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Kansas City Metro Area

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Message from Program Director Alyssa Cress

Hi everyone! I want to thank each and every one of you for being a part of the KC metro area. Whether you are a coach, family member, volunteer, or athlete, you are all a part of making our area succeed and we appreciate it!

Sincerely,
Alyssa Cress



HIGHLIGHTS

Unfortunately, the KC area had to cancel their area basketball tournament in January due a spike in COVID cases at the time. Luckily, many of our teams are still going to have the chance to advance on the regional basketball tournament in Saint Joseph on February 12th. We also had our Kansas City Plunge in January and it went great! Thank you to all of our athlete leaders, families and volunteers who helped out, and of course, thank you to all of our plungers who raised money! As we wrap up basketball seasons here shortly, please reach out to me with any questions or training needs for our upcoming sports of track, aquatics, soccer, and volleyball. We are working on putting together some new processes for coaches to be trained in their sport this year, so coaches should be on the lookout for that! Another exciting thing that happened in the KC Metro area is that we hired a new Development Manager. Please welcome Christina McDonough-Hunt when you have a chance! Her email is hunt@somo.org.

Check out this ice our divers had to cut from Smithville Lake for our plungers! Wow, that is at least 8 inches!



Finally, one of our very own KC Area athlete leaders, Lynna Hodgson, will be representing Missouri on Capitol Hill Day in February! Thank you to Heather and our other delegates for being an AWESOME representation for SOMO and going out to promote our mission.

“The only one who can tell you ‘you can’t win’ is you and you don’t have to listen.”

– Jessica Evans-Hill

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 scheduled an in person Athlete Leadership University from March 25-27 at the TLC Building in Jefferson City. This is at NO COST to our athlete leaders so SIGN UP NOW!! This is for new and returning athlete leaders. [2022 Spring ALPS U registration \(jotform.com\)](https://www.somo.org/2022-spring-alps-u-registration-jotform-com)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 12th- West regional basketball- Saint Joseph
March 18-19th- State basketball- Saint Charles
March 25-27th- ALPs University- Training for Life Campus
April 2nd- KC Area aquatics- Henley Aquatic Center
April 23rd- KC Area Track- Lee's Summit North
May 14th- Belton Local Track- School aged teams only
May 20-22- State Summer Games- Columbia
October 7-8- State Outdoor Games- Jefferson City

IMPORTANT RESOURCES

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

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