

The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for people eight years of age and older with intellectual disabilities.

- Other sports will be added when there is interest.
- Please feel free to call me anytime with questions or concerns.

Madison County Special Olympics offers a variety of sports. Please feel free to contact any of the following coaches to inquire about a sport:

Aquatics (swimming)-

Galen Zirnstein (256) 694-2941

Athletics (track and field)-

Your child's school

Adults- Kay Scott (256) 828-4401

Basketball –

Huntsville City Schools, James Clemens, New Hope, Sparkman High School, and Buckhorn High School

Bocce (Lawn bowling) –

Dana Thomas (256) 883-1151

Bowling- Your child's school

Adults- Kay Scott (256) 828-4401

Cycling –

Carla White (256) 684-1563

Equestrian (Horseback riding) -

Diana Moore (256) 852-9598

Golf-

Tom Buter (256) 617-2105

Ice Skating-

Heidi Parker (256) 654-3330

Stand-up Paddle Board –

Deana Hollaway (256) 777-1870

Unified Bowling-

Kay Scott (256) 828-4401

- **Athletes must be at least 8 years old and be identified as having intellectual disabilities.**
- **Athletes must have a medical form on file completed by a doctor and a parent release form on file. These forms are good for three years from the date they are completed.**
- **Volunteers, athletes, and coaches are always needed and welcomed!**
- **Training is provided locally. Competitions include local, sectional, state, USA, and world.**
- **Some scholarships are available to cover the fees for some sports.**

Golf-

Tom Buter (256) 617-2105

tkbuter@yahoo.com

Golf runs from Sept – Dec and Mar – June, weather permitting. Practices are Wednesdays from 5:00-6:00pm at Hampton Cove Robert Trent Jones Golf Course. Participants are strongly encouraged to bring their own clubs, but if they do not have any arrangements can/will be made.

Ice Skating-

Heidi Parker (256) 654-3330

Sk8coachParker@gmail.com

Class meets at the Ice Complex on Leeman Ferry in Huntsville. Classes start in the fall and run through February. Classes are held Tuesday evenings from 5:40pm to 6:40pm. Fees are \$11 per class and a one-time registration fee of \$37.00.

Stand-up Paddle Board & Kayaking –

Deana Hollaway (256) 777-1870

DHollawayhome@gmail.com

Stand-up Paddle Board (SUP) is a new sport for Madison County and Alabama. All training and competitions for both sports will be held at Guntersville Lake. Equipment will be furnished. Madison County will be working with the Huntsville-Madison County Rowing Team and Watersports. SUP is not a learn-to-swim activity. All athletes must be able to swim and have a current Special Olympics medical form. This fall's practice will start August 15, weather permitting. Call for more info. This is going to be a new, fun sport!

Unified Bowling-

Kay Scott (256) 828-4401

Kscott4401@aol.com

Four people are assigned to a team, consisting of two partners and two athletes. The cost is \$80 per person. Practices are held on Sunday afternoons at 1:30pm at Pin Palace Lanes on Country Club Avenue. This is a Fall sport.

Aquatics-

Galen Zirnstein (256) 694-2941
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The Aquatics program operates during the public school calendar. Practices are on Friday afternoons at the UAH Fitness Center Pool in three one-hour sessions starting at 4:00pm. All coaches, parents, caregivers and other helps work on a volunteer basis. The competition season begins in January and ends in May at the State Games. The team usually competes in two to three sectional swim meets. Swimmer skill levels run the entire spectrum of beginner to advanced.

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Bocce (lawn bowling) -

Dana Thomas (256) 883-1151
danathomas@gmail.com
Practice is held March-May.

Bowling-

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Kay Scott (256) 828-4401
Kscott4401@aol.com

Cycling –

Carla White (256) 684-1563
specialolympicscycling@gmail.com
Athletes may ride a two-, three- or four-wheel bike or a tandem bike. Practice is held once or twice a month at different greenways around Madison

County. Athletes must have their own bike, a helmet and hard toe shoes.

Equestrian (Horseback riding)-

Diana Moore (256) 852-9598
dcmoore173@att.net

Equestrian is an opportunity for the athlete to learn how to ride and work with horses. This involves learning how to ride and care for the horse which helps develop balance, strength, coordination and communication skills between the rider, their horse, and the instructor. Athletes are matched up with an instructor who then helps you set up a training schedule.