

Special Olympics Maryland Area Memo

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Welcome

If there are any members of your Area's leadership who are not currently receiving the Area Memo, please send their names and email address to jabel@somd.org.

(NEW) Upcoming Area Director Calls

Please join us for our upcoming Area Director calls:

- 8/18- 6:30pm: AD Monthly Call:
Topics: Budgeting, USA Games Fundraising, Return to Play
<https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJIsceqqgDwjGdNOLt4bjukYmAKjUAVMM5h0>
- 8/18- 7:30pm: COVID Vaccination Tracking Information (Please invite management team members responsible for forms processing)
Topics: COVID Vaccination Tracking process
<https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwqceyprzwiGdWLELTShu-bwiVrfy6hyn63>
- 9/22- 6:30pm: AD Monthly Call: PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE FROM 9/15 (Yom Kippur)
<https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJIsceqqgDwjGdNOLt4bjukYmAKjUAVMM5h0>

(NEW) Finance Corner

2022 BUDGET - Budget worksheets for all Area Programs were distributed last Friday and are due back on September 6th. For those of you who asked, the number of athletes participating in each sport can be found by opening the + sign for that sport, and right under the name of the sport you should see a space for Number of athletes. In this example, I colored the cell yellow but on your worksheet it is just blank.

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Number of athletes	

If you need any assistance please reach out to Darlene.

CASH DEPOSITS – As we return to play and other activities, I want to remind everyone that when a cash deposit (bills and coins) is made at a local M&T bank branch that is \$3,000 or more, the teller most likely will ask for the depositor's Social Security Number and an ID because the deposit is being made in person, and that person is conducting business on behalf of the organization. M&T Bank has this rule because of Federal rules around money laundering, and other related laws. It is okay to provide this information, but if you are not comfortable doing so, simply break up your deposits into smaller amounts, not more than \$2,999.99 per visit.

If you have any questions about this update, please reach out to Joanne- Jengler@somd.org

Super Plunge Registration is OPEN!

The hot weather has me thinking of the beach...in January! We are looking forward to being back at Sandy Point State Park for the 2022 Polar Bear Plunge! Super Plunge Registration is open. Reminder that Local Programs can recruit Unified Super Plunge Teams! Made up of a Special Olympics Maryland athlete from their local program and a coach, volunteer, family member, program leader or other 'friend of the program,' each Unified Team must raise a combined \$15,000. Local Programs that recruit unified teams will receive 70% net revenue of their team's fundraising.

All Plunge related events will be pushed back 1 week from prior years due to additional week added to NFL schedule.

Super Plunge will begin morning of Friday 1/28 and run through Saturday morning 1/29.

Go to PlungeMD.com and click on the Super Plunge link to learn more. If someone is interested they can fill out the pre-registration on the site and their information will be sent to Sharon, who will provide them with a registration code or they can email Sharon directly. sperfetti@somd.org

Call for Clinical Directors

Special Olympics Maryland is looking for Clinical Directors to round out our team of medical professionals who lead Healthy Athletes clinics. Do you know of a medical professional in the following disciplines who would be interested in volunteering? Email Kayla Shields- kshields@somd.org

Opening Eyes	Optometry
Special Smiles	Dentistry
Fit Feet	Podiatry
Fun Fitness	Physical Therapy
Strong Minds	Social/Emotional Health
Health Promotion	Nursing, Nutrition, Dietetics
Healthy Hearing	Audiology
MedFest	Physicians, Nurses

SOMD is HIRING

Special Olympics Maryland is seeking qualified applicants for the following positions:

- AmeriCorps Unified Champion Schools Coordinator (2 positions)
- AmeriCorps Western MD Region Coordinator

For more information, please visit: <https://www.somd.org/connect/employment-opportunities/>

Coaches Training – Principles of Coaching Available as Free On-Demand Online Course

We are very pleased to announce that coaches can now complete the Principles of Coaching course online on their own schedule via the version of the course available through CoachTube. The course is free and combines both videos and activities that coaches engage in on their own and can be completed in one or more sittings. Coaches who complete the course and pass the course test are provided with a certificate that they can send to coaches@somd.org for course credit and to earn their Advanced Coaching Level status. Specific instructions will be available shortly on the Coach Education & Development section of the SOMD Coach Coach Resource Page (<https://www.somd.org/coach/coach-resources/coach-education/>).

Community Sports Registration Deadlines Set Through End of 2021

With a somewhat better picture of what the remainder of 2021 will likely look like, we have set the registration deadlines for community sports through the end of year and have been set and are incorporated into the Sports Calendar included with this email. They are summarized below for your convenience as well.

