



Media Advisory

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS ARIZONA - CORONADO AREA TRACK & FIELD COMPETITION

- Who: 480 Special Olympics athletes from Tucson and southern Arizona will be joined by more than 500 volunteers from:
- Davis Monthan AFB, the 162nd FW Air National Guard & the Arizona Army National Guard
 - The Tucson Police Department & Arizona Department of Corrections
 - Local companies (AETNA/Mercy Care, Blue Cross Blue Shield of AZ, GEICO, Raytheon Missile Systems)
 - Student groups from the University of Arizona and area schools (Beta Alpha Psi, Freshman Class Council, Sports Management Students, Vietnamese Student Assn., Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Kappa Sorority, Fred Acosta Job Corps)
 - Local law enforcement officers from the Tucson Police Department will carry the "Flame of Hope" into the Opening Ceremonies.
 - Sponsors of the event include: The Tucson Conquistadores, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Southern Arizona, Foundations, Community Partnership of Southern Arizona, EEGEE'S and Geico
- What: Special Olympics athletes representing 20 area delegations will compete in 28 different track and field events geared for athletes of all ability levels. Track events range in distance and difficulty from the 10 meter assisted walk to the 800 meter run and 1500 meter race walk. Field events include the shot put, long jump, Turbojav and softball throw. Athletes vie for medals and ribbons in their respective events, and strive to uphold the Special Olympics athlete oath: *"Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."*
- When: Saturday, March 31, 2012
8:00am – 4:00pm
- Where: Amphi High School
125 W. Yavapai Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85705

About Special Olympics Arizona

Special Olympics Arizona aims to empower the over 180,000 Arizonans with intellectual disabilities to be healthy, productive, and respected members of society through year-round sports training, competition, and support programs. SOAZ boasts a 37-year track record of creating positive attitudes towards its athletes worldwide, and a commitment to athlete empowerment, dignity and leadership. There are currently more than 1,900 Special Olympics athletes living in Tucson and surrounding communities. For more information, visit: www.specialolympicsarizona.org.

About Arizona Law Enforcement Torch Run:

The mission of the Arizona Law Enforcement Torch Run is to raise funds and awareness for SOAZ statewide.