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OVER 350 SPECIAL OLYMPICS ILLINOIS ATHLETES TO COMPETE IN FALL GAMES

ROCKFORD, ILL. – Over 350 Special Olympics Illinois athletes and 10 Unified Partners will compete in the 2019 Fall Games on Saturday, October 26 and Sunday, October 27. Fall Games is one of nine state sports competitions in Illinois. Athletes will compete in either equestrian, located at Bergmann Center in Poplar Grove and or volleyball, located at Harlem High School in Machesney Park.

Tentative Competition Times:

Volleyball- Harlem High School in Machesney Park

- Saturday, 9 AM-4 PM
- Sunday, 8 AM-3 PM

Equestrian- BraveHearts at the Bergmann Centre- Poplar Grove

- Saturday, 8 AM-4 PM
- Sunday, 8 AM- 4 PM

Families are encouraged to attend Special Olympics Illinois events to watch their athletes compete. Registration/Hospitality is open to all families attending the Fall Games competition. There, families can pick up an event packet, giveaways, and complimentary tickets for the family raffle.

The Opening Ceremony will start at 6:30 PM on Saturday in the Harlem High School main gymnasium. Regions will be assigned seating. Agencies may begin seating for Opening Ceremony at 6:00 PM as there is no parade of athletes at this event.

Volunteers are needed at the volleyball venue on both Saturday and Sunday. If you are interested in volunteering, please visit www.soill.org/event/fall-games to sign up online.

About 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 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 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

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