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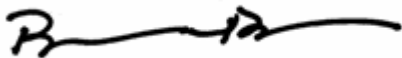
Congratulations and welcome to the 2020 Special Olympics Illinois Winter Games!

The staff of Special Olympics Illinois, the city of Galena and the staff at Chestnut Mountain extends their best wishes for your athletes' success at this year's competition.

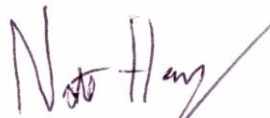
This event handbook is designed to help make your trip to the Winter Games an enjoyable experience. Final competition schedules and important information not in this handbook, will be available in the agency's registration packet and available on the Special Olympics Illinois website at <https://www.soill.org/event/winter-games/>.

While at the Winter Games, please take time to thank the many volunteers who make this competition the success. Also, take a moment to thank the staff at Chestnut Mountain, Eagle Ridge, Stoney Creek Inn, the Ramada of Galena, and Crossroads Community Church for being a part of the Special Olympics Illinois Winter Games.

Good luck,



Brianna Beers
Director of Competition Operations



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Director of State Championships

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IMPORTANT LOCATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Take the appropriate route to Hanover or Galena. Once in Galena or Hanover, follow the signs on Blackjack Road to Chestnut Mountain.

Chestnut Mountain Resort

Box 328
8700 W. Chestnut Mountain Rd.
Galena, IL 61036

Ramada of Galena

11383 Rt. 20 West
Galena IL

Stoney Creek Inn

940 Galena Square Dr,
Galena, IL 61036

Crossroads Community Church

900 Galena Square Dr.
Galena, IL 61036

Eagle Ridge Resort

444 Eagle Ridge Dr.
Galena IL

PHONE NUMBERS

Chestnut Mountain / Tournament Central	800-397-1320 or 815-777-1320
Chestnut Night EMT Room 205	Dial 205
Ramada of Galena	815-777-2043
Stoney Creek Inn	815-777-2223
Crossroads Community Church	815-541-3977
Eagle Ridge Inn	800-892-2269 or 815-777-2444

Text Alerts & Event Status Updates

Please sign up for the text alert. This alert will send you any last minute changes in the Winter Games schedule. To register, please text Winter to the number 844-393-0980.

Special Olympics Illinois 2020 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Specific competition schedules will be in your agency packet, posted on-line and at Tournament Central. Any changes to the schedule will be posted online.

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Time	Event	Location
9:00am - 11:00am	Athlete Registration	At Assigned Hotel
9:30am – 3:30pm	Families Registration	Chestnut Mountain
11:00am - 1:00pm	Lunch	Chestnut Mountain
3:00pm	Final Room Check-In	At Assigned Hotel
5:15pm	Line-up for the Opening Ceremony	Downtown Galena
5:30pm - 6:00pm	Parade of Athletes	Downtown Galena
6:00pm - 7:15pm	Dinner	At Assigned Restaurant
7:30pm - 9:30pm	Family Reception	Eagle Ridge

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Time	Event	Location
6:30am - 8:30am	Breakfast	Chestnut Mountain / Crossroads Community Church
8:30am – 4:00pm	Families Registration	Chestnut Mountain
11:00am - 2:30pm	Lunch	Chestnut Mountain
5:00pm – 6:45pm	Dinner	Chestnut Mountain / Crossroads Community Church
7:00pm - 8:30pm	Victory Dances	Chestnut Mountain / Crossroads Community Church
8:30pm	Fireworks	Chestnut Mountain

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Time	Event	Location
6:30am - 8:30am	Breakfast	Chestnut Mountain / Crossroads Community Church
11:00am - 2:30pm	Lunch	Chestnut Mountain
11:00am	Final Room Check-Out	At Assigned Hotel

TOURNAMENT CENTRAL

Tournament Central will be located upstairs on the 2nd floor.

- Tuesday Hours: 8:00AM – 5:00PM
- Wednesday Hours: 8:00AM – 8:30PM (will close from 5PM – 6PM)
- Thursday Hours 8:00AM – 2:00PM (or competition end)

REGISTRATION

Agency Registration will take place on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 from 9:00AM – 11:00AM.

Agencies will register at their assigned housing location. Only the head coach should report to Registration.

**Chestnut Registration will take place on 2nd floor in Mississippi Room. Stoney Creek and Ramada registration locations will be located near front desk.

TRANSPORTATION

No bus transportation will be provided at the 2020 State Winter Games. All Agencies will need to transport themselves to competition, hotels, meals, and opening ceremonies.

ATHLETE COMPETITION BIBS

Each athlete is assigned a number and will receive a competition bib bearing that number.

