



### ***What Is the Southern Ducky Derby Dash?***

The Southern Ducky Derby Dash is a signature annual fundraiser benefiting more than 23,100 athletes and over 13,000 Young Athletes for Special Olympics Illinois! Spectators will watch the 10,000 yellow rubber ducks splash into a lake at Walker's Bluff and race down the course towards the finish line. The race will be paired with a family festival to celebrate our athletes.

### ***Why Adopt a Duck?***

Your support allows more than 23,100 athletes and 13,000 Young Athletes to participate in year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports. Special Olympics programs enhance physical fitness, motor skills, self-confidence, social skills and encourage family and community support. Special Olympics Illinois aims to be a global leader in shaping a culture where people with and without intellectual disabilities are fully integrated into the community by providing year-round opportunities in competitive sports, health education, leadership and personal development.

- We're currently gearing up for the 2021 Southern Ducky Derby Dash.
- Spectators watch 10,000 yellow rubber ducks splash into the Walker's Bluff lake and race towards the finish line in person.
- The event will take place on Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021.
- The family festival featuring entertainment, games, prizes and more will take place at Walker's Bluff from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM CT, with splashdown (the race itself) taking place at 3:00 PM.
- All proceeds benefit more than 23,100 athletes and over 13,000 Young Athletes across Illinois, including the 1,600 athletes in Region K.
- The grand prize winner will take home \$2,000 in cash courtesy of a friend of Special Olympics Illinois. Other prizes include weekend getaways to Blue Line Resort, French Lick, St. Louis, or Nashville, as well as a family membership at Keller's Crossing at Stone Creek, local restaurant packages, and so much more.
- Ducks are available for adoption for \$5 at [www.duckyderbydash.com](http://www.duckyderbydash.com).
- Join the conversation socially using #DuckyDerbyDash
- Special Olympics Illinois athlete Kinzi Loyd of Eldorado, Illinois serves as this year's Duck Ambassador.
- Last year, saw 10,000 rubber ducks adopted, the most sold since 2017.