



Department of Youth Ministry
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America
PO Box 389 • Westwood, MA 02090-0389

September 2009

Time Sensitive Information

Re: Special Olympics Awareness Day (October 18th)

Dear Brother in Christ:

Christ is in our midst!

The third Sunday of October, **October 18, 2009** is **Special Olympics Awareness Day (SOAD)** across our Archdiocese. On Sunday, **October 18th**, your teen group, or if you have none, your designated representatives, are asked to seek the financial help of your parishioners in funding the 2010 Special Olympics Sports Camp to be held at the Antiochian Village August 13-22, 2010. Next summer we will be celebrating our 30th Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp. This ministry is sponsored by the North American Council of Teen SOYO. Our teens work very hard for this ministry and rely on the generosity and support of the faithful of our Archdiocese and the Order of St. Ignatius.

We Need YOUR HELP!

1. Please publicize this day. We have enclosed two bulletin inserts, one for October 11th and the other for October 18th. Please include these inserts in your bulletin and share this cause from the pulpit. Your enthusiastic promotion of such a worthwhile ministry will go a long way in producing fruitful results from our faithful.
2. We have found it to be beneficial to have two teens stand next to each breadbasket at the end of Liturgy, one holding a basket for contributions and the other handing out the enclosed Icon bookmarks, which are given as an expression of gratitude for the donor's financial contribution. We have found this approach to be more effective than having teens stand at the back of the Church, or approach people during coffee hour.
3. A couple of years ago we sent each parish a promotional video regarding this important ministry. If possible, perhaps you can show one of the videos to create awareness about the Special Olympics Camp. In the event you need another copy of the DVD, please contact me at fryazge@antiochian.org or 724-238-9565.
4. Immediately following Special Olympics Awareness Day, your teens should send their check for the full amount collected in the enclosed envelope to:

Special Olympics Awareness Day
Department of Youth Ministry
PO Box 389
Westwood MA 02090-0389

I appreciate your help in seeing that all the funds are sent to the Department of Youth Ministry by the end of October.

Please make the check payable to *NAC Teen SOYO* and write in the memo, *SOAD*.

Please keep us all in your prayers, as we do you. Thank you for your support and help with this ministry.

Your brother in Christ,

V. Rev. Anthony G. Yazge,
NAC Teen SOYO
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NAC SOYO Special Olympics 2010

August 13 - 22, 2010

ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE

Volunteer Coach APPLICATION FORM

Please mail completed application by April 1, 2010 to:

V. Rev. Anthony G. Yazge

201 St. Ignatius Trail, Bolivar, PA 15923

Phone: (724) 238-9565 FAX: (724) 238-6415 Email: FrYazge@antiochian.org

(Applicants must provide proof of age w/application, photocopy of Drivers License or Birth Certificate)



Name: _____
(last) (first) (m.i.) (nickname)

Home Address: _____

Address at College: _____

Phone: () _____ () _____ () _____
(home) (mobile) (emergency)

Parish: _____
Name/City Pastor's name

Birth date: ___/___/___ **Email Address:** _____

Age as of August 13, 2010: _____ **Social Security #:** _____

Sex: ___ Female ___ Male **T-Shirt Size (Adult S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL)**

Education:

Years	School	Major Subjects	Degree Completed

Work Experience: (Previous two years)

Employer/Address	Position	Duties	Phone No.	Dates

References: (Give names and addresses of two persons having knowledge of your character, experience, and ability (not relatives or your parish priest))

Name	Address	Relationship	Phone No.

Camp Experience:

Dates	Camp	Director	Address	Camper/Staff

Special Olympics Experience:

Dates	Camp or Event	Director	Address	Camper/Staff

On another sheet of paper, please answer the following questions:

1. What gifts and talents do you bring that will enhance Special Olympics Sports Camp?
2. How will you help make the Special Olympics Sports Camp benefit the Athletes?
3. Write a brief biographical sketch, including specialized training in camping, and experience or training in sports, which might have a bearing on your being accepted as a Special Olympics Sports Camp Volunteer Coach.
4. Are there any reasons you may have difficulty in performing any of the essential elements of the position for which you have applied? If so, please explain.

