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Special Olympics Colorado 2009 Summer Games Return to UNC-Greeley Campus June 6-7

DENVER, Colo. -- The University of Northern Colorado-Greeley will be the primary site of the Special Olympics Colorado 2009 Summer Games June 6-7. The two-day event marks the culmination of the spring sports season and brings together nearly 2,000 Special Olympics Colorado (SOCO) athletes, coaches, volunteers and family members from across the state. Approximately 800 athletes and Unified Sports Partners will compete in five sports -- aquatics, athletics (track & field), gymnastics, powerlifting and soccer -- at venues on the UNC campus as well as in Loveland (aquatics) and Windsor (gymnastics). Admission is open to the public and **FREE** of charge.

WHAT: The Special Olympics Colorado 2009 State Summer Games. Competition in five different sports. Additional highlights include Opening Ceremonies, where the Flame of Hope will end a month-long journey of more than 1,800 miles across the state, Closing Ceremonies and Olympic Town.

- Aquatics (events ranging from 10 to 400 meters plus relays)
- Athletics (running, jumping, throwing, wheelchair events, relays)
- Gymnastics (artistic and rhythmic events)
- Powerlifting (bench, dead and squat lifts)
- Soccer (team competition and individual skills competition)

WHO: Nearly 800 Special Olympics athletes and Unified Sports® partners plus more than 1,000 coaches, volunteers and family members from across Colorado.

WHEN / WHERE: Saturday-Sunday, June 6-7 at UNC-Greeley, Mountain View Aquatics Center in Loveland and Windsor Gymnastics Academy in Windsor (complete schedule, map and directions attached).

Competition: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday / 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sunday

- Aquatics at Mountain View Aquatics Center, 3500 Mountain Lion Dr., Loveland, CO 80537
- Athletics at Nottingham Field, UNC
- Gymnastics at Windsor Gymnastics Academy, 687 Academy Ct., Windsor, CO 80550
- Powerlifting at Butler-Hancock Hall, UNC
- Soccer at Doubenmier Field, UNC

Opening Ceremonies: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Saturday

- Olympic Town at Candelaria Lawn, UNC

Closing Ceremonies: 1 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Sunday

- Nottingham Field, UNC

Why: Each year hundreds of Special Olympics Colorado athletes from across the state come together to showcase their athletic skills and celebrate the spirit of Special Olympics. The Summer Games allow Special Olympics Colorado to bring public attention to the talents and capabilities of people with intellectual disabilities, helping to change attitudes and break down barriers that have excluded them from the mainstream of the community. Their stories are inspirational, and the self-confidence and self-esteem they gain from training and competing in Special Olympics are priceless.

Photo and Interview Opportunities: This event offers a wide variety of opportunities to the media, including spectacular pageantry and visuals at the Opening Ceremonies. Special Olympics Colorado athletes, volunteers and coaches, along with various celebrity volunteers, will be available for interviews and photographs.

If you are a **FAN** of competition, then you are a **FAN** of Special Olympics Colorado.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS COLORADO
- SUMMER GAMES -

