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Special Olympics returns to the rinks in Farmington for State Poly Hockey Championship

[Farmington, NM] – Special Olympics New Mexico (SONM) announces the 2013 State Poly Hockey Championship, Friday February 22nd and Saturday February 23rd at Farmington's McGee Park.

This weekend, SONM will once again return to Farmington for the State Poly Hockey Championship. Poly Hockey is similar to ice hockey, minus the ice and skates. Poly hockey is played in a rink covering the surface of a gymnasium floor on teams of six. Athletes play with plastic hockey sticks and soft plastic pucks. Individual skills competitions, such as shooting, passing, and handling are also offered.

This year, over 250 athletes, 10 delegations, and numerous coaches and volunteers will all gather for one of SONM's best played team sports. The weekend is sure to be action packed as athletes will compete in three rinks in one arena that seats over 500 people.

Opening Ceremonies will take place on Friday February 22nd from 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm. The following day, competition will take place from 8:00 am until 11:00 am and again from 1:00 pm until 4:30 pm. After the competition, closing ceremonies will occur from 5:00-7:30 and until 10:00 pm SONM athletes will participate in the much enjoyed victory dance.

The 2013 State Poly Hockey Championship is sponsored by Zebra's Sports Grill, Ryder Transportation Services, Frito Lay, Southwest Dairy Farmers, Crystal Springs Bottled Water, Creamland, Xerox, Grainger, San Juan County, Farmington Police Department, Dawn Trucking, Piedra Vista High School, and Chili's. Special Olympics New Mexico is sponsored year-round by New Mexico Knights of Columbus, Conoco Phillips, French Funerals and Cremations, Wells Fargo, Dex Media, New Mexico Law Enforcement Torch Run, the Daniels Fund, and the Payroll Company.

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