Special Dietary Concerns: Yes No If yes, please specify: _____

Special Medical Concerns: Yes No If yes, please specify: _____

Allergic to Penicillin Yes No Allergic to Insect Bites Yes No

If yes, please specify: _____

Sports in which you are a Certified Special Olympics Coach: _____

Sports you are currently coaching: _____

Are you a certified lifeguard? (Life Saving or Water Safety Instructor) Yes No

Are you able to swim one lap of the swimming pool? Yes No

If you live in PA and are 18 or older, do you have a PA State Police Criminal Record Check? Yes No

Date of Criminal Record Check? _____ (Must be dated after January 1, 2005)

Teen SOYO Coaches will be given A.M. and P.M. sports assignments based on the following information:

MORNING - Athletes will train intensively in one Primary Sport each morning for 2 hours. Please indicate your preference by ranking the following sports with 1 for 1st choice, 2 for 2nd choice and 3 for 3rd choice.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Aquatics	<input type="checkbox"/>	Softball	<input type="checkbox"/>	Soccer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tennis
<input type="checkbox"/>	Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/>	Volleyball	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lifetime Sports (Bocce, Hiking, etc.)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Golf	<input type="checkbox"/>	Athletics (Track & Field)			<input type="checkbox"/>	Assign as Needed

AFTERNOON - In the afternoon, athletes will be rotating through each of the above sports in Ability Groups. These sessions will be less than one hour in length and will be less intensive training than the morning sessions.

1. Would you like to rotate through all the sports throughout the week? Yes No

2. If yes, which athletes do you feel most comfortable coaching?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Low-Ability Groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	High-Ability Groups
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mid-Ability Groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	Assign as Needed

3. If no, which sport do you prefer to be assigned? Please indicate your preference (1st, 2nd, 3rd).

<input type="checkbox"/>	Aquatics	<input type="checkbox"/>	Softball	<input type="checkbox"/>	Soccer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tennis
<input type="checkbox"/>	Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/>	Volleyball	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lifetime Sports (Bocce, Hiking, etc.)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Golf	<input type="checkbox"/>	Athletics (Track & Field)			<input type="checkbox"/>	Assign as Needed

4. Do you have any other talents/abilities you can share during the camp week?

Computer Skills (Camp Yearbook) DJ

Other _____

All statements become part of any future personnel files.

I authorize investigation of all statements herein and release The Antiochian Archdiocese and all of its Departments and Organizations and all others from liability in connection with it. I understand that, if accepted, I will be volunteer and receive no financial compensation for the work performed and that any agreement to the contrary must be in writing and signed by the NAC SOYO Special Olympics Coordinator designated by the Archdiocese Department of Youth. I also understand that untrue, misleading, or omitted information herein may result in dismissal, regardless of the time of discovery.

Signature: _____

Date: ___/___/___

Application deadline is April 1, 2010

SOPA/SOYO MULTI-SPORTS TRAINING CAMP
ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE, BOLIVAR, PA

* Please type
or print all
information

2008 DOCUMENT OF COACHES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The following are the rules and regulations concerning the Special Olympics Pennsylvania Multi-Sports Training Camp sponsored by NAC SOYO at the Antiochian Village. In addition to these, all coaches and campers are expected to abide by all the policies of the Antiochian Village which will be explained at the orientation meeting.

