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Special Olympics
Wyoming



Dear Community Supporters,

Special Olympics Wyoming State Winter Games will be back in Jackson this year! We're celebrating the 45th year of State Winter Games in 2023; these games began in Jackson in 1978. Due to Covid restrictions and challenges, our athletes have not been able to come to Jackson in person since the 2020 State Winter Games; they are truly looking forward to their first year back!

Since **1972**, our volunteers and staff have been **hosting local, area, and state competitions and sports training for Special Olympics Wyoming athletes year-round**. Our organization offers well-coached Olympic-type sports training and competition for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Through sports, we provide opportunities for athletes to develop physical fitness skills, express courage, experience joy, and participate in the sharing of talents, skills and friendship with their families, friends, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

Did you know that Special Olympics Wyoming:



- Offers programming in every county in Wyoming
- Serves more than 1,600 Wyoming athletes across 16 sports
- Never asks athletes or their families to pay to participate
- Annually hosts 5 statewide competitions and many additional area competitions
- Sent a delegation of 45 athletes, coaches, Unified Partners, and staff to the 2022 Special Olympics USA Games in Orlando, including athlete Izzy Shanor from Jackson!
- Continues to grow and expand programming year after year

We are asking for your involvement and commitment to hosting Special Olympics Wyoming State Winter Games in your community so we can continue to serve our Special Olympics Wyoming athletes!

The 45th Special Olympics Wyoming State Winter Games will be held in Jackson from March 14-16, 2023. Athletes from around state will descend upon Jackson to compete in Alpine Ski, Snowboard, Snowshoe, and Cross-Country Ski events. To make this competition a true success, we need your involvement.

As a **community leader**, your connections, resources, and history of supporting mission-driven work can make a huge difference in the lives of our athletes. Would you be willing to continue to support the cause by sponsoring this year's event? Your business could be included this unique opportunity to highlight the importance of Special Olympics Wyoming to the community.

We would be happy to provide you with more information about how you can invest in **Special Olympics Wyoming athletes** through our **45th State Winter Games**. Please do not hesitate to contact me using the contact information below. **Thank you so much for your support.**

Sincerely,

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