



# SPECIAL OLYMPICS MISSOURI

## Southwest Area

# NEWSLETTER

April 2022

### Message from Program Director Jana Fornelli

Happy Spring! Make sure to join the **Special Olympics Missouri SW Area** Facebook group so we can stay in touch frequently!



### HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to all of the SW Basketball Teams that attended State Basketball in St. Charles. Job well done!

March 18-19<sup>th</sup> Special Olympics Missouri athletes hit the hardwood for the 2022 State Basketball Tournament in St Charles. 128 teams and 60 individual skills athletes took part in the two day event, at multiple locations throughout St. Charles.

The weekend began with opening ceremony, healthy athlete's park, and dance at St. Charles West High School. This was SOMO's first multi-day state event since the COVID pandemic hit. Once opening was over, athletes were treated to the sounds of local band Biscuits and Gravy, and danced the night away.

Basketball competitions began bright and early Saturday morning at 8a.m As stated earlier SOMO used 6 different schools in St. Charles as well as Hyland Arena on the campus of Lindenwood University. Lots of great matchups took place throughout the day and it was great to see the athletes competing and doing what they love.

#### **Track meet start times:**

Carthage & McDonald County Track Meets start at 9:30 AM.

Carl Junction & Clever Track Meets start at 9:15 AM.

#### **Class A forms**

Submit your Class A forms online now!

<https://form.jotform.com/SpecialOlympicsMO/ClassA-application> – for ages over 18

<https://form.jotform.com/SpecialOlympicsMO/minor-class-a-volunteer-application> - for ages under 18

These links are on our website at: <https://somo.org/unifiedsports/>



### **Young Athletes**

Young Athletes will be offered at Area and Local Track Meets. Contact [fornelli@somo.org](mailto:fornelli@somo.org) for more information.

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*“Every strike brings me closer to the next home run.”*  
– **Babe Ruth**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

April 2	Powerlifting	CrossFit Republic
April 12	Local Track Meet	Carthage High School (April 13 rain date)
April 27	SW Area Spring Games	Clever High School
April 29	SW Area Spring Games	Carl Junction High School
May 4	Local Track Meet	McDonald County High School
May 11	Inclusion Revolution	Stockton High School
May 20-22	State Summer Games	Columbia
August 8	SW Golf	Carthage
Oct TBA	Flag Football Clinic/Scrimmage	Lamar High School
Oct 7-9	State Outdoor Games	Jefferson City
Nov 10	SW Bowling	Sunshine Lanes, Springfield
Nov 13	SW Bowling	Sunshine Lanes, Springfield
Nov 17	SW Bowling	4 <sup>th</sup> Street Bowl, Joplin
Nov 18	SW Bowling	4 <sup>th</sup> Street Bowl, Joplin
Dec 8	SW Bowling	4 <sup>th</sup> Street Bowl, Joplin
Dec 9	SW Bowling	4 <sup>th</sup> Street Bowl, Joplin

**IMPORTANT RESOURCES:**

Need rules and sports info? <https://somo.org/sports/>

Need Class A forms or Unified Sports Partner Forms? <https://somo.org/unifiedsports/>

Are you interested in becoming an Athlete Leader? <https://somo.org/alps/>

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