



Special Olympics
Michigan

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Area 30 – Midland County

Area 30 At-A-Glance

160 athletes

Training and competitions are year-round

80 volunteers

Program provided at no cost to athletes or their families

Budget funded entirely by private donations

Area 30 offers the following sports programs:

Aquatics
Alpine Skiing
Athletics
Basketball
Bocce
Bowling
Cross-Country Ski
Cycling
Golf
Horseshoes
Pentathlon
Power Lifting
Speed Skating
Snowshoe
Soccer
Softball
Unified Sports (Golf)
Walking
Young Athletes Program (new)

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What is Special Olympics?

Special Olympics is a worldwide sports and competition program open to individuals with intellectual disabilities regardless of their abilities.

Our Mission 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.

Our Goal is...

To help persons with intellectual disabilities participate as productive and respected members of society at large, by offering them a fair opportunity to develop and demonstrate their skills and talents through sports training and competition, and by increasing the public's awareness of their capabilities and needs.

The Benefits...

Athletes who participate in Special Olympics improve physical fitness and motor skills, develop self-esteem and confidence, make friends and increase family support. Special Olympic athletes carry these benefits with them into their daily lives at home, in the classroom and on the job. Families who participate become stronger as they learn a greater appreciation of their athlete's abilities. Community volunteers find out what a good friend the athletes can be. Everyone learns from each other.

Geographical Area...

Special Olympic programs are offered in all 83 counties in Michigan. Area 30 encompasses all of Midland County. Area 30 has 124 athletes involved in the program.

Volunteers...

Area 30 relies on the dedicated support of more than 70 volunteers who offer their time and talents in a number of ways, including coaching, chaperoning athletes at events, assisting with fund raising and helping run local events and games.

Funding...

Area 30 relies solely on contributions of time, materials and financing from local individuals, businesses and organizations or fundraisers. Special Olympics receives no state or federal funding and no fees are assessed to the athletes or families for participation in the program. Area 30 has an annual budget of \$45,000 that funds year round programs for the athletes.

Eligibility Requirements...

Special Olympics training and competition is open to every person with intellectual disabilities who is at least eight years of age and who registers to participate in Special Olympics as required by the Special Olympics General Rules.

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