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 Send info to Mark Cole at mjcole@rcn.com  
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LAST CHANCE FOR ATHLETES AND COACHES TO SIGN UP FOR SPORTS CAMP



Reminder: If you are interested in attending sports camp, August 12-18, please submit the information on page 4 to Alice Moat as soon as possible. Athletes need to be 12 years old, able to travel independently with minimal help and reminders, willing to participate in a variety of activities and willing to take direction from different coaches & volunteers.

Coaches must be 18 years old and willing to be responsible for camp activities throughout the entire week. For further information, contact Alice Moat 610-366-1583.

ARE YOU READY TO PICNIC !!?

Last years awards picnic was so much fun and we had so many requests to do it again, that we're doing it again! Saturday, June 16 at South Eastern Park in Lower Saucon Twp (same as last year) for the awards picnic. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details. See you there!



Welcome Back Spring with a Iron Pigs Baseball Game

It's Spring and time for baseball in the Lehigh Valley. We have tickets for the Monday, April 23rd game at Coca-Cola park. The game starts at 7:05 PM. If you would like TWO TICKETS call Mrs. "T" at (610) 865-7730 to reserve your seats. One ticket for an athlete and one for the chaperone. If you leave a message, please make sure to leave your NAME and PHONE NUMBER.



Mark Your Calendars for an Always Fun and Special Event



STEFANO'S GOLF TOURNAMENT
 MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2012
 WHITETAIL GOLF CLUB, BATH, PA
 8AM REGISTRATION 8:30AM SHOTGUN START
 \$125.00 PER GOLFER

Contact Louise Tusak (610-865-7730) to sponsor a hole, provide a large prize or volunteer to help.

BETHLEHEM SPECIAL OLYMPICS ANNUAL AWARDS NOMINATIONS

BSO will be honoring five people at our picnic on **Saturday June 16th**. Here is your chance to nominate someone you know to receive one of the awards. Once the nominations are received, the BSO Management Team will vote to select the award winners.

The categories are:

1. Don Eber Volunteer Award
2. Deb Kohl / Dan Morrison Coach of the Year Award
3. Gerry Miller Parent Volunteer Award
4. Athlete Hall of Fame Award
5. Kelly Frankenfield Spirit Award



Here is a list of past recipients for each of the awards:

Don Eber Volunteer Award		Deb Kohl/Dan Morrison Coach of the Year Award	Gerry Miller Parent Volunteer Award	
Sue Reddinger (2011)	Mary Frances Weirbach	Donna Boyle (2011)	Jose Talavera (2011)	Pearl Brown
Bob Maurer		Ron Lewis	Evelyn Werner	Tim Carver
Tom Donchez	Ernie Martinez	Nick Theodorou	Ruth Gaal	Geoff Marsac
Kemon Roth	Ruth Gaal	Walter Proding	Bob Siemon	Robert Maurer
Kari Bennett	Alice Moat	Bob Berni	Barry Gaal	Donna Boyle
Frank Cloce	Bob Berni	Barb Xander		
Fran Tusak	Shirley Lindgren	Fran Kuronya		
Jeanie Earich	Tom Kelly	Ernie Martinez		
	Louise Tusak	Alice Moat		

Bethlehem Special Olympics Athlete Hall of Fame		Kelly Frankenfield Spirit Award	
Joel Blazure (2011)	Craig Maurer	Mary Lou Hann (2011)	Kyle Miller
Simone Williams	Chris Spairana	Meagan Bickel	Wayne Jones
Steve Kucey	Nicole Clouse	Ilene Reinert	Ed Zajac
Michael Mainiero	Mary Lou Hann	Joel Blazure	Chris Spairana
Chris Wasiewicz	Michael Gaal	Simone Williams	Nathan Boyle
Joni Talavera	Kathy Batz	Xarrah Vitale	Dedra Sobol
Michael Sopko	Ilene Reinert	Michael Mainiero	
Carolyn Grant	Gregory Werner		
Donna Stauffer	Kyle Miller		
Nestor Figueroa	Kathy Lindgren		

Nomination form: To make a nomination, EITHER call the BSO voice mail at 610-264-3616, fill in this form and mail it to BSO Nominations, P.O. Box 536, Bethlehem, PA 18016, or email your nomination to manager@BethlehemSOPA.org. Please submit only one nomination form per family. **Nomination deadline is May 15, 2012.**

1. Don Eber Volunteer Award _____
2. Deb Kohl/Dan Morrison Coach Award _____
3. Gerry Miller Parent Volunteer Award _____
4. BSO Hall of Fame Award _____
5. Kelly Frankenfield Spirit Award _____

Please don't nominate someone who has previously received the award.

ATHLETE'S SPEAK....

