

Special Olympics Alaska, Mat-Su Community Calendar of Events

Jan 20, Tuesday 7 PM Mat Su Community Collage, Fred & Sarah Machantanz Bldg. Room 205. Community Management Team meeting includes spring and winter coaches and people interested in helping with Mat -Su. We have several openings including fund raising assistants, transportation coordinator, local games management and awards, facility procurement, registration organizer, and we are still looking for a community director. If you have an interest in helping please show up and check us out.

February 7, Saturday 5-8 PM Seventh Annual Spaghetti Feed and Chinese Auction, to be held at the local American Legion Post 35. Tickets are available from winter athletes or at the door \$5.00 each. Bring your Dollar bills and participate in this fast-paced auction of items donated by local Mat- Su businesses. Located 1 block up Lamont Street at approximately mile 46 Parks Hwy. past Pink Car Wash.

February 7-13 Our own Mat-Su athlete, Pearl Weaver, will be competing at 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Idaho. Pearl will be participating in Cross Country Skiing. Go Pearl Go!!

February 11 or 12 Wednesday or Thursday 6-8 PM each day Basketball practice starts. Larsen Elementary School off Seldon Road. First week or two show up either night for practice and determine which night will work best for unified and traditional. Coach Dwayne Jenson

February 21 Valley Polar Plunge to support Special Olympics and other Valley non-profits. At the Elks lodge on Finger Lake 2600 Barry's Resort Drive off Bogard Road. Plunge at 1 PM, Registration at 11 AM Elks will be open to community at 9 AM for breakfast. Check Valley Polar Plunge web site www.matsuplunge.com for info and pictures. As of 1/6/09, it was not updated for 2009. Elk's website at www.palmerelks.org may have info on event also.

Feb 21, 22 Winter Locals. Check with your coach for time and location.

March 3 Tuesday 6-8 PM Larson Elementary School Track and Field practice begins. Bring gym shoes and clothing for stretching and running. Remember to bring a water bottle. Practice will move to WHS outside track at the end of April weather permitting. Coach Robin Mingo 376-0389

March 13, 14 & 15 2009 State Winter Games in Anchorage. Athletes competing in Down Hill Skiing, Cross Country Skiing, Snowshoeing, Snowboarding and Unified Floor Hockey Mark Gordon will be looking for chaperone volunteers to cover this weekend event. Participant will receive info from their coach. For others who may want to watch events the schedule will be available at www.specialolympicalaska.org in the days before the event. Mark Gordon 745-5520 for Winter sports.

March 21 Saturday 10-12 AM Wasilla High School Pool Swimming starts Beginners (non Swimmers) 10-11 AM Intermediate and Advanced 11-12 Noon (Must be able to swim length of pool with out life vest)

May 16 Saturday Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics

May 11-23 Local Games for Summer Events

June 12, 13, & 14 2009 State Summer Games Anchorage

There is a possibility that we will have coaches for Gymnastics and Power Lifting. If you are interested in either sport call Donna @376-7582 to register. If a coach is found you will then be notified of practice times and locations. If you have not registered for a spring sport, you may call Donna @ 376-7582.

We are looking for help with the Chinese Auction. We need people to get donations, set up items for viewing, be auction runners, and help with clean up. Call Cindy @ 376-3420 she needs help!!!

Point of Contact for spring trainings Donna 376-7582