

AREA 1 NEWS

Delta, Menominee & Schoolcraft Counties

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GREETINGS EVERYONE

I sure hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful summer as much as I am and drinking plenty of water. It's been rather hot but I love it!

Unified softball is in full swing with cycling, bocce and golf to start soon. If you're interested in participating in any of these sports, please let Joyce know.

To help reduce the cost of printing and postage for the Area 1 Newsletter, please give Joyce your email address.

I'm also setting up a Facebook page for Special Olympics MI – Area 1 so please let me know your email address so I can invite you to the page.

UNIFIED SOFTBALL

Unified Softball is open to both athletes and family or friends so please join in the fun.

Delta County: Practice is every Wednesday at Lemmer field from 6 to 8 pm. The last practice will be held on August 10, 2011.

Menominee County: The next practice in August 11 at 5:30 pm at Wallace. Please contact Terry Unti (906-863-9407) if you want to participate.

Schoolcraft County: Please contact Sheila Marks (906-450-0984) for the practice schedule.

The Area 1 Unified Softball tournament will be held on August 14, 2011 at the Wallace Baseball Field at 10 am (CST) – 11 am (EST). A picnic lunch will be served.

BOCCE & GOLF

Delta County: Practice will begin on Monday, August 8, 2011, at the YMCA from 3 to 5 pm. There will be no practice on August 17 due to the UP State Fair. Practices will resume at the YMCA from 3 to 5 pm on Wednesdays: August 24 and 31 and September 7 and 14.

Menominee County: Please contact Terry Unti (906-863-9407) and/or Deb Husbeck (906-864-2286) for the practice schedule.

Schoolcraft County: Please contact Sheila Marks (906-450-0984) for the practice schedule.

The U.P. Golf & Bocce Tournament is scheduled for September 16/17, 2011 in Bessemer. The cost for attending the tournament has risen to \$25 per person this year so it is imperative that anyone who cannot make the tournament please notify their coach by August 16 so we are not paying for someone who cannot attend the tournament.

COACHES: Please submit tournament call-in information to Joyce with athlete names, events, scores and shirt sizes by August 16, 2011.

CYCLING

A new sports program of cycling (bicycling) will be starting in Area 1 with a competition to be scheduled in September. You must have your own bike and helmet. Delta County athletes may be able to get a used bicycle from Mr. Bike & Ski. If anyone needs a helmet, please let Joyce know.

Delta County: Practices will be held on Wednesdays beginning August 24, 2011 at the U.P. State Fairgrounds in Escanaba from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

Menominee County: Please contact Tom & Mary Tickler (906-863-8059) for the practice schedule.

Schoolcraft County: Please contact Sheila Marks (906-450-0984) for information.

BOWLING

Bowling is limited to four weeks of practice with each athlete bowling two games per practice.

Delta County: Practices will be held on Mondays starting on September 19, 2011 at the Bowl-a-Rama from 3 to 5 pm. Please arrange your own transportation with DATA. The last practice will be held on October 10, 2011.

Menominee County: Please contact Chris Beckley (906-863-4005) for the practice schedule.

Schoolcraft County: Please contact Sheila Marks (906-450-0984) for the practice schedule.

UNIFIED VOLLEYBALL

Information regarding the practice schedule for Unified Volleyball will be forthcoming. Practices will start in late October or early November.

FUNDRAISING

Area 1 receives generous donations from corporations, businesses, service organizations and individuals to support our program expenses. No one is charged a fee for participating in Special Olympics but donations are greatly appreciated.

Fundraising money is used to pay for the sports practices, registration fees, transportation, lodging, food, equipment and tournament trips that everyone enjoys.

All money raised in the three counties stays in Area 1 (Delta, Menominee & Schoolcraft Counties) and supports all program expenses.

All athletes in Area 1 Special Olympics are expected and encouraged to help with fundraising efforts. This is your program so if the athletes don't want to support their program, why should the general public.

If you would like to donate to this very worthwhile program, please send your tax deductible donations to the Area 1 address.

Thank you for your support!

MENOMINEE WATERFRONT FESTIVAL

Area 1 will be having a food booth at the Menominee Waterfront Festival from August 4-7, 2011. We will be serving meatballs with mashed potatoes & gravy, macaroni & cheese, delicious brownies, soda and water.

If anyone is interested in signing up to work in the booth, please contact Joyce or Darnece Unti (906-863-9407). Volunteers will work a 3 hour shift in various time slots.

If you are unable to volunteer but are in Menominee, for the festival, please come and support Area 1 Special Olympics!

CULVER'S DINING CARDS

Area 1 is continuing to sell Culver's Dining Cards as a year-round fundraiser as this is such a terrific and easy fundraiser. The cards sell themselves.

The Culver's Dining Cards are a terrific deal for both the buyer and the seller. The dining cards cost \$5 and have a value of over \$30. The cards have no expiration date and are valid at Culver's in Escanaba and Marquette.