Event/Sports	State Championship	Training Registration	Outstanding Forms	Competition Registration
Kayaking	8/14/2021	7/7/2021	7/14/2021	7/27/2021
Golf	9/26/2021	8/12/2021	8/19/2021	9/2/2021
Fall Sports Festival (CY, TN, PL, FF, LDR)	10/16/2021 (Tentative)	8/30/2021	9/8/2021	10/1/2021
Soccer	10/31/2021	8/30/2021	9/8/2021	10/1/2021
Bowling – Regionals	11/7/2021	9/23/2021	10/1/2021	10/18/2021
Bowling - Championships	12/5/2021			11/19/2021
Winter Games	2/27/22 -- 03/01/22	1/7/2022	1/14/2022	2/15/2022

(UPDATED) Pre-Season and Pre-Competition Webinars

The dates and time for Pre-Season webinars have been set for the upcoming seasons. Please share this info with your coaches and sports volunteers.

Pre-Season Coaches Webinars

Sport	Date/ Time	Registration / Recording Link
Kayaking	Thu 4/29	Recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DHdVc0gOgEE
Golf	Thu 6/17	Recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=51PEAzsAHXk
Cycling	Tue 7/20	Recording: https://www.somd.org/coach/coach-resources/cycling/
Distance Running	Tue 7/27	Recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bk-79Obhnto
Flag Football	Wed 7/21	Recording: https://youtu.be/dnINFLJXG0Q
Power-lifting	Thu 7/22	Recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nHI7JdFtess
Soccer	Wed 8/04 7:00-8:30	https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUvcOCprzguE9QNkPmX800pOhbNgexn-hVR
Tennis	Wed 7/28	Recording: https://youtu.be/TN-b1XQslx0
Bowling	Thu 8/05	https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJArduChrDMuGNGPXuGZWmEw16s0U5BoVujY

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Pre-Competition Coaches Webinars

<i>Sport</i>	<i>Date/ Time</i>	<i>Registration / Recording Link</i>
Kayaking-Trials	Thu 7/29	Recording: https://youtu.be/Jvi2trMEdgY
Kayaking-Finals	Tue 8/10 6:00-7:00	https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUocOyqgz0vHtEzMqAQJY1SW2UsrEaplWOS

Sports Directors – Assigned Sports

If you have questions regarding a specific sport, coach education, or competition, please work with the corresponding Sport Director.

- **Melissa Anger, Sports Director**
 - manger@somd.org, 410.242.1515 x122
 - Basketball
 - Cheerleading
 - Flag Football
 - Soccer
 - Softball
 - Tennis
 - Locally Popular Sports: Volleyball, Cross Country Skiing
- **Vacant (Steve Bennett in the interim), Sports Director**
 - sbennett@somd.org, 410.242.1515
 - Bowling (10 pin)
 - Cycling
 - Kayaking
 - Snowshoeing
 - Swimming
 - Locally Popular Sports: Figure Skating, Sailing, Short Track Speed Skating, Duckpin Bowling
- **Ryan Kelchner, Sports Director**
 - rkelchner@somd.org, 410-242-1515 x171
 - Alpine Skiing
 - Athletics
 - Bocce
 - Distance Running
 - Golf
 - Powerlifting
 - Locally Popular Sports: Dance, Equestrian Sports, Floor Hockey

Questions?

If You Have Any Questions on Any Other Non-Sports-Related Issues, please contact a member of the Local Program Team

- **Jeff Abel, Vice President. Local Program Development**
 - jabel@somd.org, 410-242-1515 ex. 121
 - Any general question
- **Melissa Kelly, Sr. Director, Unified Champion schools**
 - mkelly@somd.org, 410-979-5839
 - School engagement & partnerships
- **Mackenzie Irvin, Young Athletes Program Director**
 - mirvin@somd.org, 857-939-4867

- Young Athletes Program, Elementary School programming
- **Veronica Smaldone, Unified Champion Schools Coordinator (Western MD)**
 - vsaldone@somd.org
 - Inclusive Youth Leadership & Whole School Engagement
- **Emma Bush, Unified Champion Schools Coordinator (Eastern Shore)**
 - ebush@somd.org
 - Inclusive Youth Leadership & Whole School Engagement
- **Sam Boyd, Volunteer Director**
 - sboyd@somd.org, 443-766-9245
 - Volunteer Recruitment, Retention, Training
- **Kayla Shields, Healthy Communities Manager**
 - healthyathletes@somd.org
 - Healthy Athletes, Fitness Programs
- **Mike Myers, Baltimore Region Director**
 - mmyers@somd.org, 410-242-1515
 - Baltimore County and City
- **Tyler Martin, Western Region Coordinator**
 - tmartin@somd.org, 717-321-3642
 - Frederick, Washington, Allegany, Garrett Counties