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Special Olympics Missouri athletes compete at Chiefs Training Camp

ST. JOSEPH – The Kansas City Chiefs were not the only football team training at Missouri Western State University on August 4.

Special Olympics Missouri (SOMO) and Special Olympics Kansas faced off at Spratt Stadium in two separate exhibitions. Each program brought two teams to the Chiefs Training Camp.

“It was good,” SOMO athlete T.J. Bray said. “It was fun to play at the Chiefs Training Camp for the first time.”

It wasn’t your typical Missouri vs. Kansas rivalry matchup, but the competition was still fierce.

“They’re both good teams,” Special Olympics Kansas athlete Joe Hess said. “I think it’s just everyone having fun going out there.”

Overall, the players said they enjoyed the experience.

“I did good, and I had fun,” SOMO athlete Cortez Jackson said. “We put on a good show.”

Hess added, “It felt great. Obviously, I seen some real talent. I haven’t seen anything like that before. It was just kind of nice to get back out here.”

All of the athletes and Unified partners received Chiefs competition jerseys and bags. After the competition, the athletes watched the Chiefs practice and had the opportunity to get autographs from the players.

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Special Olympics Missouri athletes welcome golfers at Ozzie Smith's charity golf tournament



HARTSBURG – Special Olympics Missouri athletes Sarah Byland and Abby Bax welcomed golfers at Ozzie Smith's 2nd annual PGA Reach Gateway JC Dodgers & Special Olympics Missouri Golf Classic at Eagle Knoll Golf Club on July 18.

Byland and Bax had the chance to greet several Missouri sports legends, including Ozzie Smith, David Freese, Neil Smith and many more!



Ozzie Smith's golf tournament raised \$10,000 for Special Olympics Missouri. He visited SOMO's Training for Life Campus on August 16 to present the check!



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Special Olympics Missouri athletes participate in Jayson Tatum Basketball Camp



ST. LOUIS – Several Special Olympics Missouri athletes and Unified partners had the opportunity to participate in the annual Jayson Tatum Basketball Camp August 4-5 at Chaminade College Preparatory School. Tatum is a St. Louis native, and he currently plays for the Boston Celtics.

“I think the game of basketball is meant for everybody, and it brings us all together and closer,” Tatum said.

In total – seven athletes and four Unified partners attended the two-day camp at Tatum’s alma mater. Tatum provided these spots free of charge to our SOMO athletes and Unified partners. Each spot was valued at \$199.

“The excitement they bring to the gym and their enthusiasm – it lights up our room,” Tatum said. “It makes my day.”

All of the SOMO participants are school-aged, and the hope is they will be able to take the skills they learned at camp back to their respective schools. This opportunity supported ongoing efforts from our [Unified Champion Schools](#) to practice inclusion through Unified sports.

Tatum said he was extremely impressed with the SOMO athletes’ ability to stay positive throughout camp.

“One of the athletes missed a shot, and he told me stay right there, and he was going to make the next one, and I was happy to see that,” Tatum said.

Here’s a list of all of the SOMO representatives at camp:

Athletes:

- Christian Estill Lackey - Francis Howell
- Dailon Costello - SSD Northview School
- Jordan Jones - SSD Northview School
- Katy Sibenmann - SSD Nipher Middle School
- Demarion Young - SSD Jennings
- Amelia McGhee - SSD Jennings
- Cassidy Stewart - SSD Parkway South

Unified partners:

- Duke Paciorek - Principia
- Bobby Lewis - SSD Jennings
- Charlie Marsh - SSD Nipher Middle School
- Timmy Sibenmann - St. Peter Catholic school

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Special Olympics Missouri athlete works Unified Cup



DETROIT – Special Olympics Missouri athlete Allen Tobin represented Special Olympics Missouri at the 2022 Unified Cup in Detroit, Michigan from August 4-6.

