

## SPECIAL OLYMPIC AREA GAMES VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

It's that time of year again! Planning for the **2019 Special Olympic Area M Games**. The games will be held at Messiah College on Thursday, **April 11, 2019**. **There is no rain date.**

Volunteers who are 16 yrs. old and older may be a "Buddy" for an athlete. The volunteers **MUST** complete the online buddy training listed below and must stay with their assigned athlete until their athlete leaves at approximately 1:30.

If anyone under 16 wishes to participate please have them sign up as a Buddy-in-Training. We will pair them with an athlete and an experienced Buddy, so that they can understand the responsibilities of the position.

**Please have your organizations participants register by following the link below to the registration site on the Area M website.**

[Area M Special Olympics 2019 Volunteer Registration \[sopam.org\]](http://sopam.org)

Additional Information regarding the games is also available on the Area M website.

Each volunteer is required to purchase a T-shirt for \$5.00. To assure sizes are available, please follow the instructions on the registration page. We will run reports for your organization to validate all information and will coordinate any updates as necessary with your or directly with your co-workers and volunteers. You can pay in cash or by check payable to "Special Olympics", either individually or if you are planning on having someone from your organization pick up all the shirts, you can pay with one check.

All Volunteers will receive a free bag lunch.

If you would like to monitor the registration of your organization, please let me know and we can send a link that will be unique to your company and the individuals that have registered. Otherwise, I can generate reports and send them to you on volunteer counts.

For those organizations that have a designated event, you will receive further information confirming your assignments. If you are interested in a specific role, please select from the drop down during the registration process.

T-shirt pick up will be on **Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4pm-6:30pm** and **Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-6:30pm** at the Capital Area intermediate Unit, 55 Miller Street, Summerdale pa, 17023. Training will be done via video this year.

Feel free to reply to this email with any questions. I look forward to your participation and help in making the 2019 Games truly "Special".

### **Online Buddy Training links:**

Video 1 - Overview - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l2036oV24es> [youtube.com]

Video 2 - Be a Great Buddy-<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H6gRgzCb1i4> [youtube.com]

Video 3 – To the Races <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lOHAK83gY5I> [youtube.com]

Thank You,  
Area M Games Community Volunteer Coordinator

**Tim Diehl**