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

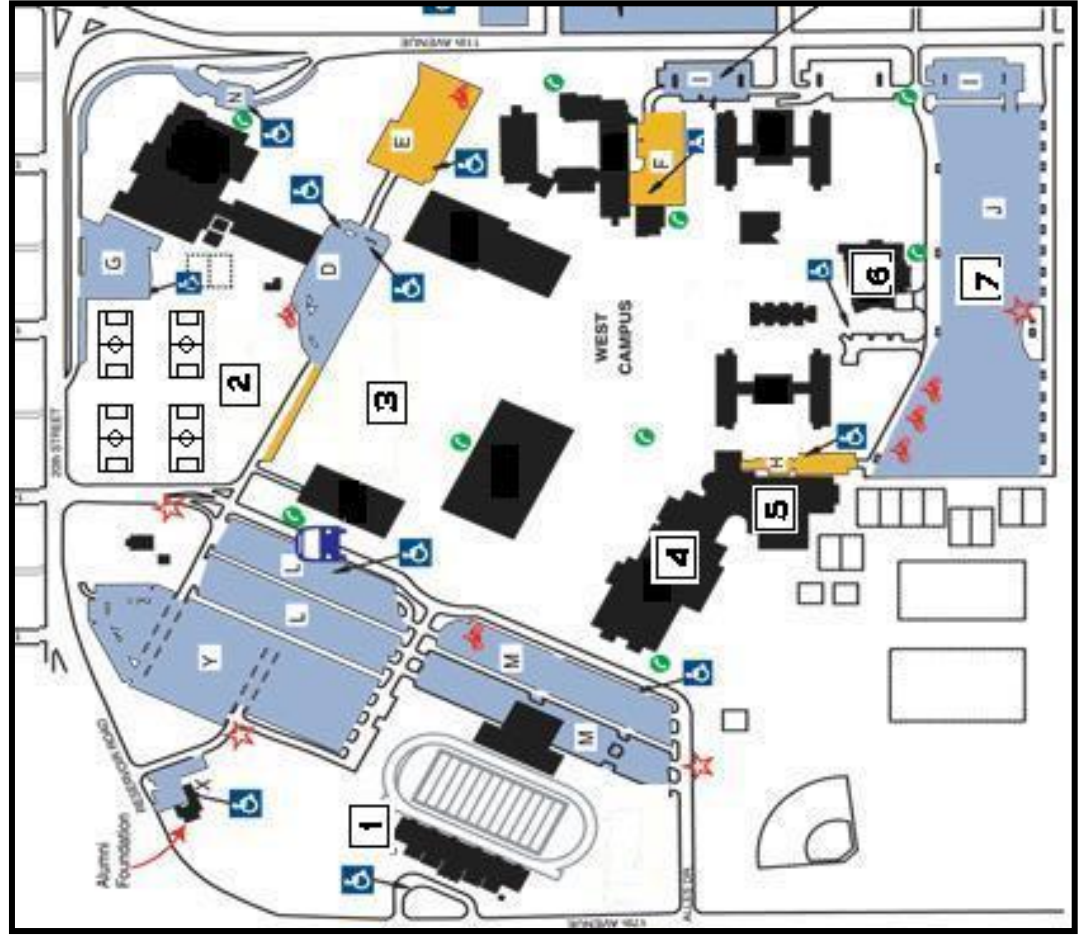
Saturday, June 6

Coach/Athlete Registration	8:00 am - 10:00 am	Sport Specific Venues
Volunteer Registration	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Volunteer Tent (At Soccer Venue) Mountain View Aquatics Center Windsor Gymnastics Academy
Volunteer Registration (<i>Athletics</i>)	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	Nottingham Field (<i>Athletics Volunteers</i>)
Hospitality/Info. Services	8:00 am - 6:00 pm	Volunteer Tent (At Soccer Venue) Mountain View Aquatics Center Windsor Gymnastics Academy
Coaches Meeting	9:30 am -10:00 am	Sports Venues
Competition	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Competition Specific Venues
Lunch (Everyone)	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Olympic Town
Olympic Town	11:00 am - 6:00 pm	East Side of Candelaria Hall
Healthy Athletes	11:00 am - 4:00 pm	Olympic Town
Souvenirs	11:00 am – 6:00 pm	Olympic Town
Lodging Check-In	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Assigned Dorms
Dinner (<i>everyone</i>)	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Olympic Town
Opening Ceremonies Staging	6:00 pm - 6:30 pm	McKee Hall (Outside)
Opening Ceremonies & LETR Final Leg	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Olympic Town
Victory Celebration	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Olympic Town
Souvenirs	7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Olympic Town
Family Reception	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Olympic Town
Head Coaches Meeting	8:00 pm - 8:30 pm	McKee Hall

