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Special Olympics Illinois and Six Flags Great America Host Coaster Challenge

Gurnee, Ill. –Special Olympics Illinois will host the 5th Annual Coaster Challenge on September 15, 2018, at Six Flags Great America. The inaugural Coaster Challenge included over 300 registered participants who are working towards a goal of \$100,000. Registration is now open at www.coasterchallenge.com.

Simply register for \$25, fundraise, and ride the distance of a 5K, 10K, Half Marathon or Marathon (26.2 Miles) on Six Flags Great America's world-class roller coasters.

**Please note: \$25 registration fee to reserve your spot to be a Coaster Challenger for 2018.*

***New this year is the Mini Marathoners for kids age 10 and under. Mini Marathoners can ride the equivalent of a 5K on the Whizzer.*

All Coaster Challenge participants will also receive early entry to the park to kick-start their race. Challengers can ride Whizzer from 9:00-11:00am and Raging Bull from 9:30 -11:00am, to get extra laps in before the park opens. All participants will receive a Flash Pass to all roller coasters until 1 p.m.

Coaster Challenge participants can choose from four different fundraising levels: each level corresponds to a required fundraising dollar amount, per participant.

Fundraising levels:

Ride the distance of a 5K (16,405 feet) = \$150 fundraising minimum

Ride the distance of a 10K (32,810 feet) = \$300 fundraising minimum

Ride the distance of a Half Marathon (13.1 miles) = \$500 fundraising minimum

Ride the distance of a Marathon (26.2 miles) = \$1,000 fundraising minimum

Participants will have their scorecard stamped as they exit each ride, and the total distance will be tallied when they check in at the scoring table, upon completion.

Once participants have completed their ridding distance, medals will be awarded, and participants can feel free to stay and enjoy all the benefits that Six Flags has to offer. Participants will receive additional fundraising benefits with each increment achieved.

Thank you to Six Flags Great America, Daily Herald, and Chicago's B96 for sponsoring this event.

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. Follow Special Olympics Illinois on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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