To Kathy Ligren Kurcey - thank you very much when Kathy did 3v3 basketball team. Kathy was great last year and i had loved Kathy very much. Next for Jonathan Urban, i want to say thank you very much when Jonathan did 3v3 basketball team Jonathan was amazing last year i wish Jonathan all the happiness in the world. And my last one to Billy Hanley, I want to say thank you very much when Billy did 3v3 basketball team. Billy was good last year. Billy deserve great wish for being a perfect athlete.

From Amanda Reiss

**Athletes! Do you have something to report? Email your news to
PR@bethlehemSOPA.org.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! UPCOMING EVENTS



April 14

*Basketball and Aquatics
Invitational competition at Widener University
Coaches Certification Training at Bloomsburg University*



April 14 -15

Gymnastics - Frederick, MD

May 5

Eastern Spring Sectional Competition at Kutztown University

May 6

BSO Gymnastics Invitational at Parkettes



May 19

BSO Aquatics Invitational at Liberty High School

May 22

Sports Camp applications for athletes and coaches due to Alice Moat



June 7 - 9

SOPA State Summer Games, Penn State University.

June 16

BSO Awards Picnic

Sept 29

Run with Rotary — 5K/10k WALK/RUN

Oct 21

3rd Annual BSO Car Show

It's time for athletes and coaches to sign up for SOPA/SOYO Multi-Sports Training Camp, August 12-18, 2012

Sports camp is a great opportunity to meet new friends, try out new sports, and have a week of travel, adventure, and FUN. Thanks to the Society of Orthodox Youth Organization (SOYO) members and fundraising, this camp is provided at no cost to BSO athletes. The camp is located near Ligonier, PA. We travel by charter bus, leaving early Sunday morning. During the week, athletes choose one sport as a primary sport (aquatics, athletics, softball, soccer, volleyball, lifetime sports, golf or tennis) for training each morning. In the afternoons, athletes rotate through all the sports offered at camp at least once during the week. Athletes are divided by ability to accommodate many sports ability levels. On Friday, each sport hosts a competition. Evening activities vary each year, but they include an off-site trip (last year it was visiting an Altoona Curve baseball game), talent show, and dance.

Athletes and coaches are housed in cabins (maintaining a 1 to 4 coach to athlete ratio). Teen SOYO members, who volunteer their time to coach all week, are also assigned to each delegation. All meals are provided and are served in the dining hall.

ATHLETE REQUIREMENTS:

- ◆ You should be 14 years or older at the start of sports camp and must have an Application for Participation (Medical form) valid through 8/18/12 on file with BSO.
- ◆ You must have trained in at least one BSO sport during the past year (July, 2011 to June 2012).
- ◆ You should be able to travel with the group away from home, and be able to take care of your basic daily needs (with reminders from coaches when needed!)
- ◆ You should be willing to accept sports training and instruction from new coaches in an outdoor setting in weather that might be very hot, cool, rainy, or just perfect!
- ◆ You should have a great attitude and always try your best.

COACH REQUIREMENTS: BSO must provide same-sex coaches in a 1 to 4 coach to athlete ratio for in order our athletes to participate in camp – ***WE REALLY NEED COACHES or athletes may not go!!!***

- ◆ You must be 18 years or older by August 12, 2012.
- ◆ Coaches should be willing to supervise Special Olympics athletes 24 hours a day during the duration of camp and travel to and from camp.
- ◆ Coaches should be willing to coach athletes in sports training. You don't need to be a sports "expert" – there are clinicians that design the training activities -- you just need to be willing to follow directions and work with athletes.
- ◆ You also have the opportunity to request your sport selection for morning and afternoon assignments.

For more information, or if you have any questions, **contact Alice Moat at 610-366-1583**. It is a great week of sports training, and a lot of fun!

SPORTS CAMP INTEREST FORM: TO PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS CAMP YOU MUST RETURN THIS FORM OR EMAIL THIS INFORMATION – DEADLINE March 31, 2012

Space is limited !. Submit your request early so you do not miss out on the fun!

ATHLETE (or coach) NAME: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (for athlete): _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE (s): _____

___ INTERESTED IN SPORTS CAMP

___ WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION

Return this completed form to: **Alice Moat, 1321 Wynewood Road, Orefield, PA 18069**

OR EMAIL THE SAME INFORMATION TO **acmoat@verizon.net**

EVEN IF YOU WENT LAST YEAR, YOU NEED TO SEND OR EMAIL THIS INFO TO BE CONSIDERED AGAIN!

In Recognition of National Volunteer Week, April 22-28:

Our volunteers are everything from A to Z!

Awesome
the **B**est

Creative

Dedicated

Energetic

Fantastic

Great

Happy

Inspirational

Just Right

Knowing

Leaders

Magnificent

Noble

Outstanding

Perfect

Qualified

Remarkable

Special

Teachers

Uplifting

Volunteers

Wonderful

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Thank you to all our volunteers!

