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St. Louis Metro Area

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Program Director Jocelyn Diehl

I've enjoyed meeting new athletes and volunteers at recent events, thank you to all of you who reached out in support of SOMO or to register your child for new activities – big things are in store for the St. Louis Area! Our biggest need for volunteers is coming up on May 7 for our Area Track & Swim meet, please visit us at somo.org to see how you can get involved!



HIGHLIGHTS

SOMO spring sports of track, swimming, powerlifting, soccer and volleyball are well underway with local and area competitions throughout the months of April and May, all culminating at State Summer Games in Columbia, May 20 – 22. Good luck to all of our athletes participating!

Lookout for local Law Enforcement Torch Run routes moving through your county in preparation for State Summer Games. Our law enforcement partner agencies support us all year long by fundraising, awarding medals at events, coaching athletes, and this exciting event, which raises awareness for our organization.

The Missouri Association of Student Councils (MASC) will be hosting an in-person summer leadership workshop; to register an interested athlete or Unified Partner, please contact Krista Evans at evans@somo.org.

The application for the class of 2022-2024 US Youth Ambassadors is officially open! Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools is looking for youth leaders with and without intellectual and/or developmental disabilities between the ages of 14 – 24 whom can commit to this two-year role. Applications will be accepted between March 21 – May 22 at [https://www.specialolympics.org/our-work/unified-champion-schools/u-s-youth-](https://www.specialolympics.org/our-work/unified-champion-schools/u-s-youth-ambassadors?utm_medium=email&hsmi=208181972&hsenc=p2ANqtz-lkgFptWbkTjh6_tPG9zyVM7H8oijiBGRq-ds8_LF7jTwhwYb-JTYyFs7Zoi2Jcjl0hCeUTkiL583emRwceS7Z5O6lQ&utm_content=208181972&utm_source=hs_email)



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*If my mind can conceive it and my heart can believe it
– then I can achieve it.
– Muhammad Ali*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 7 – St. Louis Metro Area Spring Games (Town & Country)
- May 10 – Sullivan Unified Local Track Meet (Sullivan)
- May 13 – Wright City Local Track Meet (Wright City)
- May 20 – 22 – State Summer Games (Columbia)
- July 9 – Southeast / St. Louis Metro Area Softball Tournament (Cape Girardeau)
- August 6 – East Regional Softball Tournament (Affton)
- October 7 – 9 – State Outdoor Games (Jefferson City)

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