1. All cars should be parked in the parking lot. Coaches' cars are not to be taken to the cabins or used to transport athletes. Pulling cars onto the grass is prohibited due to liability concerns.
2. No one is permitted to leave camp grounds except with the knowledge and permission of the camp director. No athlete is allowed off camp grounds. If a coach receives permission to leave camp grounds, he/she must sign out at the camp office when leaving and sign back in upon return.
 - SOYO coaches may not leave the camp grounds unless transported by camp van.
 - SOYO coaches may not transport athletes in their automobiles under any circumstances.
3. No cabin is to be left unattended while athletes are in the cabin. There must be a coach of the same sex in the cabin whenever athletes are present in them.
4. The use or possession of illicit drugs, narcotics, and marijuana will not be tolerated. Violation of this will be grounds for immediate dismissal. All prescription and non-prescription drugs (i.e. aspirin, cold tablets, etc.) are to be left in the infirmary with the nurse and may only be used there. There are to be no drugs in the cabins.
 - Prescription and non-prescription drugs may be administered only by the camp nurse.
Coaches may not dispense any type of medication!
5. The use or possession of alcohol (liquor, wine, beer, etc.) on or off camp grounds will not be tolerated. Violation of this will be reason for immediate dismissal. No alcohol is to be brought onto camp grounds at anytime. If you will not abstain for the duration of camp, this is not the place for you; please do not sign this document.
6. The use of tobacco (for smoking or chewing) is not permitted at all on the property of the Antiochian Village.
7. Time-off during the day and/or evening will be scheduled. Adhere to the schedule very strictly. Abuse of time-off privileges will result in the loss of such.
8. Coaches are responsible for getting athletes to their scheduled events on time. In addition, every coach and athlete is expected to be at all events dressed appropriately and participate for the duration of the event. This includes wake-up, all meals, and evening activities.
9. Lights out for the cabins is at 10:30 P.M. A schedule for evening breaks will be established for a period of time before and after lights out on Monday through Friday nights. Evening time-off is to be spent on the camp grounds (ie., staff lounge, gathering place). There will be scheduled van runs to the local convenience store (Sheetz) for snacks. A final curfew for all coaches is at 12:00 A.M. unless otherwise stated, at which time all coaches are expected to be in their cabins. No one is permitted off camp grounds after this time. Failure to comply by this will result in the loss of time-off privileges and possible dismissal from camp.

**Volunteer Disclosure Statement
for 17 Years of Age or Younger and/or Non PA Residents**

Special Olympics Pennsylvania mandates all Class A Volunteers (those individuals who are or have opportunity to be alone and/or in close regular contact with participating Special Olympics athletes) to submit a Criminal Record Check (PA State Police) through their local program. For cases where this is not possible, (individuals 17 years of age or younger and/or non-Pennsylvania residents) this Disclosure Statement must be completed and signed. If this procedure is not followed, the individual will not be allowed to volunteer for Class A positions (coach, overnight chaperone, etc.).

By providing my signature below, I swear/affirm that I have not been convicted of any crime in any state or country.

I further understand that as a non-Criminal Record Check Class A confirmed volunteer for Special Olympics Pennsylvania, I am not to be alone (without the presence of another Criminal Record Check Class A verified volunteer) with any participating Special Olympics athlete during the course of my duties as a volunteer with Special Olympics Pennsylvania and its programs and/or events.

I hereby swear/affirm that the information I provide is true and correct. Also, by signing this Volunteer Disclosure Statement, I understand that the penalty for false swearing is a misdemeanor of the third degree pursuant to Section 4903(b) of the Crimes Code.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE ___/___/___ **S.S.#** ___-___-___ **D.O.B.** ___/___/___

WITNESS SIGNATURE* _____

EVENT NAME _____

VOLUNTEER POSITION _____

*The "Witness Signature" should be the individual who is acting on behalf of Special Olympics Pennsylvania in a recognized official capacity (staff liaison, event director, program manager, etc.)

In the event that the above information cannot be affirmed positively (i.e., a criminal record exists), please notify the SOPA, Inc. event liaison or program manager. You will be ineligible to volunteer in a Class A capacity until further notice and actions.

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