Competition bibs must be worn during skill assessments, time trials and competition. The label with the name of the athlete goes on the front. After the athlete's competition on Thursday, bibs are returned at the awards venues. Athletes not wearing their bib will not be allowed to compete.

WRISTBANDS FOR ATHLETES

Wristbands must be worn at all times. A wristband for each athlete is provided at registration. The Head Coach is responsible for ensuring that he/she has the proper number of wristbands before leaving the registration area. Bring broken wristbands to Tournament Central for replacement.

DIVISIONING FOR COMPETITION EVENTS

During Winter Games, the snowshoe and alpine event time trials will be used to division athletes for final medal round races. For event management purposes (schedule and weather) some divisions may be grouped into one race but athletes will be awarded based upon their assigned final division. All final race divisions will be posted online. Additionally, to notify you if an athlete has been disqualified from a final race, there will be a disqualification report posted online and sent to each agency SOAD.

Corrections to divisions must be made prior to arrival. No changes to divisions will be made at the competition.

ATHLETE AWARDS

Awards locations will be downstairs in the Mississippi Vista Room or upstairs in the Mississippi Room.

A list of events for each awards presentation location will be in the agency registration packet.

- Snowshoe awards will take place immediately after each final race.
- Alpine awards will take place immediately after the completion of last event for each level each day.

HOUSING FOR ATHLETES AND COACHES

All registered coaches and athletes **are housed at Chestnut Mountain Resort, Stoney Creek Inn or the Ramada of Galena.**

Check-In: Once you have registered, you may be allowed to check into your rooms. Some rooms may not be available until 3:00pm, the normal check-in time. There are a limited number of keys available for each room, and they are given to coaches. **Room keys are the responsibility of the coaches.**

Check-Out: All rooms must be vacated by 11:00am Thursday. Return keys to the Chestnut Mountain desk, Stoney Creek and Ramada front desk. Please pack and load vehicles before competition begins. The Mississippi Room may be used for luggage storage on Thursday.

MEALS FOR ATHLETES AND COACHES

Meals will be provided for registered coaches and athletes. Meal locations will be assigned based on housing. If an athlete requires a special diet, it is the responsibility of the coach to provide for the athlete's needs.

All lunches will be a boxed cold lunch:

- All agencies will pick up lunch in dining room upstairs at Chestnut
- Lunches will be pre boxed by agency. All lunches for an agency will need to be picked up at the same time.

Athletes and coaches assigned to the Ramada or Stoney Creek will be required to eat at Crossroads Community Church for breakfast Wednesday and Thursday mornings and for dinner on Wednesday evening.

All agencies will eat Tuesday's dinner at assigned location in downtown Galena or at Chestnut Mountain Resort. Please check your agency's registration packet for restaurant assignment.

Agencies must inform Special Olympics Illinois by the scratch deadline if they are not eating downtown on Tuesday evening.

OPENING CEREMONY

The Opening Ceremony and the Parade of Athletes is in downtown Galena On Tuesday, February 4th beginning at 5:30pm. Line-up begins at 5:15pm on Green Street near the historic Post Office building. Agencies will line up behind their Region flag. The parade progresses through the downtown area and back to the Post Office area where the Opening Ceremony is held. Please check your agency registration packet for more detailed Opening Ceremony and dinner information.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE OUTSIDE; PLEASE DRESS APPROPRIATELY.

VICTORY DANCE

A Victory Dance will be from 7:00pm to 8:30pm on Wednesday, February 8th. Locations are lower level of Chestnut Mountain and Crossroads Community Church.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

Pool

Tuesday, February 4th & Wednesday, February 5th

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.

Fireworks

Wednesday, February 5th

8:30PM – Chestnut Mountain Resort

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.

ELECTRONIC KIOSK

The Special Olympics Illinois kiosk is located in the Chestnut Mountain lobby. Please utilize the kiosk to check competition schedules, venue and event support locations, Special Olympics Illinois information and to find out entertainment and dining options in the community.

SOUVENIRS

Souvenir items will be sold from 10am-4pm on Tuesday and 8am-4pm on Wednesday. Items range from \$3 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.

MEDICAL FOR ATHLETES AND COACHES

EMT's will be available at Chestnut during the event.

In case of an emergency during the evening hours:

8:00AM – 5:00PM Tournament Central

5:00PM – 8:00AM Chestnut Mountain Medical Room 205

5:00PM – 8:00AM Ramada & Stoney Creek Inn must call 911 and notify the front desk

Please ensure that your athletes are properly clothed to be in the cold for long periods of time.