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### **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Illinois Ducky Derby Dash to Benefit Special Olympics Illinois** **Over 5,000 Ducks to Splash into the Water at Du Quoin State Fair on Sept. 2**

**DU QUOIN, Ill.** – Special Olympics Illinois is gearing up for the fourth annual Southern Illinois Ducky Derby Dash at the Du Quoin State Fair on Sunday, Sept. 2. Come out to help us reach our goal of adopting 10,000 rubber ducks then watch them splash into the lake behind the Expo Hall and race towards the finish line.

Race Day kicks off at 1:00 p.m. with a parade! The ducks race at 3:00pm, followed by entertainment for the entire family – live music, face painting, games, and an appearance by Splash Duck, the mascot!

Adopt a duck for \$5, a Quack Pack (6 ducks for \$25), a Flock of Ducks (24 ducks for \$100) or a Ducky Derby Donor Package (60 Ducks for \$250) for your chance to win one of the Southern Illinois Ducky Derby Dash's great prizes including:

- **Grand Prize:** \$2,000 CASH. Courtesy of Country Financial.
- **2nd Prize:** Three night all-inclusive trip to Riu Playacar in Riviera Maya, Mexico for two adults departing from St. Louis.
- **3rd Prize:** Your house will be the place to be with a brand new handcrafted wooden Pub Table Top with four chairs, a Coca-Cola umbrella for the table, handcrafted side by side wooden chairs with cushions and a cornhole set.
- **4th Prize:** Two tickets to the NASCAR Cup Race. Courtesy of Chicagoland Speedway.

Participants can adopt ducks at [DuckyDerbyDash.com](http://DuckyDerbyDash.com). One race day, join the conversation by using #DuckyDerbyDash

Duck sales teams are forming throughout the area and they compete for bragging rights and great prizes. To form a sales team or to adopt your ducks, visit [www.duckyderbydash.com](http://www.duckyderbydash.com).

### **Special Olympics Illinois Region K**

Special Olympics Illinois Region K serves the South Central portion of Illinois with local programming for over 1,500 athletes in Alexander, Clay, Edwards, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Lawrence, Marion, Massac, Perry, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Richland, Saline, Union, Wabash, Wayne, White and Williamson Counties. Region K offers participation in 16 sports and holds 24 competitions year round. For more information about the Region K, please visit [www.soill.org/RegionK](http://www.soill.org/RegionK).

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### ***Special Olympics Illinois***

Special Olympics Illinois is a not-for-profit organization offering year-round training and competition in 18 sports for more than 23,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities and nearly 20,000 Young Athletes ages 2-7 with and without intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics transforms the lives of people with intellectual disabilities, allowing them to realize their full potential in sports and in life. Special Olympics programs enhance physical fitness, motor skills, self-confidence, social skills and encourage family and community support. If you are interested in learning more about Special Olympics Illinois, volunteering or providing financial support to help make Special Olympics programs possible, contact your local Special Olympics agency, call 800-394-0562 or visit our website at [www.soill.org](http://www.soill.org). Follow Special Olympics Illinois on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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