If anyone is interested in purchasing or selling these cards, please let Joyce know. Also, please remember to turn in your unsold cards and/or money for the cards to Joyce.

AAA & CARNIVAL CRUISE

Anyone feel like cruising the Eastern Caribbean and donating to Area 1 Special Olympics at the same time? If so, now is the time to join the Area 1 group that is planning on going on this cruise. For every stateroom booked, Carnival & AAA will donate \$100 to Area 1.

The cruise is on Carnival Glory and departs from Miami on Sunday, April 22, 2012, for seven fun filled days. Ports visited are the Bahamas, St. Thomas, San Juan and Grand Turk. To see the entire itinerary, go to carnival.com, select Carnival Glory and select the April 22, 2012 sailing.

The cost is approximately \$1050 per person which includes taxes, fees and \$70 gratuity for a balcony stateroom. The cost is less for an ocean view or interior stateroom.

Barb Gourd, Area 9 Director, works at AAA and will gladly help you join this cruise. Barb can be reached at AAA Travel at 989-686-6700, Ext. 305.

STRIKE-IT-RICH BOWLING

The Strike-it-Rich Bowling Fundraiser will be held in November in both Escanaba and Menominee. Bowling is one of the most popular sports events in Area 1 Special Olympics and the money raised at this fundraiser helps pay for bowling practices, registration and transportation to the tournament in Iron Mountain. It would be great to see everyone who attends the bowling tournament also attend the Strike-it-Rich Fundraiser.

This is a very easy fundraiser as all you have to do is collect pledges from people you know. Any pledge amount is greatly appreciated to help defray the cost of bowling expenses as this is one of our most expensive sports events.

At this fundraiser, everyone who collects pledges of \$25 can bowl two games and have a terrific lunch. Anyone who collects \$50 in pledges receives a free event t-shirt. Further information as to the exact date will be handed out at bowling.

WREATH SALES

Area 1 will again be selling Christmas wreaths in various shapes, garland and swags. Further information will be forthcoming.

TRIM-A-TREE FUNDRAISER

The 24th Annual Trim-a-Tree fundraiser will be held in December at the Elks Lodge #354 in Escanaba. This is a Thank You fundraiser to everyone who supports and donates to Area 1 Special Olympics. Athletes who have participated in fundraising throughout 2011 will be invited to this fundraiser.

VOLUNTEERS

All Special Olympic Volunteers are required to complete both the General Orientation and Protective Behaviors quizzes. If you have access to a computer, please go to the Special Olympics Michigan website (www.somi.org) and click on the "Get Involved" tab. Then click on "Coach" from the drop list. The General Orientation and Protective Behaviors quizzes should be the first two items listed. Just click on them one at a time and complete the quiz. Don't worry – you'll be able to

correct any answers before submitting it via the internet. Once a quiz is completed, an email is sent to me verifying that the quiz was completed. It's very easy and simple.

If you don't have access to a computer, please let Joyce know and I will arrange to present the slideshows to you.

If anyone has any problems, please give Joyce a call or send me an email.

Anyone wishing to volunteer to coach, chaperone, assist at games, be a unified partner or be on the Area 1 Management Team is always welcome. If anyone is interested, please give Joyce a call.

WELCOME TO AREA 1

I'd like to welcome the following new athletes, unified partners and volunteers who joined Area 1 since our last newsletter:

Athletes

Aerts, Nathan	Medlin, Valerie
Erickson, David	Michels, Shannon
Fleming, Lonna	Miller, Richard
Groves, Fred	Randall, Kyle
Jarden, Samatha	Rodriguez, Billy
Kruhmin, Mitchell	Vanderberg, Wade
McInerney, Michael	

Unified Partners

Campbell, Lana	Marks, Brian
Hamlin, Allyson	Mattson, Robert
Husbeck, Debbie	Roberts, James
Koszla, Jacob	Sefcik, Nancy
LeBoeuf, Amanda	Voge, Dennis

Volunteers

Boudreau, Irma	Thinglum, I Gary
Roubal, John	Wilkinson, Paul
Rockwood, Joy	

ATHLETE REQUIREMENTS

The following criteria will be enforced in Area 1:

No athlete may attend sports practices without a current medical application on file.

Athletes must attend more than 50% of sports practices to be eligible to attend tournaments.

Any athlete who signs up for a tournament in which Area 1 pays a registration fee and then chooses not to attend will not be able to attend

the next tournament they participate in. Please remember that we pay registration fees for each athlete and volunteer to attend tournaments. Please call Joyce as soon as possible if you have a conflict and can't attend a tournament. This will not apply to anyone with a valid excuse for not attending.

THANK YOU SPONSORS!

