

Summer Games Conclude – Over the Edge and World’s Largest Truck Convoy Up Next for Special Olympics North Carolina

2017 Special Olympics North Carolina Summer Games come to an end in Raleigh ... Over the Edge and the World's Largest Truck Convoy in September and October

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, USA, June 15, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- With the conclusion of 2017’s inspiring and record-breaking Summer Games, Special Olympics North Carolina turns its attention to two of their largest fundraisers of the year, Over the Edge in Raleigh in September, and the World’s Largest Truck Convoy in Charlotte in October.

Held June 2-4 in the City of Raleigh for the 24th consecutive year, the 2017 Summer Games attracted over 1,900 athletes, representing counties across North Carolina, more than 1,000 volunteers, and thousands of cheering friends, family members, and supporters to ten venues in Cary, Holly Springs, and Raleigh.



The 2017 Special Olympics North Carolina Summer Games

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*Timothy P. Shriver, Chair,
Special Olympics
International*

The Summer Games is the largest state-level event for Special Olympics North Carolina, featuring competition in athletics, bowling, cheerleading, cycling, gymnastics, powerlifting, softball, swimming, and volleyball.

Gold medal winners in the Summer Games and upcoming Fall Tournament in Charlotte (Nov. 3-5) have the opportunity to advance to the Special Olympics USA Games in Seattle, WA, July 1-6, 2018. [Click here to obtain county-by-county results](#)

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“These games are more than a sports competition,” said Timothy P. Shriver, Chairman of the Board of Special Olympics International. “They are a looking glass, an example to everyone around the world of how people with intellectual disabilities can and should be included in all aspects of their communities.”

Special Olympics North Carolina provides year-round sports training and competition for nearly 40,000 children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Athletes train and compete on local and state

levels in 19 sports, providing motivation, building self-esteem, and creating opportunities for success.

Key fundraisers to support Special Olympics activities in North Carolina include the Law Enforcement Torch Run, Polar Plunge, Plane Pull, Over the Edge, and the World's Largest Truck Convoy.

Next on the itinerary is the 8th annual Over the Edge on Saturday, Sept. 30, in Raleigh. About 150 to 200 thrill-seekers from across North Carolina will have the opportunity to rappel Raleigh's 30-story Wells Fargo Capitol Center.

Registration for Over the Edge is now open with prime-time slots selected by the quickest fundraisers.

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The 2017 World's Largest Truck Convoy will roll in Charlotte on Oct. 21. The truck convoy is a unique one-day celebration of the trucking industry and its support of Special Olympics. Charlotte and Mecklenburg County law enforcement will escort the convoy with the highest fundraising driver in the lead truck position.

Registration for the World's Largest Truck Convoy is open for drivers of trucks 10-GVW or bigger. Semi-trucks, truck/trailer combinations, large trucks, lowboys, dump trucks, flatbeds, buses, large tow trucks, large box trucks, and more, are eligible.

Special Olympics will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in 2018. In 1968, Eunice Kennedy Shriver founded Special Olympics and organized the first International Games in Chicago, IL. Six athletes from North Carolina were among the participants.

"Our athletes have talents and gifts that should not only be recognized but celebrated," said Timothy Shriver, son of Eunice Kennedy Shriver. "Special Olympics is a unified movement, integrating people with intellectual disabilities into everything we do."

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Go Over the Edge of the 30-story Wells Fargo Capitol Center in Sept 2017 in Raleigh, NC



Join the World's Largest Truck Convoy for Special Olympics, Charlotte, NC, in Oct 2017

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