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Special Olympics Illinois and Six Flags Great America Host 2019 Coaster Challenge

Registration is now open at www.coasterchallenge.com

GURNEE, ILL. – Six Flags Great America and Special Olympics Illinois have teamed up for the Coaster Challenge on Saturday, September 21. Take the run out of racing & ride your way to the finish line to support the athletes of Special Olympics Illinois.

Register for \$25, fundraise and ride the distance of a 5K, 10K, Half Marathon or Marathon on Six Flags Great America's world-class roller coasters (1 Great America Parkway, Gurnee, IL 60031).

**Please note: \$25 registration fee to reserve your spot to be a Coaster Challenger for 2019.*

This year's Coaster Challenge Ambassadors are a Unified Pair. Special Olympics Illinois athlete and Unified Partner, Anna Scholler and Sydney Baumstark, both Libertyville residents, became friends through Special Olympics. They play on a Unified soccer team called the Libertyville Storm. The girls share a love for soccer and roller coasters. In their free time, you will find Anna and Sydney on their favorite roller coasters, the Raging Bull and X-Flight. Anna and Sydney are honored and excited to be the Unified Coaster Challenge Ambassadors this year.

All Coaster Challenge participants will receive early entry to the park to kick-start their day. Challengers will get VIP access to ride the **Whizzer** from **9:00-11:00 am**, along with the **Raging Bull & Max Force** from **9:15-11:00 am.**, allowing participants to get extra laps in before the park opens. All participants will receive a Flash Pass to all roller coasters until 1:00 p.m.

Coaster Challenge participants can choose from four different fundraising levels. Each level corresponds to a required fundraising minimum per participant.

Fundraising Levels:

- 5K = \$150 fundraising minimum
- 10K = \$300 fundraising minimum
- Half Marathon = \$500 fundraising minimum
- Marathon = \$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 riding 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, Chicago Sun-Times, Chicago's B96, and NBC 5 & Telemundo 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 over 17,000 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



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