I'd like to thank the following sponsors for their generous donations since our last newsletter:

A & W

American Legion Post 146

Amvets Post 123 Auxiliary

Anchor Coupling

ARC of Delta County

Auto Pro's Service Center

Belgiumtown Restaurant & Bar

Birch Creek Road House

Boudreau, Peter & Irma

Bowen, Dennis

Bramer, Melba

Burnis, Michael & Kimberly

Cain, Brian

Campbell, Lana

Canteen

Caron, Betty

Colonel K's Pastry Shop

Cramer, Cynthia

Destrampe, Jerry & Joyce

Dexter's Restaurant

Downtown Sandwich & Ice Cream Shoppe

Dunlap, George & Donna

Erfourth, Sandra

Evans, Brian

First Lutheran Church

Frankenstein, John & Terry

Gary's IGA

Grace, Adam

Greater Marinette-Menominee YMCA

Gustafson, Wes

HBH Options Program

Image Works Custom Apparel

Iverson, Jaylene

John Schneider & Associates Inc.

Jozwiak's Bar & Grill

Kallio, Mark & Tamra

Kalishek, Everett (Bud)

Karl Schmidt Unisia, Inc.

Karkkainen, Melvin & Ruth

Kimberly Clark Corp.

King, Mary

King, Randy & Lori Cossette

Lewis, Joyce

Lippens, Ruth

Little Caesars Pizza

M & M Great Lakes Sport Fisherman

Mackie, Marlene DVM

Marklein, Dolores

Marks, Sheila

Menominee Paper Co.

Mercier, Estelle

Nelson, Marvin & Donna

Nerat, Brent State Farm Insurance

Noel, George & Carol

Noel, Mike

Oseen, Janet

Ostlund, Holger & Marlene

Peltin, Ronald & Kathryn

Perkins Restaurant & Bakery

Pfeiff, James

Salmi, Robert & Connie

Sargent, Violet

Savard, Doreen

Schick Enterprises

Schmidt, Leigh & Connie

Schwartz, John

Sheridan Lanes

Shooby's Trophies & Apparel

Short, Frank & Trina

Sischo, Lori

Spence Brothers

Stier, Michael & Stacey

Subway

Summers, Mike & Janice

Thill, Travis

United Way of Delta County

UP Telephone Co.

UP Whitetails Menominee River Association

Van's Foods

Wallace Youth Baseball

Way, Tom & Pat

Whistle Stop

Young, Daniel & Nancy



2011 AREA 1 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 5	Menominee Basketball Practice Begins, Lincoln Elementary, 5:30 to 6:30 pm CST
January 14	Escanaba Basketball Practice Begins, Salvation Army, 3 to 5 pm
January 14-15	UP Winter Games in Marquette
February 11	Menominee Unified Bowling Practice Begins at Holiday Lanes
February 1-4	State Winter Games in Traverse City
February 5	Ishpeming Basketball Invitational
February 7	Escanaba Unified Bowling Practice Begins at Bowl-a-Rama, 3-5 pm
February 25-26	State District Basketball Tournament in Escanaba
March 13	Unified Bowling Tournament at Bowl-a-Rama, 10 am (EST)
March 24	Escanaba Swimming Practice Begins at YMCA, 5:30 to 6:30 pm
April 1-30	Catalog Sales Fundraiser
April 15-16	UP Aquatics Tournament in Sault Ste. Marie
April 13	Athletics & Track & Field Practice Begins, Escanaba High School, 6 to 8 pm
May 6-7	UP Spring Games in Escanaba
May 18	Celebrity Basketball Game & Raffle Fundraiser at Gladstone Middle School, 7 pm
June 2-4	State Summer Games in Mt. Pleasant
June 24-26	LPGA Island Casino Fundraiser
July 8-9	Manistique Rummage Sale Fundraiser at VFW
July 20	Unified Softball Practice Begins at Lemmer Field from 6 to 8 pm
July 21	Unified Softball Practice Begins at Wallace Field at 5:30 p.m.
July 24	Menominee Brat & Burger Fundraiser at Van's Foods
August 4-7	Menominee Waterfront Festival Fundraiser
August 8	Bocce Practice Begins at YMCA from 3 to 5 pm
August 14	Unified Softball Tournament in Wallace, 10 (CST) – 11 (EST)
August 24	Cycling Practice Begins at UP State Fairgrounds – 5:30 to 7:30 pm
September 16-17	UP Golf & Bocce Tournament in Bessemer
September 19	Bowling Practice Begins at Bowl-a-Rama, 3 to 5 pm
September TBA	Cycling Tournament
October TBA	UP Bowling Tournament in Iron Mountain
November TBA	Unified Volleyball Practice to Begin
November	Christmas Wreath Fundraiser
December TBA	Unified Volleyball Tournament
December TBA	Trim-a-Tree Fundraiser at Escanaba Elks Lodge #354
ONGOING	Culver's Dining Cards Fundraiser
ONGOING	Icon Sales Fundraiser
ONGOING	Sponsor-a-Champ Fundraiser

Delta County:

All Sports: Contact Joyce Destrampe – 906-420-5006 or 906-428-3323 (Home & Fax)

Menominee County:

Bowling Practice: Contact Christine Beckley – 906-863-4005

All other Sports: Contact Terry Unti – 906-863-9407

Schoolcraft County:

All Sports: Contact Sheila Marks – 906-450-0984

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