

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 14, 2019
TO: Winter Games Coaches
FROM: Brianna Beers
REGARDS: 2019 Winter Games Activities & Families Information



OPENING CEREMONY

Tuesday, February 5th

Agency parade line up – 5:15pm (Green St. near historic post office)

Parade of Athletes & OC– 5:30pm

Dinner in Downtown Galena – 6:00pm (agency restaurant assignment is located in registration packet)

****Takes place outside, please dress appropriately**

VICTORY DANCE

A Victory Dance will be from 7:00pm to 8:30pm on Wednesday, February 8, at Chestnut Mountain and Crossroads Community Church.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

Pool

Tuesday, February 5th & Wednesday, February 6th

7:30pm – 9:30pm Chestnut Mountain, Stoney Creek and at the Ramada

****If a lifeguard is not on duty, the pools will be closed to Special Olympics athletes and coaches.**

Torch Light Parade

Wednesday, February 6th

8:30PM – Chestnut Mountain, Old Main Slope

LOUNGES

Chestnut Mountain's lounges will be open — **but NOT to Special Olympics Illinois athletes.** Any Special Olympics Illinois athlete found in the bar will be disqualified from his/her events.

DAYTIME ACTIVITIES

Alpine Skiing — Chestnut Mountain Ski Shop is offering reduced prices to Special Olympics athletes and their coaches for equipment and lift tickets if they would like to participate in recreational skiing. Athletes registered for alpine events will receive equipment rental and lift tickets if needed at no cost.

SOUVENIRS

Souvenir items will be sold from 10am-4pm on Tuesday and 8am-4pm on Wednesday. Items range from \$1 to \$55 and will include clothing and other traditional souvenir items. Winter Games specific items will be sold. Cash and most major credit cards are accepted. CHECKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED. Souvenir items are offered by Minerva Promotions and a percentage of sales are given to Special Olympics Illinois.

You can save time and pre-order items and pick them up on-site. Customization is offered for both pre-order and on-site sales. Please go to www.soillstatestore.com to view items and submit your preorder.

FAMILIES

Chestnut Mountain on the lower level in the Mississippi Room from Tuesday 9:30am – 3:30pm & Wednesday 8:30am – 4:00pm.

Parents and family members attending Winter Games should stop by to pick up their family packet and goody bag.

Families are invited to take part in the Opening Ceremony on Tuesday evening in downtown Galena.

While up at Chestnut Mountain, families have the option to dine at either of the two restaurants:

The Summit Food & Spirits (on the main level of the resort)

Mountain Top Café (lower level, cafeteria style restaurant)

Other Galena restaurant information is available at the Family Registration area where tourist guides are available.

Family members attending Winter Games will also be invited to the Eagle Ridge Reception on Tuesday evening from 7:30pm – 9:30pm at Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa. **Space is limited so pre-registration is required for attendance at this event.** The dress is business casual. Light appetizers will be served and guests will enjoy presentations, socializing with other families, sponsors, volunteers, Board members and staff.

The Victory Dances located at Chestnut Mountain and the Ramada on Wednesday evening from 7:30pm-9:00pm is also open to family members. This is typically a highlight for many of the athletes as they get to dance away the night!

WATER SAFETY POLICY

All Special Olympics Illinois swim training, competition and recreational sessions shall be conducted in accordance with basic safety practices as specified in the Special Olympics Sports Rules Book, Section C of the swimming section. Briefly, this policy specifies that **in all swimming activities there must be a certified lifeguard on duty while Special Olympics Illinois athletes are in the water.** This policy is in place for training and competition as well as recreational aquatic activities off-site, such as use of a hotel pool.

ANIMALS AT THE VENUES

The only animals allowed inside of Chestnut Mountain Resort, Stoney Creek Inn and the Ramada are certified service animals. These animals must be appropriately identified as a service animal. If you have a service animal with you please do not allow others to approach them; service animals should have no interaction with anyone other than their owner. No other animals, regardless of size or type of specialized training, will be permitted in the venue.

ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO USE

Alcoholic beverages & Tobacco products (including, but not limited to, cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, e-cigarettes, etc.) are **not** permitted at Special Olympics Illinois Venues.