

SOMO Scoop: December 2021

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Congrats to the top SOMO people of 2021!



Brett Harper
Outstanding Athlete
Southwest Area

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Outstanding Coach
Southwest Area

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Outstanding Family
Southeast Area

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Jason Underwood
Outstanding Volunteer
North Area

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2022 Team Missouri announced



Every four years, Special Olympics conducts a national summer games in the United States that includes athletes from all 52 US Programs.

The 2022 Special Olympics USA Games will bring 3,500 athletes to the greater Orlando area to compete in a variety of sports at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex.

On August 8, we announced who will be representing Missouri at the 2022 USA Games. We're sending 97 athletes, 27 coaches, and 8 staff to Orlando. To find out who made the team, [watch the announcement video!](#)

To donate to the team or to an individual participant, [visit the website.](#)

What's happening in SOMO?



Health & Wellness

- We hosted a health fair in Kirskville for our North Area athletes and IDD community. We had more than 15 A.T. Still University student groups providing information, and we offered Special Smiles and Health Promotions information.
- We provided 132 Healthy Athletes screenings at the State Outdoor Games in Strong Minds, Health Promotion, Fit Feet, Special Smiles, FUNfitness, and Opening Eyes.
- Future health screenings will be held in St. Charles at the State Basketball Games, March 18-19.



World's Largest Truck Convoy

- On September 25, Four State Trucks hosted the World's Largest Truck Convoy for Special Olympics Missouri in Joplin.
- 429 trucks joined the convoy and all participants enjoyed a free concert at the end.
- The event raised more than \$140,000 for Special Olympics Missouri Southwest Area. A special thank-you to Bryan and Brice Martin at Four State Trucks for their continued support of the event.

Knights of Columbus updates



The Knights of Columbus continues to grow their Special Olympics partnership through many events held across the state. Some of the most recent events, recognizing Special Olympics include:

- Boonville Knights Council hosted Special Olympics Bingo Night, where the winners donated their winnings back to SOMO!
- Special Olympics staff and athletes, led a putting contest at the St. Ann Golf Tournament in St. Louis.
- The Lady of the Lake Council No. 6170 Clay Shoot Tournament took place in Walnut Shade. It was a great event and SOMO staff were given an opportunity to participate on a ladies team and test their skill!
- The Knights of Columbus Council No. 6405 hosted the State Horseshoe Tournament in Jackson. This was a huge event with participants from across Missouri participating!

We appreciate the Knights of Columbus and all they do for Special Olympics Missouri athletes.

2022 Plunge season is upon us!

*With 11 different locations around the state,
there are plenty of ways for you to participate!*

*Support more than 16,400 athletes with intellectual disabilities
in the state of Missouri by raising at least \$75 by Plunge day.*

Jan. 29:

- [Kansas City](#)

Feb. 5:

- [Lake Saint Louis](#)

- [Cape Girardeau](#)

Feb. 12:

- [Chillicothe](#)

Feb. 19:
- Maryland Heights

Feb. 26:
- Lake of the Ozarks
- St. Joseph

March 5:
- Kirksville
- Rolla
- Springfield

March 12:
- Columbia



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with intellectual disabilities who are not
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