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Ontario Knights of Columbus Special Olympics Programs

Knights of Columbus Flag Relay for Special Olympics

- first jurisdiction in the Order to be entrusted with the use of the Special Olympics flag for its Special Olympics activities
- serves as an umbrella for all the various activities and events that we do for Special Olympics
- each Diocesan Association/Zone has a Special Olympics flag
- Special Olympics flags are available to Councils and Districts at cost
- Councils and Districts are invited to use the flag when conducting their activities for Special Olympics
- promotes and raises the public's awareness of our involvement with Special Olympics
- our website at kofcflagrelay.com provides information on everything we do with Special Olympics
- please submit pictures and articles of your events for our Knights in Action web page

Special Olympics Ontario Provincial Games

- 2013 Summer Games in York Region (Newmarket) – July 11th to 14th
- volunteers required (Healthy Athlete program plus other areas)
- 4th Degree Honour Guard for Opening Ceremonies
- the Knights carry in the Special Olympics Games flag (Flag Relay program)
- Councils are invited to Adopt An Athlete/Team from their community who will be going to the Games
- consider conducting a flag raising ceremony in your community (Flag Relay program)

Be A Fan (year round program) and Be A Fan Day

- wear red shoelaces at all of your Special Olympics events (shoelaces available for a \$5 donation)
- order your red shoelaces through the State Director for Special Olympics
- July 20th K of C Be A Fan Day (Ontario) – 45th Anniversary of Knights of Columbus involvement with Special Olympics (first Special Olympics Games - July 20, 1968)
- October 25th Special Olympics Canada Be A Fan Day (across Canada)
- public awareness campaign (participate in media events)
- Councils participating will be listed on the Special Olympics beafancanada.com website
- funds raised can be submitted online (credit card) at beafancanada.com on your council's web page
- funds raised can also be submitted to the State Director for Special Olympics by cheque (made payable to Special Olympics Ontario)

K of C Blue Jays Day for Special Olympics

- July 20th at Rogers Centre (Toronto vs Tampa) – K of C Be A Fan Day
- Councils sponsor discounted tickets for Special Olympians to attend the game
- Knights and their family and friends can purchase discounted tickets
- sponsorship and order forms available online (State website and at kofcflagrelay.com)
- Special Olympians participate in First Pitch and 7th Inning Stretch
- Knights have a display table and make a cheque presentation to Special Olympics

K of C Free Throw Competition/Soccer Challenge/Hockey Shoot Out

- invite Special Olympians to your Council, District and Regional Competitions
- check with local schools regarding their Special Olympics programs
- contact your local Special Olympics Council to conduct competitions at one of their weekly practices



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Hometown Games

- local competitions held where Special Olympians live
- consider hosting or sponsoring a Hometown Game
- Toronto area councils host a regional baseball and bowling tournament
- Perth area councils host a regional soccer tournament

Community Involvement

- consider becoming involved with the Special Olympics Council in your area
- there are 12 Regions in Ontario each supported by a District Developer
- the contact person with Special Olympics in your area is the District Developer
- visit specialolympicsontario.com for more information

Membership

- consider inviting a Special Olympian to speak at one of your Council's General Meetings
- many Special Olympians meet the criteria for membership in either the Knights or Squires

Fundraising and Financial Support

- Ontario Knights helped raise over \$134,000 for Special Olympics last year
- 50/50 Draw - \$52,500; Sponsorships/Adopt an Athlete, etc - \$66,100; Tootsie Roll - \$15,500

50/50 Draws

- Knights provide the volunteers required to help run this major fundraiser for Special Olympics
- last year the games assigned to the Knights raised over \$52,000 for Special Olympics
- Toronto – Maple Leafs, Raptors, FC and Marlies games
- Ottawa – Senators games

Tootsie Rolls

- our province wide fundraising campaign for Special Olympics
- your Council can run this on its own, with another Council or as a District fundraiser
- submit Intent to Participate Form to the State Office
- you will be sent an Order Form (minimum order is 25 cases at \$25.50 per case)
- report the funds you raised on the Final Report Form and submit to the State office
- funds are shared between the Council (40%) and State (60% which goes to Special Olympics)

Partnership Profile Report With Special Olympics (#4584)

- submitted annually to report volunteer hours and funds raised for Special Olympics
- Supreme ranks each jurisdiction by forms submitted (Ontario was ranked 3rd in 2011)
- Ontario received \$5,800 from Supreme for our 3rd place ranking. These funds were used to assist with our Special Olympics programs

John P. (Jack) Clancey Award for Support to Special Olympics Ontario (SO-45)

- presented annually to the Council who has organized, helped with and gone beyond to help make the Special Olympian athletes succeed in both sport and in life.
- the following information is used: volunteer hours, number of events, programs and financial support