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We hope this update package brings you the information you need to plan your programs, and helps you to keep current with Special Olympics news and provincial initiatives. Each of the staff from the Provincial Office has inserted a few comments to connect you to their specific area. Please feel free to provide us with feedback or send us any questions you have about the details in this package.

Staffing Updates

With a new season comes new staff members, and staff members in new positions:

- Stephanie Koenig has joined the DD team, covering Jennifer Findlay's maternity leave to service Southwestern Ontario.
- Taude Plexman has returned to her position as DD for Central Ontario.
- Legacy Outreach Developers Yoli Figueroa and Ann Hamilton are working in the Thunder Bay community.
- Cody Jansma has filled the role of Operations Manager for Law Enforcement Torch Run.
- SOO is pleased to announce that James Noronha has taken over the portfolio of Manager of Program Services.

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Competition

2011 Provincial Winter Games



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WINTER GAMES THUNDER BAY 2011

Thunder Bay hosted this year's Provincial Winter Games, and what hosts they were! From a welcome by historical interpreters from Fort William Historical Park, to the ever-supportive Games volunteers, to a display of

fireworks at the closing ceremonies, these were a Games to remember!

307 athletes participated in curling, snowshoeing, figure skating, speed skating, alpine skiing, and cross country skiing. Despite cold temperatures, competitions were completed in all sports.

Congratulations to all athletes who competed successfully to achieve their personal best performances. Thank you to all coaches, Regional Team Managers and Mission Staff for your commitment to our athletes.



2012 National Winter Games

St. Albert, Alberta will host the 2012 National Winter Games, Feb. 28th to March 3rd. Selections are in progress, and following endorsements, Team Ontario will be announced in early July.

2011 Provincial Floor Hockey Championships

Organizers are putting final plans in place for the 2011 Provincial Floor Hockey Championships, hosted by the Greater Sudbury Police Service at Cambrian College in Sudbury, June 9 –

11, 2011. Twenty teams are gearing up for the Championships, with four teams participating in an Exhibition Tournament.



Kingston 2012

The Special Olympics Ontario Spring Games will take place May 31 - June 3, 2012 in Kingston. The Games are co-hosted by the Kingston Police Service and the Ontario Provincial Police. Queen's University will house the athletes village and facilitate various sporting events. Over 800 athletes, coaches and volunteers will participate in sporting events that include 5-Pin Bowling, 10-Pin Bowling, Bocce, Basketball, Powerlifting, and Swimming.

Thank you to all competition hosts who ensured fair and equitable competition opportunities for SOO athletes across the province.

Most Spring Provincial Qualifying Competitions should have been completed by May 1st. Due to the nature of Bocce providing a choice for indoor or outdoor play, Qualifiers may be held until August.

Athletes will be identified for selection over the summer months, with the endorsement process taking place in the fall.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Please ensure that all PQ results are forwarded to Juli Prokopchuk-Brattan so that the selection process may proceed in a timely fashion.



Athens 2011

Congratulations and good luck to the Ontario members of Team Canada heading to Athens, Greece June 25—July 4 for the 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games!

Athletes:

Julia Longo	Swimming	St. Catherines	Kyle Whitehouse	Athletics	St. Catherines
Meagan Michie	Swimming	Ottawa	Adam Guthrie	Athletics	Peterborough
Ashley Mitchell	Swimming	Durham	Austin Featherstone	Athletics	Manitoulin Island
Robyn Crandall	Swimming	St. Catherines	Marianne Scharf	Athletics	Ottawa
Heather Sancartier	Swimming	Elliott Lake	Monique Shah	Athletics	Toronto
Bobbi-Lyn Cleland	Swimming	Dundas	Hyla Rubenstein	Bowling	Toronto
Erica Buehlow	Swimming	New Hamburg	Kristen Smeats	Bowling	St. Catherines
Michael Heath	Swimming	New Hamburg	Russell Gerber	Powerlifting	Woodstock
Jared MacMichael	Swimming	SSM	Sofia Dershko	Rhythmic Gymnastics	Oakville
Alexander Buehlow	Swimming	New Hamburg	Stephanie Vandamme	Rhythmic Gymnastics	Oakville
Vanessa Petten	Swimming	North Bay	Elisha Donaghey-Johnson	Rhythmic Gymnastics	Oakville
Sara Albers	Athletics	London	Christina Campbell	Rhythmic Gymnastics	Ottawa
Catherine Partlow	Athletics	Durham	Emily Boycott	Rhythmic Gymnastics	Oakville
Benjamin Posavad	Athletics	Grimsby			

Coaches:

Margaret French	Head Coach—10 pin bowling	Debbie Boycott	Head Coach—Rhythmic Gymnastics
Dee Mitchell	Mission Staff	Sue Ann Laxton	Rhythmic Gymnastics
Claudette Faubert Michaud	Athletics		

Ontario Cup Soccer

Just a reminder that the Ontario Cup Soccer Tournament will be hosted in early September for all A and B+ level teams.

