



**Special Olympics**  
South Carolina  
Area 8



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**SPECIAL OLYMPICS AREA 8 SPRING GAMES**  
**April 5, 2019**

Bluffton, SC – (March 14, 2019) – The Special Olympics South Carolina Area 8 Regional Spring Games will be held at May River High School, 601 New Riverside Rd, Bluffton, SC. on Friday, April 5, 2019. The event will kick off with a brief Opening Ceremony at 10:30 A.M. at the high school track. More than 400 Special Olympics athletes of all ages from Bluffton, Hilton Head, Beaufort, Hardeeville, and Ridgeland will compete in track and field events.

Special Olympics sports offer many levels of competition for athletes with different abilities, allowing athletes to improve skills and gain experience. They will compete according to their capabilities in assisted walks, independent walks, runs, and ball throws throughout the event.

This is an annual event for our Area 8 athletes, and the fourth time it is being held in Bluffton. The event is free to the public, and spectators are welcome. We hope that you will come out and support our Special Olympians as they show their talents and enthusiasm!

To register to be a volunteer at the event, go to: <http://bit.ly/SoarSpecialOlympics2019>

**About Special Olympics**

Special Olympics is a global movement that unleashes the human spirit through the transformative power and joy of sports, every day and around the world. We empower people with disabilities to become accepted and valued members of their communities. Founded in 1968 by Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the Special Olympics movement has grown to more than 4.5 million athletes in 170 countries.

**About SOAR – Special Recreation**

Our mission at SOAR is to enhance the lives of individuals with disabilities by providing Special Olympics sports and recreation as well as programs which facilitate social interaction. We believe everyone in our community deserves the opportunity to engage in a healthy, active lifestyle.

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