



Special Olympics
New Jersey

2009 Summer Games Volunteer Application

Special Olympics New Jersey is pleased to announce that the **2009 Summer Games** will be held at **The College of New Jersey, June 12-14, 2009**. We invite you to be part of the excitement as athletes compete in Aquatics, Bocce, Gymnastics, Powerlifting, Team Softball, Tennis and Track & Field.

All volunteers and their guests are cordially invited to attend **Opening Ceremonies, Friday, June 12 from 7:30-8:30 pm** at The College of New Jersey in Ewing, NJ. It will be a spectacular event that includes the traditional Parade of Athletes, the ceremonial lighting of the Olympic Flame and the official Opening of the Games.

➔ **To volunteer at Summer Games, first review the job descriptions and volunteer time commitments on the enclosed application. All positions are on a first come first serve basis.**

Step 1: Complete pages 3 and 4 of this application indicating your choice of positions in order of preference for 3 different sports or support areas.

Step 2: Mail or fax both sides of the completed application as soon as possible. Do not wait until the last minute, as positions are on a first come first serve basis.

Step 3: You will receive your confirmation via EMAIL in mid-May. Be sure to give your current email address and print clearly.

Step 4: On the day you are volunteering - **if you are 18 and older REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR PHOTO ID or 2 Forms of Identification with you to Volunteer Check-in.** You WILL NOT be permitted to volunteer without proper identification.

Please recognize that by completing and returning this form you are making a commitment to volunteer for the entire time and we will be counting on you.

We appreciate your commitment to Special Olympics New Jersey. The program simply could not function without our many dedicated volunteers. We look forward to seeing you at the Games!

Special Olympics New Jersey is supported by The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and The New Jersey Department of Recreation.

Questions? Contact the Volunteer Manager at AJS@sonj.org or 609-896-8000










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Description of Volunteer Positions

- ▶ **Announcer** - make announcements at venue and/or award ceremonies
- ▶ **Awards** - set up trays with medals/ribbons, line-up athletes for awards presentation
- ▶ **Bench Assistant** - sit with players on the bench, provide water and encouragement
- ▶ **General Assistant** - provide any type of help needed at a specific venue
- ▶ **Information Station Person** - answer general questions, distribute schedules, maps and brochures
- ▶ **Local Training Program (LTP) Escort (Must be at least 16 years old)** - work with an athlete for the day under his/her coach's supervision. Duties include escorting the athlete to competition at the appointed time and staying with the athlete during the day and during down time. Other duties to be determined by the coach according to each athlete's individual needs. The end of the volunteer's assignment will depend on the athlete's events and/or time required to assist with the assigned group. An LTP Escort should provide encouragement and friendship.
- ▶ **Marker/Measurer/Recorder** - measure or indicate (depending on the sport) where the ball, jump or throw lands. Write scores or times on the results card.
- ▶ **Olympic Village** - assist with set-up and various activities within The Village area
- ▶ **Parade Assistant** - assist with all aspects of parade and where needed during the Opening Ceremony.
- ▶ **Parking Attendant** - assist with directing traffic flow in parking areas.
- ▶ **Plate Loaders** - help load & remove free-weights for Powerlifters
- ▶ **Results Input** - includes the collection of results sheets from sports venues and entry of data into PC program on a laptop. Training will be provided.
- ▶ **Results Runner** - carry paperwork from competition to awards area
- ▶ **Raker** - for jumps and field events
- ▶ **Retriever** - return tennis balls, shot put, or softballs to officials
- ▶ **Scorekeeper** - must be familiar with softball and tennis scoring procedures
- ▶ **Security** - keep spectators out of competition areas
- ▶ **Set-up** - unload trailer, trucks, hang banners, etc.
- ▶ **Souvenirs** - sell shirts, hats, pins, etc. to benefit Special Olympics New Jersey
- ▶ **Sports Clinic Assistant** - help athletes try various new sports
- ▶ **Sports Escort** - provide general assistance in taking athletes to competition or awards
- ▶ **Timer** - operate stopwatch to time athletes
- ▶ **Special Assignment** - if you have been asked by the Summer Games Committee to undertake a specific assignment (such as the Medical Team or serving as a Games Official) indicate this on the volunteer application.

Name: _____ Email: _____

ASSIGNMENTS	VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AVAILABLE		Times are check-in to approximate completion		
			FRIDAY, JUNE 12	SATURDAY, JUNE 13	SUNDAY, JUNE 14
INFORMATION	Station Person		FILLED	FILLED	___ 7:30 am-1:00 pm
RESULTS INPUT	Data Entry			___ 8:00 am-5:00 pm	___ 8:00 am-4:00 pm
OPENING CEREMONY	Parade Assistant		FILLED		
OLYMPIC VILLAGE	General Assistant			FILLED	FILLED
SOUVENIR SALES	General Assistant		FILLED	FILLED	___ 8:00 am-3:30 pm
VENUE SET-UP Unload trucks; put up signs, banners, flowers, etc.	Wed. 6/10	Thur. 6/11	FILLED	FILLED	FILLED
	___10am-3pm (SONJ Office)	___10am-3pm			
YOUNG ATHLETE PROGRAM	General Assistant			FILLED	
TRANSPORTATION	Bus Dispatcher			___ 7:00 am-12:30 pm ___ 12:00 am-5:00 pm ___ 5:00 pm-10:00 pm	___ 7:00 am-11:30 pm ___ 11:00am-3:00pm
Awards Presenter	Uniformed Law Enforcement Officers Only			LAW OFFICERS ONLY	LAW OFFICERS ONLY
Local Training Prog. LTP ESCORT	Serve as athlete escort, reporting to coach			___ 7:30 am-5:00 pm	___ 7:30 am-3:00 pm
AQUATICS	Timer Recorder Escort Results Runner Security Announcer Awards			FILLED	___ 7:15 am-3:00 pm ___ " ___ " ___ " ___ " ___ "
BOCCE	General Assistant Announcer			FILLED	___ 7:15 am-3:00 pm ___ "
POWERLIFTING	Plate Loaders			FILLED	
TEAM SOFTBALL (ALL fields are approximately one mile off campus)	Scorekeeper <i>(Experience required)</i> Announcer Bench Assistant			FILLED	___ 7:00 am-3:00 pm ___ " ___ "
TENNIS 	General Assistant Scorekeeper <i>(Experience required)</i> Retriever		Scorekeeper Positions Open	Scorekeeper Positions Open	Scorekeeper Positions Open
TRACK EVENTS	Escort Results Runner Security Awards			FILLED	___ 7:15 am-4:00 pm ___ " ___ " ___ "
FIELD EVENTS Jumps (Sat. & Sun.) Shot Put (Sat. only)	Escort Marker/Measurer/Recorder Retriever (Shot Put) Raker			FILLED	___ 12:00pm-4:00pm ___ " ___ " ___ "
SOFTBALL THROW	Escort Marker/Measurer/Recorder Retriever Announcer (Awards) Awards			FILLED	___ 9:00 am-12 noon ___ " ___ " ___ " ___ "
SPORTS PARK	General Assistant			FILLED	___ 8:30 am-12:30 pm
SPORTS EXPO	General Assistant		___ 9:00 am-1:30 pm		
PRE-APPROVED SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:					