Please contact Juli Prokopchuk Brattan if you are interested in entering a team.



SOO Golf Open

The now-annual SOO Golf Open is being held in September. The date and location are still to be determined, but please contact Dia Sue-Wah-Sing if you have athletes interested in participating.



Virtual Competition

The winter and spring competition season saw two successful virtual competitions. Thirty-five snowshoers from four communities representing three regions participated in February, and in April, 20 athletes from four communities representing two regions participated in the Adapt Swimming Virtual Competition.

Virtual competitions allow athletes and their coaches to monitor progress against others and simulate competition without travel.

Upcoming virtual competitions will include a soccer skills event this summer, and bowling in the fall.





2011 Regional Competitions for Summer Sports

Special Olympics Ontario’s mandate is for every region to host a minimum of one competition per sport per year, in which there are two or more active clubs. Competitions are hosted by a Sport Club, under the guidance of the Region’s Competition Manager for the season in which the sport is played. The Competition Manager is responsible for ensuring that the organization and quality of the competition meets the standards of Special Olympics Ontario.

One competition per sport, per region is only a MINIMUM requirement. Communities throughout each region are still encouraged to host invitational tournaments, leagues, exhibition games or meets, etc. Ideally, each community that has a sport club would host a competition in that sport for the rest of the clubs within their region. Obviously, there are many geographical, financial and logistical factors that make this difficult. However, we will always strive for as many opportunities for athletes to compete

ACTION REQUIRED: Summer Regional and Invitational competitions must be planned and communicated to the RCMT, District Developer and the Competition Developer.

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as possible.

The most important factor in the setting of your season schedules is communicating dates and registration information throughout the Region. After the RCM a schedule should start coming together and should be communicated to the RCMT, District Developer and Competition Developer immediately. If a new event is scheduled at a later date, please ensure to inform your Competition Manager and District Developer so they can disseminate the information to the rest of the Region. Too many clubs are missing out on competitive opportunities because they are unaware that events are even occurring. During the Regional Coaches Meeting, please take the time to plan your Summer Regional and Invitational Competitions. The chart below can be used to create your schedule and appoint a contact person for each event. If you have any questions, please be sure to get in touch with your RCMT, DD or Juli Prokopchuk Brattan for assistance.

Sport	Date	Location	Contact	Phone	Email

Coaching Matters

NCCP Requirements

The following qualifications are required of coaches accompanying teams to the Provincial Floor Hockey Championships in Sudbury in June. These same requirements will be the minimum for those coaches attending the 2012 Provincial Spring Games in Kingston.

All Coaches and Head Coaches:

- Multi sport (Theory): Introduction to Competition Part A or Theory Level 1
- Making Ethical Decisions Evaluated Status

Head Coaches:

- Technical: SOC Competitive Sports Coach Course or SOC Technical Level 1+ Practical

Assistant Coaches:

- Technical: SOC Competitive Sports Coach Course or SOC Community Sports Coach Course or SOC Technical Level 1 + Practical

Remember: Special O. + Intro A + ethics = Qualified for Provincial Games

Visit coach.ca to “check certification” and view your transcript.

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The following chart compares requirements for attending Special Olympics Canada National Games. This will apply to coaches attending the 2012 SOC Winter Games in St. Albert, Alberta.

