



SPECIAL OLYMPICS MISSOURI

Southeast Area

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Program Director Scott Williams

We hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year's holiday! 2021 was challenging in many aspects for local athletes, families, coaches and volunteers who were, like us all, trying to establish a regular schedule and safe Return to Play. Many of you have not yet been able to return as Covid - 19 still lingers, thus making it hard for still so many of our athletes to get back to normal. As we begin 2022 all we can do is try to continue to move forward and little by little we get everyone back to training and competitions. January is here and so is basketball season! We have Area, Regional and State competitions that our teams will be attending in January, February and March. Polar Plunge is in February and is our biggest fundraiser for the year! And of course spring sports are just around the corner! Please let us know if you are interested in any sports, fundraising or volunteer opportunities in the Southeast Area. Penny, Jen and I will be happy to discuss any topics about which you may have questions. Have a great and safe 2022!



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Area Highlights – The annual Scott Wright Memorial Corn Hole Tournament was held October 9th. The event was a big success with 28 teams competing in memory of Special Olympics athlete and volunteer Scott Wright. The event was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Cape Girardeau. Several of Scott's former teammates competed as well as many community members. The event raised over \$4000 for Area programs.

Southeast Area Bowling Tournaments returned:

Area Bowling Tournament – The Farmington competition was held on November 13 at the Family Fun Center with 74 athletes competing.

Area Bowling Tournament – The Cape Girardeau competition was held on November 20 at West Park Lanes with 76 athletes competing.

Area athletes advanced to the State Bowling Tournament in St. Charles County on December 4 with 738 athletes competing from around the State.

The Southeast Area Booster Club was officially launched and was created to be used as an opportunity for families, friends, small businesses, civic organizations and corporations to support their local Special Olympics athletes by becoming a member. Member contributions will benefit athlete and volunteers initiatives in the five key areas of:

Competition – Training – Health – Leadership - Life Skills

If you need more information contact Scott or Penny Williams.

AREA UPDATES

Thank You to our Area Partners:

St. Francois County Board
Procter and Gamble
Cape Noon Optimist Club
Drury Southwest Inc.
Ameren Missouri
Banterra Bank
River Radio
MAAA Superintendent's Association



Welcome to our New Booster Club Members:

Corporate Level

Alan Wire Company
COAD Toyota
Drury Southwest Inc.

Small Business/Organization Level

Ford Groves
MAAA Superintendent's Association
Bootheel Diesel
Visit Cape

Family Level

Scott and Penny Williams

Individual Level

Carol Williams
Tracey Williams

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 16 - St. Louis Metro Area Basketball Tournament
- February 5 - Southeast Area Polar Plunge
- February 19 - Regional Basketball Tournament
- March 19 - State Basketball Tournament
- Southeast Area Spring Games - Poplar Bluff
- Southeast Area Spring Games - Cape Girardeau
- May 5 - MAAA Local Track and Field Meet