Sunday, June 7

Athlete/Coach Breakfast	6:00 am - 8:00 am	West Campus Dining
Volunteer Registration	7:00 am - 12:00 pm	Mountain View Aquatics Center
Volunteer Registration	7:30 am - 12:00 pm	Nottingham Field
Hospitality/Info. Services	7:00 am - 12:00 pm	Nottingham Field Mountain View Aquatics Center
Competition	8:00 am - 3:00 pm	Competition Specific Venues
Souvenirs	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Nottingham Field
Lunch (<i>Coach/Athlete/Volunteer</i>)	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Nottingham Field
Closing Ceremonies	1:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Nottingham Field

(Upon completion of athletics)



1 – Nottingham Field	<p>Athletics</p> <p>Volunteer Registration (Athletics)</p> <p>Information Services</p> <p>Closing Ceremonies</p> <p>Lunch (Sunday)</p>
2 – Doubenmier Field	<p>Soccer</p> <p>Volunteer Registration</p>
3 – Candelaria Lawn	<p>Olympic Town</p> <p>Opening Ceremonies</p> <p>Victory Celebration</p> <p>Lunch (Saturday)</p> <p>Dinner (Saturday)</p>
4 – Butler-Hancock Hall	<p>Powerlifting</p>
5 – Student Rec. Center	<p><i>Lunch/Dinner (Rain Location)</i></p> <p><i>Olympic Town (Rain location)</i></p> <p><i>Victory Celebration (Rain Location)</i></p> <p><i>Opening Ceremonies (Rain Location)</i></p>
6 – Holmes Hall	<p>Breakfast (Sunday) <i>Coach/Athlete Only</i></p>
7 – J Parking Lot	<p>Team Parking</p>



DRIVING DIRECTIONS FROM



UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO

From Interstate 25:

Take Exit #257A onto US-34 East toward Greeley

Remain on the Greeley/Ft Morgan route and continue east. DO NOT Take the Business Rte.

As you reach Greeley, look for the 11th Avenue intersection.

Turn left onto 11th Avenue and proceed approximately 4 blocks.

Turn left into the J lot on the campus of UNC

MOUNTAIN VIEW AQUATICS CENTER

3500 Mountain Lion Drive, Loveland, CO 80537

From Interstate 25:

Take Exit #257B onto US-34 West toward Loveland

Turn Left onto N. Boyd Lake Drive

Turn Right onto Mountain Lion Drive

WINDSOR GYMNASTICS ACADEMY

687 Academy Court, Windsor, CO 80550

From Interstate 25:

Take Exit #257A onto US-34 East toward Greeley

Take Exit onto CO-257(Windsor/Milliken Exit) and go North to Windsor

Turn Right onto E. Garden Drive (just past the Eastman/Kodak Plant)

Turn Right onto Diamond Valley Drive

Turn Right on Academy Court



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From UNC:
Exit parking Lot J
Take a right onto 11th Avenue
Proceed approximately 4 blocks
Turn Right onto US-34 West
Continue on US-34 West past I-25
Turn Left onto N. Boyd Lake Drive
Turn Right onto Mountain Lion Drive

WINDSOR GYMNASTICS ACADEMY 687 Academy Court, Windsor, CO 80550

From UNC:
Exit parking Lot J
Take a right onto 11th Avenue
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HOSTED BY:

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Greeley, CO

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2009 SUMMER GAMES COMPETITION SCHEDULES

AQUATICS

SATURDAY, JUNE 6 – MOUNTAIN VIEW AQUATICS CENTER

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Athlete Warm-Up
9:00 a.m.	Volunteer Orientation
9:30 a.m.	Coaches' Meeting
10:00 a.m.	Competition - Order of Events 400m Freestyle 25m Freestyle 50m Backstroke 100m Breaststroke 25m Backstroke 50m Butterfly 50m Breaststroke 50m Freestyle 25m Butterfly 100m Backstroke 25m Breaststroke 4x25m Freestyle Relay 4x25m Unified Freestyle 4x25m Medley Relay 4x25m Unified Medley

