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## **Special Olympics Missouri and Kansas City Police Athletic League set to host 2<sup>nd</sup> annual KC Sports Experience**

KANSAS CITY – Special Olympics Missouri (SOMO) and the Kansas City Police Athletic League (PAL) are excited to host their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual KC Sports Experience, June 7-8 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. This event is a unified sports camp for 8+ and will be held at the Police Athletic League (1801 White Ave., Kansas City, MO 64126).

“The true heart behind the KC Sports Experience is bringing the community together through sports and inclusion. We are so incredibly thankful for our partnership with PAL to host this second annual event,” said SOMO Program Director Meg Ward.

SOMO and PAL expect about 100 participants. The participants will be made up of SOMO athletes and Unified partners. Unified Sports are designed to bring together athletes with and without intellectual disabilities on the same playing field.

“We are thrilled to once again partner with Special Olympics Missouri to host the second annual KC Sports Experience at the KCPD Police Athletic League! This year, we are excited to add boxing skills and volleyball to our sports line up,” PAL Operations Sergeant Sgt. Susie Fabian said. “This event is so much fun for all of those involved and we hope everyone age 8+, at all skill levels, will come and join us!”

The sports will include soccer, flag football, bocce, volleyball, boxing skills, and pickleball. Admission is free for all participants. SOMO athletes and Unified Partners can [register here](#). Those participating as a PAL member must contact PAL to register at 816-241-6816. The deadline to sign up is Friday, May 24.

In addition to learning and participating in sports, we are excited to partner with the Knights of Columbus #5586, Jersey Mike’s Lee’s Summit, and the Golden Scoop for our lunches and fun treats. The participants will enjoy entertainment and motivation by our friends Derrion Thomas and Cam F Awesome!

We look forward to partnering with certified coaches and experts in the area to help facilitate our activities. We have multiple volunteer opportunities available! [You can sign up to volunteer here](#).

A special thank you to our sponsors: [Dare to Dream Charity Golf Tournament](#), Knights of Columbus #5586, and Jersey Mike’s Lee’s Summit.

### **Special Olympics Missouri**

Special Olympics Missouri is a year-round program of sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Thousands of athletes participate in 16 Olympic-type sports throughout the state. Special Olympics provides people with intellectual disabilities continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage and experience joy as they participate in the sharing of gifts and friendship with their fellow athletes, their family and friends and communities across Missouri.

Special Olympics Missouri is proud of our financial health, returning 78% of every dollar back to program services. We are privileged to be recognized with these honors: Better Business Bureau A+ Charity Accreditation, Charity

Navigator 4-star rating and Guidestar Gold Level. Special Olympics was also recently named Morning Consult's No. 4 most trusted nonprofit.

Thank you for trusting us with your donations, volunteer time and your goodwill.

Visit Special Olympics Missouri at [www.somo.org](http://www.somo.org). Engage with us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

### **Kansas City Police Athletic League**

The Police Athletic League of Kansas City (PAL) offers fun, interactive programs for youth and KCPD officers. PAL is rooted in the belief that all youth deserve the opportunity to expand their horizons and realize their full potential. From mountain biking to playing on the PAL baseball field, we offer a wide-range of activities that build the kids' confidence, motivation and offer a positive role model.

In all PAL activities, a life skills curriculum is presented by PAL officers and all PAL youth are required to maintain a 2.0 grade point average in school or attend tutoring and make a good faith effort to raise their GPA.

As we coach and mentor these children, we are learning as much from them as they are from us. We work together as a team of PAL youth, the communities in which they live and the dedicated men and women of the Kansas City Police Department. The positive relationships formed between police officers and the community will carry far past the walls of the PAL centers.

Visit [kcpal.org](http://kcpal.org) to learn more.

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