

Eastern Ontario Community Council Connections

District Developer Update

Happy October Everyone!

The leaves are beginning to change, and Thanksgiving is fast approaching. I wish you and your families good health and good luck!

Most fall programs should be in full swing by now! It's a busy and exciting time of year for our athletes and volunteers!

Both Region 7 and 12 held great Fall Coaches Meetings in September. Both were well attended. Thanks to everyone who participated. If you haven't been to a coaches meeting yet, please stay tuned for the Spring Coaches' Meeting dates. It is a great chance to learn about what is going on in the region and the province, as well as to network with other coaches and volunteers.

Region 7 held their Regional Competition Management Team (RCMT) elections for all positions at the R7 Coaches Meeting on September 24th in Arnprior. Claudette Faubert is the new regional coordinator for Region 7. She can be reached at: faubert-mich@hotmail.com

Region 12 will be hosting their RCMT elections next fall, for all positions. Donna Edwards is still the RC for Region 12 and can be reached at: donna@pmd.ca

As always, please send me any information that you would like highlighted in this newsletter. Thanks!

*Suzanne Heale
District Developer*

Tips of the Month

Check out the *new* Pahl website!!

Pahl stands for Physical Activity and Healthy Living. There is a "Preparing to Compete Workbook", as well as lots of other neat information. More resources will be available by the end of the month!

<http://pahl.specialolympicsontario.ca/>

Google Apps Support

If you are having any issues with your community websites or email addresses, please check out the new support tool:

<http://support.specialolympicsontario.ca/>

Sport Discussion Forums

Do you have a sport concern? Are you looking for information, rules or coaching support? Network with SOO members from across the province on SOO's online discussion groups!

<http://info.specialolympicsontario.ca/Sport--Discussion-Forums>

Suzanne's Task of the Month

Active Conditional Volunteers

In September, I sent each Community Coordinator a list of "Active Conditional Volunteers". These volunteers have either not submitted a police check or have sent in a fax or scanned copy, which we do not accept. Each council is responsible for contacting the volunteers on the list and making sure that proper documentation is sent in, before November 4th. Also, please let me know if any of the volunteers have left Special Olympics and need to have their status made inactive in our database.

Thanks!!

Education Matters

Recently, many communities have been asking where they can get more training on the specific disabilities that their athletes have, and additional ways to cater to the needs of their athletes. Last month, I attended a presentation by Autism Ontario that I found to be very useful.

It would be helpful to build partnerships with local disability organizations. This will benefit your community in several ways. First, it will enable you to promote your programs to the organizations who deal directly with your athletes and are often asked to make referrals to community programs. Secondly, you might be able to set up guest speakers to attend your meetings and provide you with information about each disability as well as strategies on how to adapt your programs and instructions.

There is an extensive list of organizations and resources on our website at:

<http://www.specialolympicsontario.com/default.asp?contentID=40>

District Highlights

Kelly Santini Festival Breakfast – Ottawa - October 5th

Team Bushido Fundraiser – Ottawa – October 15th

Dinner Auction Fundraiser - Brockville - November 18th

Four Corners

3 on 3 Youth Basketball Competition

<http://fourcorners.specialolympicsontario.ca/>

Ottawa: November 25-26, 2011

Fall and Winter Competition Dates for Region 7 and 12 will be posted on the Eastern Ontario Website next week!

Games Corner

National Winter Games: Feb 28 - March 3, 2012

St. Albert, Alberta

Athletes and coaches are busily preparing to attend the National Winter Games in St. Albert, Alberta. Coaches have just completed a weekend training camp, where they met other coaches, learned about their athletes, tried on uniforms and reviewed what will happen at the National Games.

<http://stalbert2012.ca/en/>

Provincial Spring Games: May 31 – June 3, 2012

Kingston, Ontario

The Athlete endorsement process is well underway for the Kingston Games! Communities, Coaches and Parents/Guardians are now all working towards endorsing the athletes who qualified for Games. Once this process is complete, regional teams will be announced, so stay tuned.

We have received many applications for Regional Team Manager and Coach Positions. The RCMTs are reviewing the applications and the coaching team will be announced at the end of October.

Kudos to...

A great big thanks goes out to Luke Feetham (R12) and Rachel Mathews (R7) who are our Provincial Team Liaisons for National Games. They are organizing all of the transportation, uniform sizing/distribution and registration details for the Ontario team.

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