

Resources on Culturally Responsive Teaching, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

A hub for DEI professional readings, guides, handbooks, teaching and learning ideas, personal growth and development, and professional learning opportunities.

belong.

The Standing Committee on Diversity curates these collections.

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Click on the link below any topic below for easy access to valuable digital resources to enhance course development, teaching, or professional development.



Culturally Responsive Teaching--what is it and what are teaching practices to ensure all students are taught equitably?



Celebrating Diversity--recognizing cultural celebrations and holidays; developing awareness of historically marginalized groups



Language Diversity and Translanguaging--theory and practical strategies for teaching second language learners, including resources on Sheltered Content Instruction



Universal Design for Learning--curriculum planning that ensures differentiation ideas to meet the needs of all learners



Critical Literacy Teaching Ideas--how students can be critical readers and consumers of text in a digital world



Neurodiversity and Ableism--resources geared toward issues in special education and the teaching of exceptional learners



The Complexities of Teaching Topics of History and Social Science



Socio-emotional Issues and Trauma-informed Teaching



LGBTQIA+



Identity and Intersectionality



Diverse Families and Community Involvement



Professional Conference Opportunities

Collaborative Opportunities with Special Olympics

(Spring 2023)

January 21, 2023

HPESS Complex hosted first Special Olympics RecFest in NEA. Special Olympics athletes were provided the opportunity to experience new sports, participate in Live Healthy, and engage in an Athlete Input Council. Coaches were also provided the opportunity to become certified in two sports (Track & Field, Pickleball, or Powerlifting). The breakdown of attendees is as follows: 29 coaches, 34 Special Olympics athletes, 21 volunteers from the A-State football team, and 8 students from Dr. Hilson's PE 4842-Theory and Practice of Coaching Track & Field class.

February 21, 2023

A-State Polar Plunge to be hosted at Wolf Creek Apartments located at 500 N. Caraway Road. Proceed to clubhouse for registration and pool for plunge.

- Registration- 5:30 pm
- Awards and Plunge 6:00 pm

February 28, 2023

Unified event to be hosted at HPESS Complex (5:30 pm -7:30 pm)

April 12, 2023

PETE faculty and majors will coordinate and implement the Area 7, Special Olympics Spring Games to be hosted at the A-State Track Complex.

- Volunteer registration and venue setup- 7:45 am
- Delegation Registration- 8:30 am (Young Athletes ages 3-7, Jr. Athletes 8-21)
- Athlete Warm-Up- 8:45-8:55 am
- Opening ceremonies- 9:00-9:20 am
- Delegation Registration- 10:30 am (Sr. Athletes ages 22+)
- Competition concludes- 1:30 pm
- Break down and venue cleanup- 1:30 pm

A-State/Jonesboro

February 21, 2023

Wolf Creek Apartments
500 N. Caraway, Jonesboro
Registration – 5:30pm
Awards & Plunge – 6:00pm

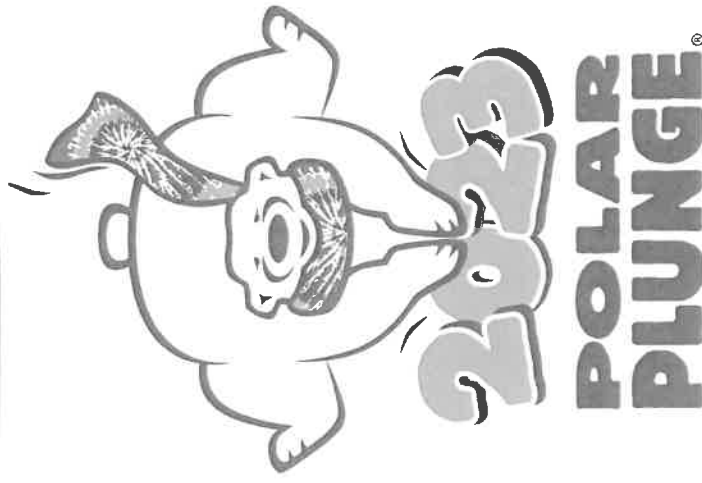
SOAR was incorporated as a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization in 1974. Our mission is to provide year-round sports training and Olympic-type competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities in Arkansas. Currently, more than 19,500 athletes participate in training and compete in a year-round program of 15 different sports.

Athletes in Arkansas train and compete in swimming, track and field, soccer, basketball, tennis, golf, powerlifting, and other sports at the local, regional, state and international levels. While our competition events are often in public view, it is our training program that forms the foundation of all that we do. Through the strong network of volunteer coaches, Special Olympics athletes spend countless hours preparing for the opportunity to compete for the gold, silver or bronze medals. In a sense our athletes are training for life itself. Training becomes an important stepping stone into communities throughout Arkansas for our athletes and their families.

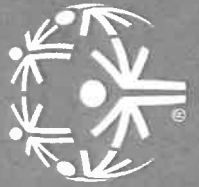
Our goal is to bring people with intellectual disabilities into the mainstream of society in Arkansas under conditions where they are accepted, respected, and given the opportunity to become positive citizens.

Special Olympics is more than medals or winning. We celebrate that our athletes are at the center of our work and the heart of our movement.

Thank you sponsors!



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Be Hip. Take The Dip.

PRIZES

Raffle tickets will be earned as you raise money that will enter you for a drawing to be held at the end of Plunge season.

Grand Prize: \$3,000 - Three \$1,000 giveaways drawn at the conclusion of Plunge season.

Instant Winners: Someone will win \$250 at each Polar Plunge locations.

\$50 Minimum Donation Per Plunger

- Allows you to plunge
- Official Plunge T-shirt

\$250 Collected Donations

- Official Plunge T-shirt
- Plunge Towel
- 3 Raffle Tickets

\$500 Collected Donations

- Official Plunge T-shirt
- Plunge Towel
- 7 Raffle Tickets

\$750 Collected Donations

- Official Plunge T-shirt
- Plunge Towel
- 10 Raffle Tickets

\$1000 Collected Donations

- Official Plunge T-shirt
- Plunge Towel
- 15 Raffle Tickets

\$1500 + Collected Donations

- Official Plunge T-shirt
- Plunge Towel
- 25 Raffle Tickets

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<http://www.specialolympicsarkansas.org/polar-plunge.html>

- Visit this site, select your Plunge location
- Set up an online fundraising page
- Ask family and friends to donate online through your Polar plunge donation page
- Print and bring a copy of your donation page with you on plunge day

REGISTRATION FORM

Last Name _____

First Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Age _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I will be plunging as:

_____ Individual

_____ Team _____

**A waiver must be signed by all plungers or a parent/guardian for those under 18 years of age

WAIVER & RELEASE

I hereby waive all claims against Special Olympics Arkansas, sponsors, or any personnel for any injury I might suffer in this event. I attest that I am physically fit and prepared for this event. I grant full permission for organizers to use photographs of me and quotations from me in legitimate accounts and promotions of this event.

Plunger Signature _____ Date _____
(Parent signature if under 18)

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For more information contact: Theresa Book at 870-598-4908
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Additional contribution sheet available to print on our website at
www.specialolympicsarkansas.org under the Polar Plunge tab

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