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Kansas City Metro Area

NEWSLETTER

January

Message from Program Director Alyssa Cress

Thank you all for a great year! While we are still battling COVID, many of our teams are getting back to play and gearing up for basketball in January. I hope everyone has a Happy Holidays and I can't wait to see you in the new year!

Sincerely,
Alyssa Cress



HIGHLIGHTS

December was an exciting month with many of our teams traveling to Saint Charles for bowling. We brought back tons of medals and everyone had fun! Most of our teams began preparing for basketball season and got a few practices in before Christmas break. Our area basketball tournament will be January 22nd. The Belton School district is planning a very exciting opening ceremonies that you won't want to miss! Team entries for the tournament are due on January 7th and coaches will have more information to send out after that.

KC Area athlete, Gaige Wolthius, presenting his mission statement during his Introduction to Athlete Leadership course.



*“Adversity causes some men to break;
others to break records.”*

– William A. Ward

AREA UPDATES

We have recently changed our class A forms to an online (fillable) document. Any new Class A volunteers/unified partners can now fill out their class A forms online! See below for direct links to these forms.

We have started offering virtual Introduction to Athlete Leadership Courses. If you have an athlete who is interested in trying out our Athlete Leadership Program, please contact Lynna Hodgson (Hodgson@somo.org) to get more information about how to get started!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 6th – 6:00-7:00pm -Coaches' Training for basketball (Email cress@somo.org for zoom link)
January 7th- Basketball entries due (including all physicals, UP forms, class As, etc.)
January 22nd- KC/North area basketball- Belton School District
January 29th- KC Plunge (Smithville lake)
February 12th- West regional basketball- Saint Joseph
March 18-19th- State basketball- Saint Charles
April 2nd- KC Area aquatics

IMPORTANT RESOURCES

[Unified Sports Partner Application \(jotform.com\)](https://jotform.com)
[Class A Volunteer Application \(jotform.com\)](https://jotform.com)
[Minor Class A Volunteer Application \(jotform.com\)](https://jotform.com)
[Physical-Form-updated-4.23.14.pdf \(somo.org\)](https://somo.org)
[Microsoft Word - Release.docx \(somo.org\)](https://somo.org)

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