



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.

For a listing of upcoming volunteer opportunities visit: www.specialolympicsco.org/volunteer/

Day Of Event Volunteer Opportunities

ROLE	DESCRIPTION	TIME COMMITMENT
Event Volunteer	Help out the day of an event or competition by volunteering in a variety of different jobs: athlete/volunteer check-in, timer, line judge, scorekeeper, etc.	1-3 days/event, 5-10 hours/day
FANS in the STANDS	Be a Fan in the Stands; Support and cheer on the athletes during competitions.	Varies, the more the merrier!
Event Prep	Help us prep for an event by making signs for our participating teams and athletes, threading ribbons, organizing rosters, etc.	Varies based on event. Mostly for Regional and State competitions.
Officiating	Work as an official or judge at SOCO competitions/events.	1-3 days/event
Fundraising	Assist with planning and conducting of state and area fundraising events.	Varies based on event.
Area Management Team	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
Polar Plunge Ambassador	Polar Plunge Ambassadors help spread the word about the Polar Plunge Series. Ambassadors will be asked to recruit participants, meet with local businesses, hang flyers, attend recruiting events, etc.	Varies. There will be approximately two, one hour meetings per year. Volunteer responsibilities are flexible and can be based on your schedule.
Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR)	Fundraise for SOCO by participation in special events and/or award medals to our athletes at local and state competitions.	Varies depending on event needs throughout the year

Ongoing (“Class A”) Volunteer Opportunities

Below is a listing of “Class A” opportunities, meaning there is ongoing and direct contact with athletes. All “Class A” volunteers must go through a more intensive registration process, which includes a background check. This process was created as a way to protect athletes, volunteers, and the integrity of Special Olympics Colorado.

ROLE	DESCRIPTION	TIME COMMITMENT
<p><u>Coaching</u> <u>(Head or Assistant Coach)</u> <i>(must be 16 or older)</i></p>	<p>Coaches work directly with athletes to improve their skills in specific sports. SOCO offers 20 team and individual sports and no prior sports experience is necessary.</p>	<p>Approximately 2 hours per week, during sports season (each season is 8-10 weeks).</p>
<p>Young Athletes Coach</p>	<p>Implement program curriculum and facilitate developmentally appropriate sports play activities among children ages 2 -7 with intellectual disabilities and their non-disabled peers.</p>	<p>Approximately 2 hours per week, during sports season (each season is 8-10 weeks).</p>
<p>Unified Sports® Partner Adult or Youth Volunteer (17 years & younger)</p>	<p>Train and compete as a teammate with a Special Olympics athlete on a Unified Sports Team</p>	<p>Approximately 2 hours per week, during sports season (each season is 8-10 weeks).</p>
<p>Games Organizing Committee (GOC)</p>	<p>The GOC is responsible for the organization and implementation of a Special Olympics competition at the Area or State level.</p>	<p>Approximately 1-2 hours every other week leading up to competitions; Prep-work begins 3-4 months prior to an event/competition.</p>
<p>Photographer/Videographer</p>	<p>Take pictures and/or video footage of volunteers, athletes to record Day of Events and/or SOCO competitions.</p>	<p>Dependent upon volunteer's schedule. Ideally 1-3 events per year.</p>
<p>Medical</p>	<p>On-site at Day of Events to assess and attend to medical emergencies.</p>	<p>Dependent upon volunteer's schedule. Ideally 1-3 events per year.</p>
<p>Office Support</p>	<p>Assist with data entry, mailings, office tasks and other small assignments.</p>	<p>Flexible; Based on need.</p>

With questions or to get involved, contact:

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