

Special Olympics NY Volunteer Application

State Winter Games * Poughkeepsie, NY * February 17th- 19th, 2017



Founded and built by volunteers, Special Olympics NY is an example of the impact that volunteers can make in their community by putting their time and expertise to use to socially benefit others. We have 2 categories of volunteers for our State Games; our Social Volunteer and a Service Volunteer.

Service Volunteers: The hands-on 'Doer's' An individual or group who is willing to commit and dedicate their day to the athletes and willing to do the job needed of them. These jobs can include, but are not limited to: set up, athlete escorts, stagers, timers, scorekeeping and etc.

Volunteers must be at least 13 years of age; those 13 through 15 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Service volunteers, please do not bring young children to your assignment.

Social Volunteers: The FANS! An individual or group that would like the volunteer role of our cheering section for our athletes ~ Volunteer to Cheer! This is a very important role, as many athletes travel far and do not always have the opportunity for their families to attend and cheer them on. Fan stations are made available at most events for you to make a sign or banner to add to the fun! Social volunteers can be **ANY AGE.**

Instructions:

- ❖ For a Social Volunteer please only complete page 1 and check off the complete box at the end of the page.
- ❖ For Service Volunteer opportunities please continue to page 2 and complete.
- ❖ You can also register online at <http://specialolympics-ny.org/winter-games/>

Contact Info: Must be completed entirely and neatly to ensure communication from us, unreadable applications will not be accepted.

Name: _____ Age: _____

Street Address: _____

City, ST, ZIP Code: _____ County: _____

Company/School/ Organization: _____ Day Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: this MUST be included to be considered: _____

Have you volunteered with Special Olympics NY before? Yes No

How Did You Find Out About This Event?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radio | <input type="checkbox"/> Company/School/Organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Olympics NY Website | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Availability: During which hours are you available for volunteer assignments? Please see page 2 for an outline of opportunities.

FRIDAY, February 17th _____ AM and/or _____ PM * Venue Preference: _____

SATURDAY, February 18th _____ AM and/or _____ PM * Venue Preference: _____

I am complete with page 1 and would like to be a Social Volunteer.

If you would like to apply as a group check here & SONY staff will contact you.

Service Volunteer Job Opportunities

Please recognize that by submitting your application, you are committing to volunteer for the duration of the event(s) you selected. If you are unable to commit to the entire time slot, please do not register for that event.

Friday, February 17, 2017

- ❖ Set up I: 8:30 am – 12pm * Requires heavy lifting
Stewart Air National Guard
- ❖ Delegation Check in: 12:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Poughkeepsie Grand
- ❖ Volunteer registration: 4 pm – 9 pm
Mid Hudson Civic Center
- ❖ Olympic Village: 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Mid Hudson Civic Center
- ❖ Opening Ceremonies: 7:00pm – 9:30 pm
Mid Hudson Civic Center

Saturday, February 18, 2017

- ❖ Olympic village: 8:30 am – 2 pm
Stewart Air National Guard
- ❖ Floater: 8:30 am – 3:00 pm, all venues
- ❖ Breakdown: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm, all venues
- ❖ Floor Hockey: Full day, Stewart Air National Guard
- ❖ Figure Skating: Half day, Mid Hudson Civic Center
- ❖ Cross Country Skiing I: Full day, Bowdoin Park
- ❖ Cross Country Skiing II: Full day, Bowdoin Park
- ❖ Snowshoe: Full day, Bowdoin Park
- ❖ Alpine Skiing: Full day, Holiday Mountain *
* *Experienced Alpine Skiers needed*
- ❖ Closing Ceremonies: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Mid Hudson Civic Center

Times listed are tentative! Times listed are tentative. Please be patient and flexible as this is a true sports competition and factors (weather, transportation, etc.) may impact the schedule of events.

Service Volunteer

Complete this portion only if you have an interest in being a Service Volunteer.

1. Tell us why you are interested in volunteering as a Service Volunteer-

2. Special Skills or Qualifications - Summarize special skills and qualifications you have acquired from employment, previous volunteer work, or through other activities, including hobbies or sports.

3. Previous Volunteer Experience – Please elaborate on your previous volunteer experience.

Signature

Thank you for completing this application and for your interest in volunteering with us. Your Service Volunteer application is under consideration and you will be notified of your volunteer assignment the first week of February. Go ahead and reserve the date on your calendar as ALL volunteer applications will be accepted. **Please note, all service volunteer positions are on a first come first serve basis. Once the service volunteer positions have been filled, all other registrants will be social volunteers.**

Questions??? Contact Us at Volunteer@nyso.org

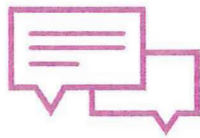
To apply please return this form to:
Special Olympics NY State Winter Games Volunteers, 504 Balltown Road,
Schenectady, NY 12304-2290 or Fax it to: (518) 992-4806.

How To Be An AWESOME Special Olympics NY Volunteer Group Leader



Step 01 Collect Event Info

2017 State Winter Games
February 17-19, 2017
Poughkeepsie, NY



Step 02 Spread the Word

Volunteering is always more fun when with friends! Get your friends to join your team.

SERVICE VOLUNTEERS:
MUST BE 16 OR OLDER OR
AGES 13-15 ACCOMPANIED BY
AN ADULT.

SOCIAL VOLUNTEERS:
THERE ARE NO AGE
RESTRICTIONS.



Communication is KEY

Stay in contact with SONY. Inform of number in your group. Notify of any changes to your volunteer plan. SONY will send you volunteer assignment and instructions at the end of May. As the group leader, you are responsible for forwarding information to members.

Remember:
HAVE FUN!!!

Step 03 Complete Volunteer Application



Complete Volunteer Application

Volunteer Goes "Live" October 2016
specialolympicsny.org/winter-games

TIPS:
DISCUSS WITH TEAM
WHICH VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITY IS THE BEST
FIT FOR YOU

Step 04 Conference Call

Participate in the Special Olympics Volunteer Group Leader Conference Call (Around December). Here, you will learn more information about the event and ask any questions you and your group members have.

Step 05 Day of Event



Arrive on time and check in at the volunteer registration table. Here, you will meet your volunteer captain (wearing a green vest) and he or she will direct you to your assignment for the day.

Have a question?
Contact us: volunteer@nyso.org