SUNDAY, JUNE 7 – MOUNTAIN VIEW AQUATICS CENTER

8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Athlete Warm-Up
8:15 a.m.	Volunteer Orientation
9:00 a.m.	Competition - Order of Events 200m Freestyle 100m Butterfly 100m Freestyle 100m Individual Medley 4x50m Unified Freestyle 4x50m Freestyle Relay 4x100m Unified Freestyle
10:30 a.m.	Individual Skills – Order of Events 10m Assisted Swim 15m Aquatics Walk 15m Flotation Race 15m Unassisted Swim 25m Flotation Race MATP

*** PLEASE NOTE ***
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ATHLETICS

SATURDAY, JUNE 6 — UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO

9:00 a.m.	Volunteer Orientation
9:30 a.m.	Coaches' Meeting
10:00 a.m.	1500m Walk 1500m Run
11:00 a.m.	All Wheelchair Track Events 15m Walk 100m Dash (females) Running Long Jump (males) 100m (Pentathletes)
11:30 p.m.	MATP 50m Walk Softball Throw (males)
1:00 p.m.	100m Dash (males) Running Long Jump (females)
1:30 p.m.	100m Walk Running Long Jump (Pentathletes)
2:00 p.m.	Wheelchair Shot Put Softball Throw (females)
3:00 p.m.	800m Run 50m Dash (females)
3:30 p.m.	Shot Put (Pentathletes) 50m Dash (males)

SUNDAY, JUNE 7 — UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO

8:00 a.m.	5k Run
8:15 a.m.	Volunteer Orientation
8:30 a.m.	High Jump (Pentathletes)
9:00 a.m.	400m Walk Standing Long Jump (females) Tennis Ball Throw (males) Shot Put (males) High Jump (Pentathletes)
9:30 a.m.	400m Run (females)
10:00 a.m.	Standing Long Jump (males) Tennis Ball Throw (females) Shot Put (females) 400m Run (Pentathletes)
10:30 a.m.	400m Run (males)
11:00 a.m.	200m Dash
11:30 a.m.	200m Walk
12:00 p.m.	4 x 100m Relay 4 x 400m Relay 4 x 100m Unified Sports® Relay

POWERLIFTING

SATURDAY, JUNE 6 – UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO

9:30 a.m.	Coaches' Meeting
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Athlete Weigh-In
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Athlete Warm-Up
10:00 a.m.	Volunteer Orientation
10:30 a.m.	Competition - Order of Events
	Squat Single
	Bench Press Single
	Dead Lift Single

SOCCER

SATURDAY, JUNE 6 – UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO

9:00 a.m.	Volunteer Orientation
9:30 a.m.	Coaches' Meeting
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Team Competition

***** AWARDS PRESENTATION FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF TEAM COMPETITION *****

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GYMNASTICS

SATURDAY, JUNE 6 – WINDSOR GYMNASTICS ACADEMY

9:30 a.m.

Coaches' Meeting

9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Coach/Athlete Registration
Athlete Warm Up

10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Athlete March-In & Competition

Rotation Schedule

1 Uneven Bars Level 2 & 3	1 Woman's Vault Level A & 1	1 Ribbon	1 Pommel Horse
2 Uneven Bars Level 1	2 Woman's Vault Level 2 & 3	2 Rope Rhythmic Floor Exercise	2 Parallel Bars
3 Balance Beam Level A & 1	3 Woman's Floor Exercise Level 2 & 3	3 Tumbling & Floor Exercise Level A	3 High Bar
4 Balance Beam Level 2 & 3	4 Woman's Floor Exercise Level 1	4 Hoop	4 Men's Vault
		5 Ball	5 Rings
			6 Men's Floor Exercise

**ALL FOUR (4) EVENTS
WILL BE RUNNING AT THE SAME TIME
& WILL ROTATE ACCORDING TO NUMBER**

**AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED
UPON COMPLETION OF COMPETITION**

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