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- The Knights of Columbus has a unique partnership with the Special Olympics and has helped disabled athletes train for and compete in games around the world.
- Knights of Columbus councils have assisted with all aspects of the program from fundraising to feeding the athletes, organizing and judging events, and providing equipment and awards.
- Without the support of the Knights, participants would not be able to train for the events that they love. Participating councils provide at least \$2,000 in donations or 200 service hours in a fraternal year.

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History of Special Olympics and the Knights of Columbus

- In June 1962, Eunice Kennedy Shriver – sister of brother Knight and President John F. Kennedy – held a summer day camp for young people with intellectual disabilities in her backyard. She was inspired to do something for this group of children after seeing limited opportunities for them to participate in athletic events.
- This was the revolutionary moment that eventually led to the first International Special Olympics Summer Games at Soldier Field in Chicago on July 20, 1968 – 52 years ago today – where about 1,000 athletes from the U.S. and Canada competed. Since the first games, the Knights of Columbus have been there.
- Eunice’s husband, Sargent Shriver, was also a Knight. He was a member of the Mater Dei Council 9774 in Rockville, MD.

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What do we do at Special Olympics events?

- As Knights of Columbus, we are given the enviable task of feeding the athletes, coaches, referees, and volunteers. Most volunteers are asked to be “Fans in the Stands.” We get to greet them, cheer them on, and feed them!
- We prepare sack lunches for hundreds or even thousands for each event
- It usually lasts the entire morning
- Sometimes we are asked to serve dinners
- Select few get to cook (Shout out to Council 6020!)

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How can I assist as a Grand Knight?

- After subscribing to the events, you will discover a couple of posts for upcoming Special Olympics events. Challenge your members to volunteer as a group or they can volunteer as individuals.
- Details on how to volunteer will be posted on the OC Chapter website.
- Each event will have its own online registration.
- Bring the family! There are restrictions for volunteers under the age of 14.
- Set high expectations for your members. Each member wants to be involved.
- Some volunteer for these events and don't attend meetings.

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Great! When is the next Special Olympics event?

- Future events are already posted on the OC Chapter website, ockc.net.

LATEST CHAPTER NEWS

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Blood Drive Council 8599

Blood Drive August 9th

Special Olympics Fall Events

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MCGIVNEY TO BE BEATIFIED!

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SAVE THE DATES

2020 Special Olympics Southern California Events

Plane Pull

- Saturday, August 15, 2020



**OC Fall
Bowling Championship -
Saturday, August 22, 2020**

**OC Regional Fall Games
Saturday, November 4 &
Sunday, November 15, 2020**



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How do I find out about future events?

Subscribe to events on OC Chapter website, ockc.net, by going to the Calendar section and entering your e-mail address, then clicking on “SUBSCRIBE”

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