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TO: Local Coordinators
FROM: Special Olympics Ohio
DATE: September 23, 2015
RE: 2015/2016 General Mailing #1

As the new program year gets underway, we wanted to distribute some general information. You will note that the general mailings are being sent via e-mail almost exclusively.

In addition to this general information letter, the following items are included in this mailing:

- ✓ 2015 State Aquatics Quota Form
- ✓ 2016 State Basketball Tournament Information
- ✓ 2016 National Unified Bowling Tournament Quota Form
- ✓ 2015/2016 State Event Schedule
- ✓ 2015/2016 Sports Directory will be sent by mail
- ✓ 2015/2016 Local Coordinator's Handbook will be sent by mail
- ✓ Updated Level "A" Volunteer Roster will be sent by e-mail per request
- ✓ Copy of the Level "A" Volunteer Disclosure & Authorization Form

UPCOMING STATE EVENTS AND DEADLINES

October 1 State Team Bowling entry deadline
October 21 State Aquatics Meet – Quota Deadline
October 24-25 State Team Bowling Tournament – Columbus
November 5 National Unified Bowling – Quota Deadline
November 18 State Aquatics Meet – Entry Deadline
December 5-6 State Aquatics Meet – Columbus

VOLUNTEER LEVEL “A” FORMS

Starting this fall, we will need a signed Disclosure and Authorization Form to be completed and turned in with the completed Volunteer Level “A” form. This additional authorization form keeps us in compliance with the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA). We basically have the same wording on the back of our Level “A” forms, but it now needs to be a completely separate form. We are sorry for the duplication of some of the information, but it’s the way it has to be in order to run a background check on any individual.

Before submitting a Volunteer Level “A” form make sure you have the following:

1. The Volunteer Level “A” Form completed and signed with social security number included.
2. A signed Disclosure & Authorization Form.
3. You have included a check or purchase order for proper payment.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (614) 239-7050. An additional copy of this form will be coming in the Local Coordinator’s Handbook.

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2016 Polar Plunge Dates

January 23, Mosquito Lake, Cortland
January 30, Thirsty Pony, Sandusky
January 30, Ravenna
February 6, OH/KY, Belleville
February 13, Ohio University, Athens
February 20, Columbus Zoo & Aquarium, Powell
February 27, LETR & Super Plunge, Geneva-on-the-Lake
March 5, Grand Lake St. Mary’s, Celina
March 12, Caesar’s Creek, Waynesville
March 19, Indian Lake, Lakeview

Don’t forget your local Special Olympics programs can benefit from our Polar Plunge events. Local programs will receive 20% of the net that their team raises in a polar plunge. Please note that local programs must adhere to the following set of guidelines to participate.

1. Special Olympics local programs must register their team online and include the program name in the team name, i.e. Gahanna Team So Hot Right Now.
2. All team members must be registered online and must be on one team.
3. Plungers may collect pledges online and offline.
4. The plunge team and members must be organic to the local program, i.e. no recruiting existing teams or previous plungers which have no ties to the local program.

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5. Recruit plungers and raise money for your local program.
6. The OH/KY plunge is the only plunge exempt from this program.

If you have any questions, please contact Paige Ludwig at (614) 239-7050 or pludwig@sooh.org.
Registration will be open online in mid-October for all plunges at www.soo.org.

General Brochure

We are revising our general brochure and will have these in circulation December, 2015.