	2008 (Winter Games)			2010 (Summer Games)			2012 (Winter Games)		
Theory <i>Some sports have integrated theory, if so, no Theory or Part A is required</i>	Level 1 Theory + Required: Make Ethical Decisions - Trained	OR	Part A	Level 1 Theory + Required: Make Ethical Decisions - Evaluated	OR	Part A	Level 1 Theory + Required: Make Ethical Decisions - Evaluated	OR	Part A
Special Olympics Training	Level 1 Technical & Practical	OR	Head Coach: SO C-I Trained Other Coaching Staff: SO Csp-I or SO C-I Trained	Level 1 Technical & Practical	OR	Head Coach: SO C-I Trained Other Coaching Staff: SO Csp-I or SO C-I Trained	Level 1 Technical & Practical	OR	Head Coach: SO C-I Trained Other Coaching Staff: SO Csp-I or SO C-I Trained
Sport Technical & Practical <i>If no Sport Specific practical hours are completed, level 1 theory or Part B is required in its place</i>	Curling: Tech 1* Nordic Ski: Tech 1* Alpine Ski: Tech 1* Figure Skating: Tech 1* Speed Skating: Tech 1* Floor Hockey: 125 coaching hours Snowshoe: 125 coaching hours	OR	<i>New NCCP</i> Alpine Ski: Entry Level Coach Workshop (I-B) Floor Hockey: Ringette Csp-I <i>Recommend: Evaluation of Head Coach by NSOs whose tools have been approved by Special Olympics Canada</i>	Softball: Tech 1* Aquatics: Tech 1* Athletics: Tech 1* Rhythmic Gymnastics: Tech 1* Soccer: Tech 1* J-Pin: Tech 1* 10-Pin: Tech 1* Powerlifting: 125 coaching hours	OR	<i>New NCCP</i> Softball: Csp-Init Aquatics: Skills Coach Athletics: Sport Coach Soccer: Csp-I (youth or senior) 5-Pin: Csp-Init 10 Pin: Csp-Init <i>Recommend: Evaluation of Head Coach by NSOs whose tools have been approved by Special Olympics Canada</i>	Curling: Tech 1* Nordic Ski: Tech 1* Alpine Ski: Tech 1* Figure Skating: Tech 1* Floor Hockey: 125 coaching hours Snowshoe: 125 coaching hours Speed Skating: Tech 1*	OR	<i>New NCCP</i> Alpine Ski: Entry Level Coach Workshop (I-B) Or CSIA Level 1 Curling: Club Coach (Csp-Ong) Floor Hockey: Ringette Csp-I Figure Skating: CanSkate (Level 1 and 2) Primary STARSkate (Level 3 to 6) Speed Skating: FUNDamentals level Nordic Ski: Evaluation not complete yet <i>Recommend: Evaluation of Head Coach by NSOs whose tools have been approved by Special Olympics Canada</i>
Legend:	SO C-I = Special Olympics Canada Competition Sport Coach Workshop C-I = Competition Introduction I-B = Instructor Beginner			SO Csp-I = Special Olympics Canada Community Sport Coach Workshop Csp-I = Community Sport Initiation					

Spring Sport Summit 2011

Special Olympics Ontario will bring together coaches and volunteers who are eager to engage youth, and consider pathways for all athletes, at the Spring Sport Summit, May 14th at Seneca College's King Campus. Delegates will discuss our current demographics and create a vision for advancing opportunities along various sport pathways. Organizers are pleased to welcome guest facilitators, who will be on hand to guide discussion.



Coaching Q & A: NCCP



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How do I find out where a course is being held?

- The current list of SOC Community and Competition Coach courses is available at the SOO website: <http://www.specialolympicsontario.com/default.asp?contentID=29>.
- Introduction to Competition courses are listed on the calendar at the Coaches Ontario website: coachesontario.ca.
- Please contact the Provincial Sport Organization for sport-specific courses.

How do we organize a course in our community?

Courses are offered based on factors including geography, frequency of course offerings, and demand. Please contact your District Developer if you are interested in hosting an SOC course in your community.

There is no Introduction to Competition A in my area for some time.

CAC offers a Home Study option, administered by Coaches Ontario. Please visit their website for more information and to find out about registering.

Why haven't I received my coaching card in the mail?

Coaching Association of Canada currently does twice-yearly mailings to coaches who have taken new courses.

The course I recently completed is not reflected on my transcript and I need to provide proof of completion. What can I do?

Course attendees should have received a written letter of completion from the learning facilitator at the course. SOO Program Assistant Duygu Tughra can track this for SOC courses if you don't have that.

How do I find out what qualifications I need before attending Games as a coach?

Section 10.3.2 of the Information portal (accessible from the "What we Do" pull-down at the SOO website) lists requirements for coaching at Games.

School & Youth Programs



- The two new youth programs, Active Start and FUNdamentals, are growing with anticipation and increased popularity.
- With many new partnerships being formed with municipalities and service providers, and SOO community programs seeking people to run the programs, SOO will be offering the programs throughout the province at a quite a fast rate.
- If the packed spring competition calendar is any indication, SOO's school programs continue to grow. Highlights include the Upper Grand/ Wellington Catholic District School Board's Track and Field Meet and the Ottawa Catholic District School Board Swim Meet. Both of these great events are celebrating their tenth year!
- There will be a focus on School & Youth in Northern Ontario in coming months, as SOO's School & Youth Program Developers visit Sudbury, Thunder Bay and Timmins to support competitions and offer Youth Program presentations.

