



**Special Olympics**

**Colorado**

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## Volunteer Opportunities

There are many volunteer opportunities with Special Olympics Colorado. Below is a sample of the various volunteer opportunities that you and/or your company can get involved with.

<b>DAY OF EVENT VOLUNTEER JOBS</b>		
<b>JOB</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>TIME COMMITMENT</b>
<b><i>Day of Event Volunteer</i></b>	Help out the day of an event or competition by volunteering in a variety of different jobs: check-in, timer, line judge, scorekeeper, etc.	1-3 days/event, 5-10 hours/day
<b><i>Fundraising</i></b>	Assist with planning and conducting of state and area fundraising events	Varies
<b><i>Officiating</i></b>	Work as an official or judge at SOCO competitions/events	1-3 days/event
<b><i>Photographer</i></b>	Take pictures of volunteers, athletes and Day of Events	1-3 days/event
<b><i>Volunteer Fairs</i></b>	Attend and represents SOCO at community volunteer fairs around the State, distribute volunteer information	1 day, hours vary
<b><i>Office Support</i></b>	Assist with data entry, mailings, office tasks and other small assignments	Flexible; Based on need
<b><i>Medical</i></b>	On-site at Day of Events to assess and attend to medical emergencies	1-3 days/event
<b><i>Videographer</i></b>	Record Day of Events for SOCO competitions	1-3 days/event
<b><i>Area Management Team</i></b>	Assist in year-round organizing and developing of SOCO programs in your community including training, competition, public relations, volunteers and families	2-4 hours per week; Year round
<b><i>FANS in the STANDS</i></b>	Be a Fan in the Stands; Support and cheer on the athletes during competitions	Varies, Mainly State Competitions
<b>CLASS "A" VOLUNTEER JOBS</b>		
<b><i>Coaching</i></b> Class "A" Adult or Class "A" Youth Volunteer (17 years of age & younger)	Work directly with athletes to improve their skills in specific sports. SOCO offers 20 different team and individual sports	Around 2 hours per week, 8 weeks prior to a competition

<p><b>Unified Sports® Partner</b> Class "A" Adult or Class "A" Youth Volunteer (17 years of age &amp; younger)</p>	<p>Train and compete as a teammate with a Special Olympics athlete on a Unified Sports Team</p>	<p>Around 2 hours per week during sports season</p>
<p><b>Games Organizing Committee</b></p>	<p>The GOC is responsible for the organization and implementation of a Special Olympics competition at the Area or State level</p>	<p>1-2 hours every other week; Starts 3-4 months prior to an event/competition</p>
<p><b>Chaperone, Overnight Host, Driver</b></p>	<p>Responsible for chaperoning and/or driving an athlete during competition/event, which could include an overnight stay</p>	<p>Depends on event time and travel required</p>
<p><b>Young Athletes Coach</b></p>	<p>Implement program curriculum and facilitate developmentally appropriate sports play activities among children ages 2 ½ -7 with intellectual disabilities and their non-disabled peers.</p>	<p>Around 2 hours per week during sports season</p>
<p><b>Global Messenger Mentor</b></p>	<p>Provide support to their respective Global Messengers in the preparation of presentations and arrangements of speaking engagements.</p>	<p>Varies depending on event needs throughout the year</p>
<p><b>LETR (Law Enforcement Torch Run)</b></p>	<p>Assist Colorado law enforcement in fundraising for SOCO through special events. Raise awareness and support for our athletes by participating in local programs.</p>	<p>Varies depending on event needs throughout the year</p>