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SPECIAL OLYMPICS PENNSYLVANIA TO HOLD LARGEST STATEWIDE SECTIONAL AT KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY

Over 2,100 Athletes, Coaches & Volunteers Will Come To Campus Saturday, May 4th

(Norristown, PA, April 17, 2019) – More than 1,200 Special Olympics Pennsylvania (SOPA) athletes and 400 coaches will travel to Kutztown University, located at 15200 Kutztown Rd, Kutztown, PA, for the annual Eastern Spring Sectional on Saturday, May 4, 2019. Athletes from a number of eastern Pennsylvania programs will compete in team and individual events in six sports including athletics, basketball, golf, softball, swimming and tennis. Over 500 enthusiastic volunteers recruited from the university, area clubs, organizations, schools and individuals from the community, will give of their time to support the day's activities and cheer on athletes.

The 2019 Eastern Spring Sectional will kick-off with Opening Ceremonies held at the Kutztown University Stadium/Outdoor Track at 9:15 a.m. Lehigh County athlete Tarre Apreala & Kutztown University Student Brayden Hudak will emcee the ceremony. Kutztown University President Dr. Kenneth Hawkinson will serve as a guest speaker.

All competitions will begin at 10:15 a.m. and run until 5:30 p.m.

Additionally, events in basketball 3v3 and 5v5 will serve as qualifiers for state [Summer Games](#) at Penn State University in June. Teams will be drawn after the sectional.

This event requires volunteers from the eastern part of the state to serve as officials, athlete escorts, award presenters, and in various other ways. For more information about volunteering, visit www.specialolympicspa.org.

Volunteers and spectators are welcome to visit any of the competition venues and cheer-on the athletes. There is no charge to attend SOPA competitions for athletes, volunteers or spectators. **For a full schedule of the day's events, please contact Wenona Sutton at 610-630-9450, ext. 219, or the event contact Gina Reid, (610) 247-2180.**

About Special Olympics Pennsylvania

Special Olympics Pennsylvania provides year-round training and competition to nearly 20,000 children and adults with intellectual disabilities in a variety of Olympic-type sports, 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. For more information on how the movement inspires greatness, visit our web site at www.specialolympicspa.org.