Active Start is a 12 week program for children ages 2-6 years of age. The children will be introduced to movement and develop their basic motor skills that are needed for later participation in sport.

FUNdamentals is for children 7-12 years of age and is also a 12 week program that introduces children to the importance of nutrition, and provides them with sport-specific activities aimed at improving basic motor and sport skills.

We are also looking forward to soon unveiling a program targeted at those 13-21 years old, that will focus on having them get more involved with athletics without committing to one specific sport.

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Special Olympics Ontario (SOO) is focusing on The *pahl* Project to promote healthy active living to persons with intellectual disabilities. The project aims to enhance the ability of athletes to train and compete, while empowering athletes to invest in their overall health and wellness.

Sudbury Healthy Athletes Expo

In conjunction with the Provincial Floor Hockey Championships, Special Olympics Ontario is offering the all-important Healthy Athletes Program at Cambrian College, June 10th and 11th, 2011.

For more than eight years, Special Olympics Ontario has been serving athletes by offering free health screenings and health information at local and Provincial Games.

This ONE TIME SUDBURY EVENT will feature SPECIALISTS FROM ACROSS THE PROVINCE! These Health Specialists will be offering their skills and expertise – FREE OF CHARGE – in three of the seven Healthy Athletes disciplines: Fit Feet (foot care), MedFest (general health screenings), and Opening Eyes (vision). In addition to visiting the three disciplines, Provincial Floor Hockey athletes, local SOO athletes and community members will have the opportunity to participate in a *pahl* healthy active living event.

For more information about the Healthy Athletes event please visit:
pahl.specialolympicsontario.ca

Equally as important, Special Olympics Ontario is thrilled to announce the addition of an informative and exciting Family Conference planned for Provincial Floor Hockey Families, and local Sudbury Special Olympics families.



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pahl Walking Program

pahl's pilot StayFit Walking Program, launched this winter in the Durham Region, will celebrate a successful journey on May 3rd. As a part of the pilot program, four Durham College Fitness & Health Promotion students (walk leaders) were paired up with seven local secondary schools for two, five week sessions.

The Walk Leaders were the primary source of education in teaching the participating High School Students. Each week, the Walk Leaders visited their assigned High Schools and conducted a series of interactive lessons educating the participants about proper walking techniques, appropriate walking shoes and clothing, the many benefits of walking, importance of hydration and nutrition, significance of personal hygiene, and different ways to improve their strength

and flexibility.

As the Walking program progressed, the teachers noticed changes in their students. These changes included their students walking longer distances each week (i.e., more steps), as well as a number of benefits such as: (a) an increase in the students energy levels, (b) an increase in the students attention levels, (c) the development of healthy lifestyle habits (i.e., students bringing in healthy snacks and lunches, and (d) the development of fine motor skills.

The Walk Leaders and SOO are currently working on developing a program to be implemented in communities as well as schools where teachers can use this program as an additional tool in their classroom, outside of their physical education curriculum.



Membership Matters

Volunteers: A Celebration of Dedication

Special Olympics Ontario is proud to maintain a membership of over 17,000 athletes and 8,000 volunteers. SOO honours its volunteers with a recognition program that includes Years of Service awards, which are distributed to key community contacts each spring through the District Developers. Communities should also have received a supply of this year's Volunteer Week gift: SOO zipper pulls.



SOO Sport Awards 2011

Special Olympics Ontario's annual Sport Awards recognize the achievement of SOO athletes and the dedication of SOO volunteers. We are encouraging you to nominate deserving athletes and volunteers for the following categories:

- Male and Female Athlete of the Year
- Male and Female Coach of the Year
- Team of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year (non-coach)
- Educator of the Year
- President's Award

To submit a nomination, simply submit the following information to Jeannie Skeggs before the May 15th deadline:

- Nominee's full name and community
- Number of Years they have been with Special Olympics
- Which award they are being nominated for
- The reason(s) they deserve that award

Many awards are handed out annually at the community level; we'd like to hear about those recipients! All nominees are recognized with a letter of congratulations. Winners will be presented with their awards at a Provincial event.

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Database Updates

In May 2010 the V200, a new version of the Special Olympics Canada National Database was implemented. Since then, various updates related to enhancing security and functionality for administration and general users have been successfully implemented.

