

Hello,

Thank you for registering to be a volunteer at Special Olympics New Mexico's State Summer Games! If you're receiving this email, it's because you *have* completed Online Registration for State Summer Games. You are good to go unless you'd like to sign-up for additional shifts!

**Note:** you may also receive this email if you are a Point of Contact (POC) for a group of volunteers.

**PLEASE forward this email on to any volunteers you are recruiting as this email is ONLY sent to those who have registered online, or those who are POCs! Thank you!**

## **VOLUNTEER DETAILS**

### **Arrival & parking:**

- Please arrive 10-15 minutes before your scheduled shift time to allow time to park and check in at the "Nerve Center" Tent (see attached map)
- Bring a photo ID (Driver's License or Military ID) to check in
- Check in at the "Nerve Center" tent shown on the attached map
- General Parking lot: see attached map for where to park

### **Event location & Address:**

- University of New Mexico Track and Field Complex
- 1800 Avenida Cesar Chavez SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106

### **Weather and what to bring:**

- This competition is held outside. You will be outside, walking at times, and it may be sunny and warm.
- Weather: Check the weather before you volunteer as Albuquerque weather can be unpredictable.
- Clothing: please wear comfortable clothing and close-toed shoes (shoes you are comfortable walking in). Military: you may wear civilian clothing.
- Bring: Depending on weather, bring layers and/or a jacket. Bring a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, and a water bottle. Please bring your ID.
- There will be food trucks on-site for lunch so feel free to bring cash/cards to purchase food (Food trucks are located near the Nerve Center tent).

## **IMPORTANT EMAIL REMINDERS**

- This is your final reminder & details email. If you have any outstanding questions email me at [rainsberger@sonm.org](mailto:rainsberger@sonm.org) before Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.
- I will not be checking email on 5/31 or 6/1. If you have questions day-of please refer to our State Summer Games Facebook Event Page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/314642845874699/>
- If you are unable to attend, you do not need to contact me to let me know. We truly appreciate the support and hope to see you at other competitions held throughout the year!
- If you have already emailed me that you are unable to attend: please disregard this email. We use google forms to register volunteers and there is not an efficient way for me to remove you from this email list at this time. Thank you for understanding.

### **Shifts and Shift Questions**

- If you have questions regarding which shift(s) you signed up for please email me ASAP at: [rainsberger@sonm.org](mailto:rainsberger@sonm.org)

- **Set-up & Tear-down:** If you signed up for a set-up or tear-down shift note that you may be asked to lift items (such as wooden tables) or other items that weigh up to 40 pounds. These are our “heavy lifting” shifts that require the most walking, movement, and lifting. They are great shifts for military or those who are ready to get in a little workout while they volunteer. *The above serves as your final disclaimer regarding set-up and tear-down shifts.*
- **Athlete Escorts:** you will be escorting athletes from the staging tents to the start of their track and field events. We have more volunteers signed up to be Athlete Escorts than we need. Please note that you may be asked to support the Bocce competition shifts instead depending on competition needs. Thanks!
- **Bocce shifts:** You will be walking to the bocce fields (see on map) after you check-in at Nerve Center. When you arrive to the bocce fields you will be instructed on your volunteer duties by our Bocce Competition experts! No previous experience required. It is a lot of fun and we really appreciate your support!!
- **All shifts: age 16 and up or parent/guardian is required to be present/volunteer alongside a child.** Please email me if you have questions.

#### **FINAL CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

- See attached flyer for details. Feel free to forward the flyer to co-workers, friends, or family who may be interested
- **Interested volunteers must Register Online via this link before volunteering:** <http://bit.ly/SONMSummerGamesVolunteer>

Thank you for your support of our athletes and this competition! We couldn't do it without your help!

-Rebecca