

Eastern Ontario Community Council Connections

District Developer Update

Good Day!

Summer qualifiers are now complete for Region 7 and 12. Congratulations to all athletes for a great show of talent and sportsmanship. I'd like send a big thanks to all of the competition hosts. Running a Provincial Qualifier is no easy task, and I commend you for all of your hard work and dedication.

There are still a few more Provincial Qualifiers to happen around the province. The advancement identification process for Summer Provincial Games will start at the beginning of November. In order to help facilitate an easier endorsement process for these games, we are pleased to announce that we will be combining the Endorsement and Registration forms into one comprehensive online document. Parents will only have to go online once to fill in information.

After only a few cool nights, the leaves are already changing in Ottawa. Fabulous fall is here. ☺

Special Olympics International has changed its colours too! A new branding for the organization has just been released. It is very similar to the logo that was previously used in Ontario. All current signage, uniforms and PR/communications materials can continue to be used, until they run out. Moving forward, all new items need to be printed with the new logo. Guidelines and logo options have been created to consolidate and strengthen the existing Special Olympics brand. SOO is working on customizing the logo for our chapter and its communities.



As always, please contact me with any questions, concerns or ideas for the next newsletter!

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BE A FAN of Special Olympics!



Be a fan of Special Olympics: National Awareness Day Announced!

The **Be a fan** campaign is a national awareness and fundraising initiative in support of Special Olympics. The main focus is to raise awareness and support by spreading the word and having fans wear Special Olympics red laces in their shoes. **Be a fan** Day is scheduled for **Thursday, October 25th, 2012**. Special Olympics has teamed up with Chiefs of Police across Canada- our biggest fans-to participate in this initiative!

Visit us and become a FAN at

www.beafanCanada.com

Like us on Facebook at

www.facebook.com/BeafanOntario

Education Matters

If you still have not completed the AODA training, please make sure to do so ASAP. This is government mandated training for all volunteers. The link is below:

<http://go.specialolympicsontario.ca/AODA>

Need NCCP Coach Training? Register online at:

<http://www.specialolympicsontario.com/default.asp?contentID=29>

"Nobody's a natural. You work hard to get good and then work to get better." Paul Coffey

Suzanne's Tip of the Month

Proper Documentation: Incident/Accident Reporting Policy

1. Record or document an incident/occurrence as soon as possible. Back dated documentation can be problematic & is not recommended. However, if you are documenting at a later date, include the current date as a point of reference.
2. Record any related verbal communication as close to verbatim as possible.
3. Record sequentially.
4. Point form notes are quite acceptable.
5. Do not use language/words that you are not familiar with. Words and language used out of context can cause confusion and can reduce the validity of your recordings.
6. If it is a hand written document make sure it is legible.
7. If it is a hand written or a generic word document, number your pages sequentially (i.e. Page 1/2, Page 2/2).
8. Make sure your recordings include the time, date and location of the incident/occurrence. If incident/occurrence was witnessed, observed or heard by others please include their full given name, and their contact information.
9. Do not inject your opinion or editorialize; allow the facts to speak for themselves.
10. Be sensitive to the privacy of others; your documentation should only be shared with necessary individuals.
11. Contact your District Developer if you are unsure who should receive a copy of your documentation.

Online Incident Reports can be found at:

<http://www.specialolympicsontario.com/default.asp?contentID=39>

2012-2013 Competitions

In order to gear up for the coming season, please come prepared to the Regional Coaches Meetings with the following information if you are planning to host a competition:

- Proposed Date / Bad Weather Date
- Proposed Location
- Competition Host Names and Contact Info
- Proposed Budget / Fees

Regional Meeting Dates

Pre-season Fall Coach's Meetings are fast approaching! Open to all coaches & volunteers!

Region 7

September 22nd, 9:00am

Arnprior Firehall

Stan Tourangeau Building, Police/Fire Station

67 Meehan Street, Arnprior, Ontario

Region 12

September 23rd, 9:30am

Cobourg Community Centre

750 D'Arcy Street, Cobourg, ON

Introducing... Mattson!

Mattson Griffiths, a Therapeutic Recreation student from Concordia University has joined the Eastern Ontario Special Olympics team for the fall season. He will be working on many projects, including developing youth programs, community websites, coaching and event planning. Welcome Mattson!

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