Tobin worked as a reporter for Special Olympics International’s Global Health Communications team. During his time at the Unified Cup, Tobin helped lead the efforts to promote the [Healthy Athletes](#) initiative.

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Bush bowls game of her life after receiving new hearing aids at USA Games

Author: Diego Branda | Special Olympics Missouri marketing and communications intern

ORLANDO - The 2022 Special Olympics USA Games were full of fierce competition and amazing accomplishments. Thousands of athletes from all 50 states and the Caribbean made the trip to Orlando, Fla., June 5-12, to compete, make new friends and enjoy the sports they love.

Team Missouri bowler Jessica Bush made the most of her opportunity – not just on the playing field. The 25-year-old native of Ballwin, Mo. was one of 126 members of Team Missouri. She won three gold medals. More importantly, she experienced competition in an entirely new way thanks to her new hearing aids.

On Day 2 of competition, Bush bowled the game of her life. She posted a new personal record, 188.

“Be happy and bowl straight,” Jessica said.

It meant even more because she could actually hear the crowd.

“I could hear really well,” Jessica said.

She specifically mentioned hearing her mom Staci screaming after she finished her game with a turkey – three straight strikes. The reaction was so loud, Jessica had to shush the crowd!

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8th SUPER HERO Bocce Ball Tournament

Proceeds benefit Special Olympics Missouri State Outdoor Games.
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Training for Life Campus
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- Nov. 4: Last chance to purchase tickets for grand prize and finalist prizes
- Nov. 14-18: Area finalists drawn
- Dec. 2022: Grand prize giveaway (details TBA)
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17th Annual Dare to Dream Charity Golf Tournament

Special Olympics Missouri is proud to host the 17th Annual Dare to Dream Charity Golf Tournament on Sept. 17 at Minor Park Golf Course in Kansas City!

All of the proceeds will go toward our annual [Gary Brimer Sports Camp](#). Over the past 17 years, the tournament has raised more than \$350,000 to support the outstanding Gary Brimer Sports Camp provided by Special Olympics Missouri.

This event is not only a great opportunity to have fun and support [Gary Brimer Sports Camp](#), but it's also a great chance to get acquainted with some of the athletes who make Special Olympics Missouri such a unique and outstanding organization.

If you're interested in sponsoring this event, please reach out to Christina Hunt: hunt@somo.org

[Register Here](#)

The State Outdoor Games are Almost Here!

The 2022 State Outdoor Games will be Oct. 7-9 in Jefferson City!

- Estimated 1,000 athletes, coaches and Unified partners
- Locations: Binder Sports Complex, Blair Oaks High School, Capital City High School, Jefferson City High School, Oak Hills Golf Center and SOMO's Training for Life Campus

- The Opening Ceremony will be held Friday, Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Binder Sports Complex. Spoiler: There will be a fireworks display!
- Healthy Athletes will be held Saturday, Oct. 8 at Binder Sports Complex and the Training for Life Campus.
- 5 Sports: Bocce (Friday), Golf (Friday), Tennis (Friday), Softball (Friday night and Saturday), Flag Football (Sunday)
- App information coming soon!
- Want to volunteer? [Click here!](#)
- Want to be a sponsor? [Click here for more information!](#)



FULL SOMO CALENDAR

Cop on a Rooftop in the St. Louis Metro Area



On Friday, August 19, from 5 a.m. to noon, the 4th annual Cop on a Rooftop event took place

at participating Dunkin's across the St. Louis Metro Area. This year's event raised \$3,531! In four years, the event has raised more than \$67,500 dollars for Special Olympics Missouri!

Thank you to our local law enforcement and everyone who came out to support Special Olympics Missouri at the following locations!

- 1220 Highway K, O'Fallon, MO 63366 | O'Fallon PD
- 900 Jeffco Boulevard, Arnold, MO 63010 | Arnold PD
- 10250 Page Avenue, Overland, MO 63114 | Overland PD
- 7343 Mexico Road, St. Peters, MO 63376 | St. Charles County Sheriff's Department

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