

SUMMER GAMES HOUSING CHANGES FOR 2018 & 2019

Due to ISU residence hall construction in 2018 and 2019, Special Olympics Illinois (SOILL) is not able to provide housing to all agencies requesting these services. SOILL was able to secure additional bed spaces at Illinois Wesleyan University and at local hotels. However, we are still 600 bed spaces short of the number of people we housed for the 2017 Summer Games. At this time, SOILL is unable to guarantee housing to all agencies attending the 2018 Summer Games. Attached is a list of agencies that are not eligible for housing.

This memo outlines services to assist these agencies with their Summer Games trip. Please review this information and if you have questions, then contact your Region Director or Tracy Hilliard at thilliard@soill.org

SOILL will do all it can to house as many as possible. We are asking agencies to complete the housing portion of the Summer Games Registration Form even if your agency is on the No Housing List. If there is space, then SOILL will use the housing request information to fill available bed spaces. The priority order will start with those agencies furthest away from Bloomington/Normal.

Services for agencies whose housing requests cannot be honored. SOILL will:

- Not start any competition venue until 8am, some may even start later.
- Provide lunch on-site during competition.
- Provide a cooling center and locker rooms on the ISU campus near competition venues.
- Provide a stipend for other meals and some travel costs.

Stipend Information

- SOILL will provide a \$21 stipend for each athlete, Unified partner and coach approved to register for the Games.
- All coach ratios are in effect for the event.
- Stipends will not be paid for any participants that scratches at the event or does not compete in their registered events.
- Stipends will be paid after Summer Games.
- Agencies are required to complete a W-9 Form to receive stipend.
- More specific information for agencies eligible for stipends will be shared closer to the event.

SOILL's goal is to house as many agencies as space allows. If you want to be on the list to receive housing if space becomes available, then please remember to complete the housing section on the Registration Form.