

## Special Olympics New Mexico

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### ***Special Olympics State Bowling Tournament makes debut at Santa Ana Starlight Lanes***

[Albuquerque, NM] – Special Olympics New Mexico (SONM) announces the first-ever State Bowling Tournament which will take place this weekend, November 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>, at Santa Ana Starlight Lanes.

From 8 am – 6 pm Saturday and Sunday, 800 Special Olympics bowlers from 43 teams will come together to participate in this statewide bowling tournament. Leading up to this state-level competition, athletes have been participating in qualifying tournaments throughout October. Athletes will now have the opportunity to showcase their talents at one of New Mexico's most unique bowling venues.

“Bowling is probably one of Special Olympics New Mexico's more popular sports, as will be revealed this weekend when over 650 athletes from Albuquerque and northern New Mexico compete at the top of their lungs for two days at our 2013 North Regional Bowling Competition,” said SONM Executive Director Randy Mascorella. “Anyone in attendance can count on some amazing performances, as the joy of sport will show up in abundance.”

The State Bowling Tournament is sponsored by Valero, United Parcel Service, Bosque Running Shop, US Bank, and Legacy Church.

Special Olympics New Mexico provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community. Today, Special Olympics New Mexico serves over 2,700 athletes, offering training and competition in 13 sports. Across the world, more than 3 million children and adults with intellectual disabilities participate in more than 200 programs in 180 countries. SONM is sponsored year-round by New Mexico Knights of Columbus, New Mexico Law Enforcement Torch Run, Dex Media, French Funerals Cremations, Wells Fargo, Mark's Casa, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Comcast, New Mexico Chevy Dealers and ConocoPhillips.

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