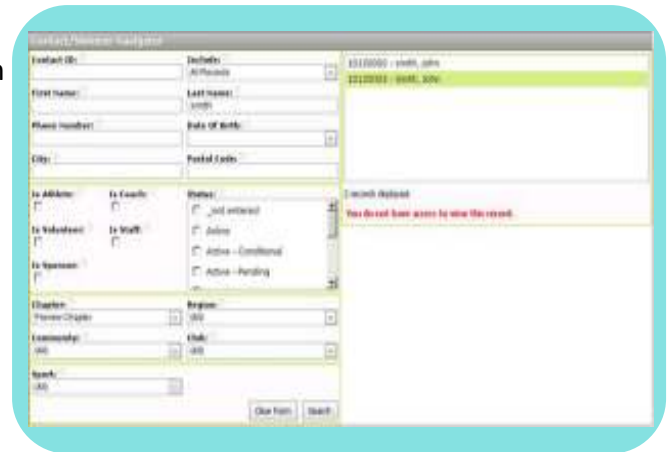
Locked Records: A scheduled job was added, to unlock all records locked for more than 12 hours. It will run every hour in the background, with no user action required.

Contact Report Fields: Athlete Information, Emergency Contact Information, Preferred Language, Age and Years of Service fields have been added to *Contact Report -List - Athlete (Excel)* and *Contact Report -List - Athlete Sport Group*. These were not previously present for these reports. This enhancement came about as a result of user requests.

Security Enhancement: If a user does not have rights to view the information normally displayed about a contact in the preview pane of the Contact Navigator, the following message is displayed:

You do not have access to view this record.

Report Navigator: The “Clear Form” button function has been changed to clear all filters, but not the selected report type. Previously on clicking the “Clear Form” button, “Selected Report” field was also changed to “Select One.”



Reports: The Reports section continues receive enhancements on a priority basis, with the goal of providing more useful reports and improvements in existing reports.

Years of Service Correction

To make a correction to the date a volunteer started their service with SOO, the “Years of Service Appeal Form” could be filled out by the applicant and signed by a

witness. The form has been renamed “Years of Service Correction Form,” better reflecting its purpose. The form may be accessed and printed from the “Forms”

section of the SOO website.

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Marketing

Online Fundraising

In March, 2011 the 2nd wave of online fundraising was released to a number of communities that indicated their interest in participating and utilizing the online fundraising tool. This tool allows each club/community to develop and customize their own page to advertise and promote fundraising events, or to use the page for general year-round fundraising. Statistics have proven that those donors who give online will give a higher than average gift than those who give off line. This powerful tool offers a safe and secure giving environment, immediate acknowledgement of your donation via. e-mail, followed by an e-receipt (PDF). This allows the organization to save on staff time, paper and postage. It is hoped that by the Fall of 2011 this opportunity will be afforded to all clubs and communities along with appropriate operational instructions for page set up.

SOO: Coming to a Mall near YOU!

We are pleased to announce that SOO has been afforded a wonderful opportunity (complimentary) to advertise and promote the organization through a series of displays at shopping malls throughout Ontario. Outside LED-lit columns and internal mall displays will showcase the organization with dynamic graphics and information on how people can get involved. These advertisements will be displayed in the malls listed at right. Sincere thanks and appreciation is extended to Neo Traffic for their generosity.

2011 Provincial Floor Hockey Championships

Sudbury will play host to this year's Provincial Floor Hockey Championships – June 9th – 11th. The Games are hosted by the Greater Sudbury Police Service utilizing Cambrian College as the venue. We look forward to welcoming 24 teams from across the Province to what is sure to be a fantastic event. Marketing is currently creating an impressive Souvenir Program for this event, which will feature Team

photos with personalized messages of support from our friends in Law Enforcement, as well as images of assigned Honourary Captains from OHL players. Athletes will be provided with a complimentary copy of this great keepsake – maybe even collect an autograph or two! Good luck to all the teams. We look forward to seeing athletes, friends and family members in June.

