

SPECIAL OLYMPIC PA AREA M GAMES  
SCHOOL VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

It's that time of year again! Planning for the **2020 Special Olympic Area M Games**. The games will be held at Messiah College on Thursday, **April 16, 2020**. **There is no rain date.**

Students who are 16 yrs old and older may be a "Buddy" for an athlete. The buddy **MUST** complete the online buddy training listed below and must stay with their assigned athlete until their athlete leaves at approximately 1:30. Please consider having your students be Buddies for athletes at your school district. This allows you to have them come on the same bus and already be paired before arriving at the games. Please coordinate this with the teacher from your district who is responsible for your schools athletes. If you have more volunteers than athletes, please send them to Games to be paired with athletes from other schools. We have many athletes that come without a buddy and we need all the Buddies we can get.

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 register your students by filling out all columns of the attached spreadsheet and send it back to me prior to T-shirt pick up.**

Each volunteer is required to purchase a T-shirt for \$5.00. To assure sizes are available, please send me your T-shirt sizes as soon as possible. T-shirts for teachers or chaperones not participating in the games **MAY** be purchased at the Souvenir tent the day of the Games. You can pay in cash or by check payable to "Special Olympics".

Volunteers get a free bag lunch. Teachers or chaperones that accompany the students and do not participate as a volunteer do not get a free lunch. They may bring their lunch or purchase food at the Olympic Village.

T-shirt pick up will be on **Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-6:30pm** and **Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-6:30pm** at the Capital Area intermediate Unit, 55 Miller Street, Summerdale pa, 17023. Train will be done via video this year.

Feel free to e-mail Wendy Eppley with any questions at [wendy.epply@perspecta.com](mailto:wendy.epply@perspecta.com). I look forward to your participation and help in making the 2020 Games truly "Special".

**Online Buddy Training links:**

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

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

Video 3 – To the Races <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOHAK83gY5I>

Thank You,  
Area M Games High School Volunteer Coordinator