

Andy Compton

*Special
Olympics
Illinois*



Coach, Soccer
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1. How long have you been with Special Olympics?

I have been the SOAD and head coach for Vernon Hills High School/District 128 for 21 years. We compete in Unified soccer and basketball, traditional soccer and basketball, bocce, bowling, floor hockey, snowshoeing, and track.

2. How has Special Olympics changed your life?

Special Olympics and our athletes have given more than I could have imagined. It has given me a whole new perspective on life and sports, and it has provided me with a new sense of self and energy I never thought I had. The athletes and families have been a true inspiration.

3. What has been your biggest obstacle to overcome?

Getting our program up and running and making it known and respected in our district and community.

4. What makes you most proud?

The athletes and their accomplishments make me proud.

5. What are some other accomplishments you are proud of?

I was a snowshoe coach at the World Games in Idaho in 2009.

6. What other interests or hobbies do you have?

I enjoy family, travel, all sports especially the Chicago Cubs, Bears, Bulls, Hawks, and the Michigan Wolverines.

7. Who do you admire most and why?

Every Special Olympics athlete I have coached. They give everything they have in everything that they do.

8. What does attending USA Games mean to you?

I am super proud. It is a great honor for our athletes and their families, our program, schools, and community. I can't wait to watch our athletes in action and watching them experience what could be a life-changing event.



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9. How are you preparing/training for USA Games?

We have set up weekly practices from now until June. By the time the USA Games rolls around we are going to be a very close group hopefully, knowing what each other needs to be the best they can be.

10. Have you been to a World Games or USA Games before?

I was a coach for snowshoeing at the World Games in Idaho in 2009.

11. Are you employed? If so, where at and what's your role?

I am a teacher at Vernon Hills High School.

12. Are you currently a student? If so, where and is it a Unified Champion School?

No