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Bridlewood Mall, Centrepont Centre, Dufferin Mall, Eglinton Square, 1 Queen Street, Eaton Centre

Ottawa:

Centre Rideau, St. Laurent Centre, Place d'Orleans, Billings Bridge, Carlingwood Shopping Centre

St. Catharines:

Penn Centre

Pickering:

Town Centre

Cambridge:

Cambridge Centre

Windsor:

Devonshire

Brantford :

Lynden Park

Guelph:

Stone Road Mall

Peterborough:

Lansdowne Place



Staples

It's hard to believe that this year STAPLES celebrates its 20th Anniversary. As many of you know, STAPLES has been a staunch and enthusiastic supporter of Special Olympics in Canada and continue on as a national sponsor. Many of you are aware of the "Give A Toonie, Share A Dream" Campaign which has proven most successful over the years. Thanks to all of you who continue to take the time to support this campaign and visit the stores with athletes to assist in the store, or to simply promote the cause. We encourage you to continue this great relationship with STAPLES outside of the campaign period. Often stores will wish to organize and have Special Olympics involved in a BBQ or car wash at their location. Where possible, we would strongly encourage you to participate and continue to build on this very successful partnership.



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Canada Safeway

During the month of April, Canada Safeway stores (Northern Ontario) continues to promote their "Families With Disabilities" campaign. This campaign jointly supports Easter Seals and Special Olympics. Ontario has six Safeway stores: Thunder Bay (three), Kenora, Dryden and Fort Frances. This promotion runs along similar lines to STAPLES. i.e. in store display/materials on Special Olympics. Athletes and coaches attend during a pre-assigned period and participate in a meet and greet opportunity with customers, along with promoting awareness of the organization. Once again, we thank all volunteers and athletes who have taken time from their busy schedules to attend and participate in this event.



Marketing Q & A: Tax Tips

SOO's Donor Relations Coordinator Roohina Abdullah is very knowledgeable and has extensive experience in dealing with donors (both corporate and individual). To ensure that you receive an accurate and timely response to any of your questions as they relate to the issuance of tax receipts, donor relations and general donor enquiries, please contact Roohina directly via e-mail at roohinaa@specialolympicsontario.com or telephone extension 229.

I purchased an item through a silent auction at an event - Do I get a tax receipt?

If someone purchases an item at an auction, they are receiving a benefit (the purchased item) for their money and thus a tax receipt will NOT be issued. Purchases of live or silent auction items, raffle tickets, event admission tickets or green fees are not eligible for tax receipts. SOO can issue tax receipts only to individuals or organizations that make a donation without receiving any product or tangible item in return. Most participants are happy to acquire an auction item without any expectation of receiving a tax receipt. They are delighted to know that their contribution would go to a worthy cause.

I bought a fundraising dinner ticket - Can I get a receipt?

In general, if there is a "benefit" for the donation / if the donor receives something in return for the donation, then a tax receipt is not usually issued. In certain circumstances, the non-benefited portion of a contribution may be receipted. However, we suggest you receive guidance from Marketing staff at SOO in advance.

Law Enforcement Torch Run

SOO is gearing up for the 24th year of the Ontario Law Enforcement Torch Run and it is our hope that a run will be in your community over the next month or two. Please check Torch Run’s web site for the up-dated run list. If your community does not have a run planned and it’s possible for you to participate in a nearby city – go and participate and show your support for this great partnership that we have with the men and women in Law Enforcement.



Over \$1,000,000 each year is raised by Torch Run to directly support Special Olympics. Revenue is used to financially support a number of areas of the organization, including travel, food, accommodation and uniforms for Games, and staff support (District Developers).

Torch Run (through various police services and agencies) is predominantly responsible for the organization and structure of Provincial Games. Since the 1996 Spring Games in Cornwall, Torch Run has raised the bar as it relates to managing and operating Games. The 2012 Spring Games will be held in Kingston and will be jointly supported by the Ontario Provincial Police and Kingston Police Service lead by Games Manager, Constable Stacey Cooper.

As Torch Run moves towards a milestone next year—the 25th Anniversary of the movement here in Ontario—stay tuned for information on exciting new events and celebrations. The program will enter into what we hope will be an exceptional year, not only from a revenue perspective, but by encouraging support and participation from even more services and agencies across Ontario, spreading the word about Special Olympics, and by showing how, by working closely together, two great entities can really make a difference for everyone involved in this movement.

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New Torch Run Manager

SOO would like to announce the appointment of Mr. Cody Jansma as Torch Run Manager. Cody started his position at the end of February and has been working diligently on revamping Torch Run’s web site (coming soon) as well as World’s Largest Truck

Convoy site. Torch Run is also on Facebook and YouTube – become a “Fan” today and see Torch Run on YouTube. Cody has been familiarizing himself with the program and connecting with local LETR representatives across the province as well as meeting

and interacting with SOO District Developers. A warm welcome to Cody as he works with Torch Run Executive and Operations Committee to ensure the continued growth and success of the program.