SPORTS TRAINING SCHEDULE

Start Dates, Times, Locations subject to change. Please contact coach to confirm your participation and that the information has not changed prior to listed start date.

 <p>AQUATICS Liberty High School Pool 1115 Linden Street, Beth</p> <p>Tuesdays Jan 10 through June ROOKIES 6:00 - 7:00 PM ADVANCED 7:00 - 8:00 PM Coach Jeanie Earich (610) 865-0876 Coach Fred Knauss (610) 264-0237</p>	 <p>POWERLIFTING Freedom High School Weightroom 3149 Chester Avenue, Beth.</p> <p>Tuesdays, March 6th to May 22nd 6:00 - 7:00 PM Coach Nick Theodorou (610) 258-1894</p>
 <p>RYTHMIC GYMNASTICS Asa Packer School 1650 Kenwood Drive, Beth.</p> <p>Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 PM through June Coach Rose Ann Reiss (610) 703-6136</p>	 <p>ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS Parkettes Center 401 Martin Luther King Drive, Allentown</p> <p>Thursdays, Jan 12 through June 7:30 - 8:30 PM Coach Bob Berni (610) 346-6257</p>
 <p>SOFTBALL Nitschmann Middle School, 909 West Union Boulevard, Beth.</p> <p>Starts Thursday, Feb 23 7:00—8:00 PM Co-coaches Jorge Cancel and Hilda Cerrato hildacerrato@hotmail.com (484) 478-2203</p>	 <p>GOLF Bethlehem Executive 9 Hole Course 400 Illicks Mill Road, Beth.</p> <p>Starts Sunday, April 1, 2:00 PM (weather permitting). Practice Sundays at 2:00 PM and Wednesdays at 5:00 PM Coach Ron Lewis (610) 759-6837</p>
 <p>BOWLING Town and Country Lanes 1770 Stefko Blvd. Beth.</p> <p>Starts Wednesday, Jan 16th Coach Sue Reddinger (484) 554-1191</p>	 <p>BASKETBALL Northeast Middle School 1170 Fernwood Street, Beth.</p> <p>Starts Monday, Jan 23th 6:00 - 8:00 PM Coach Bonnie Kuronya (610) 861-7347</p>

- ◆ Figure Skating – Contact Jose Talavera if interested at (610) 248-0444
- ◆ Roller Skating has started! All ability levels are welcome. Practices - April 7th at Skateaway Bethlehem: 12:00 - 2:00. April 22 at Whitehall 11:00 - 12:45. Contact Kim VanBuskirk if interested. Home: (484) 646-9604, Cell (610) 952-9337.

Join the BSO Management Team!!!!

Do you have good ideas? Do you enjoy working with others? Would you like to have more say into what BSO does and does not do? Join the BSO Management Team! We are looking for volunteers to take on the following positions:

Outreach Coordinator: Participate in key decision making; make sure all eligible athletes in Bethlehem know about BSO; recruit athletes

Recording / Corresponding Secretary: Participate in key decision making; create and distribute meeting agendas and minutes; maintain mailing lists and files; coordinate mailings to athletes, volunteers, etc.; coordinate Thank you's

Other volunteer opportunities

Head of Delegation: Responsible for coordinating teams before, during, and after sectional and state competitions; this includes helping to ensure all paperwork is filled out and submitted on time and monitoring all coaches and athletes for proper behavior

Car Show Event Committee Help to plan and conduct the car show and fun festival – one of our major fundraisers. Event date is Sunday, Oct21.

Contact Bob Sehee (Volunteers@BethlehemSOPA.org) if you are interested in any of these positions or helping with our competitions.

BSO Management Team

Name	Position	Phone	Email
Alice Moat	Manager	610-366-1583 or 610-264-3616	manager@BethlehemSOPA.org
Ashley Amato	Asst. Manager	484-903-7185	Amato6139@live.com
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Deb Kocher	Treasurer	484-225-3300	treasurer@BethlehemSOPA.org
Bob Berni	Training Coordinator	610-346-6257	Bob12956b@yahoo.com
Jose Talavera	Competition Coordinator	610-248-0444	Josetalav1@verizon.net
Steven Kucey	Athlete Representative	610-533-9677	
Barbara Bonner	Athlete Registration Coordinator	610-681-8696 or 215-353-0159	b.bonner@att.net
Mark Cole	PR Coordinator	610-597-2237	mjcole@rcn.com
Bonnie Kuronya	Database Coordinator	610-861-7347	Bonnknee1@verizon.net
Maria Talavera	Family Coordinator	610-866-0127	
Kate Young-DiPaolo	Fundraising	610-691-8866	katedipaolo@yahoo.com
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Barry Gaal	Facilities Coordinator	610-868-2148	brgaal@verizon.net
Bob Sehee	Volunteer Coordinator	610-419-3285	volunteers@BethlehemSOPA.org
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Let me win, but if I cannot win,
Let me be brave in the attempt!



The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

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