



Special Olympics Washington Winter Games Return to Wenatchee February 28 – March 2

More Than 900 Volunteers Needed Throughout the Weekend as Event Celebrates its 35th Anniversary in Wenatchee

SEATTLE and WENATCHEE - January 30, 2025 - The Special Olympics Washington Winter Games return to Wenatchee Friday, February 28, through Sunday, March 2, bringing together more than 1,200 participants and coaches from across the state for a weekend of competition, camaraderie, and celebration. This year marks 35 years of Winter Games in Wenatchee, a milestone made possible by the dedication of local volunteers.

Special Olympics Washington is once again calling on the community to join in supporting this year's Winter Games. From assisting on the slopes at Mission Ridge to helping with scoring at one of six basketball venues across Wenatchee and East Wenatchee, volunteers play a crucial role in creating a welcoming and competitive environment for all participants.

Additionally, health professionals and students, especially those specializing in podiatry and audiology, are needed for the organization's Healthy Athletes program which offers free health screenings, education, and referrals for follow-up care. Healthy Athletes screenings will take place on Saturday evening, March 1.

The 35th anniversary of the Winter Games coincides with Special Olympics Washington's 50th anniversary, marking five decades of fostering inclusion, acceptance, and athletic achievement in Washington.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities at Winter Games, as well as other volunteer opportunities, please visit SpecialOlympicsWashington.org/event-volunteers/.

About Special Olympics Washington

Special Olympics Washington provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for thousands of children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community. In 2025, the organization will celebrate its 50th anniversary by honoring its remarkable legacy in Washington while setting the stage for a stronger, more inclusive future. Learn more at SpecialOlympicsWashington.org.

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