hewitt <a href="mailto:JHewitt@lacombe.ca">JHewitt@lacombe.ca</a>

## SAVE THE DATE!

On October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting the 2019 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Alberta Kick-Off Conference in Leduc, Alberta. This year we want to recognize all our great volunteers! We will start with a Meet & Greet on Friday evening and finish off with the Awards & Recognition Banquet on Saturday evening. Whether you're new and haven't come out yet or are a seasoned volunteer, we don't want you to miss out on this great opportunity to learn more about LETR and network with other great law enforcement members that support these amazing Athletes!

If you have any suggestions for breakout sessions please email [lsitler@specialolympics.ab.ca](mailto:lsitler@specialolympics.ab.ca)

## Meet one of great Athletes you are supporting!



Chris Deak has been a Special Olympics athlete for 24 years.

He started playing Floor Hockey with St. Albert Special Olympics in 1994 when he was 16 years old. While living in St. Albert, he also participated in bowling, track & field, slo-pitch, soccer and swimming. In 2009, the family moved to Sherwood Park and Chris immediately became involved in the Floor Hockey program with Strathcona County Special Olympics. He currently participates in the floor hockey, soccer, and Bocce programs.

In addition to participating in numerous Provincial games over the years, Chris also participated in the 2014 National Winter Games in St. Albert in Floor Hockey, and in the 2016 National Summer Games in Vancouver in soccer.

Special Olympics is an important part of his life, and in addition to participating as an athlete he also enjoys volunteering in fund-raising activities for Special Olympics such as the annual Staples BBQs, bottle drives, and helping with various Law Enforcement Torch Run fundraisers in Sherwood Park and Edmonton.

Chris currently lives in Sherwood Park with his parents, two cats, two ducks and an ornery old cockatiel. He is a proud uncle to his two young nephews who also live in Sherwood Park. He has worked for Wendy's Restaurants for 21 years (starting in St. Albert and then, for the past 8 years, at the University Wendy's).

## **Special Olympics Is Celebrating 50 years**

Since 1968, Special Olympics has been changing attitudes about the talents of people with intellectual disabilities. In the midst of all of the tumultuous unrest of 1968, an event was held at Soldier Field, in Chicago, Illinois on July 20. By its very nature, this was a revolutionary moment in time.

The world witnessed for the first time a sports competition for people with intellectual disabilities. For their year-long anniversary, they are celebrating 50 years of joy, courage and empowerment. Starting July 2018, these global Special Olympics celebrations will inspire new generations to see the beauty, dignity and talent in each of us. We are celebrating 50 years of creating a more inclusive, welcoming world for all!! For more information visit: <http://www.specialolympics.ca/alberta/50th-anniversary>

If you want more information on upcoming events visit our website [www.albertatorchrun.ca](http://www.albertatorchrun.ca)

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