

Wood County Special Olympics

October 2011



Welcome to the Fall 2011 sports season!

We are excited to start this season off with Swimming and Bowling.

We are kicking the season off with swimming and bowling. We currently have 40 athletes for swimming and 65 athletes for bowling. Each individual works very hard and practices two or three times a week. This will result in great performances when competitions begin.

**“Let me win,
but if I cannot win, let
me brave in the attempt.”**

Upcoming Events

Less than two weeks away Walgreens is sponsoring the 2nd annual Trick & Trot 5K and Zombie Walk. The race will be held on October 29, 2011 at Oak Openings Metro Park. If you register on or before October 21, 2011 the cost is \$20.00 and if you register on the day of the race the cost is \$25.00. Please feel free to still come out and help cheer on the athletes and families who are participating in the race. Thanks for your support!

Each year Wood County Special Olympics sponsors 450 athletes who compete in 12 sports. By receiving private donations and putting fundraisers together, we have been able to provide the athletes a quality program. Only a few weeks away, Wood County Special Olympics is hosting their 14th annual Prime Rib and Crab dinner on November 5, 2011 at Graystone Hall. Last year, 275 people attended this event and in order to keep this event a success, we are asking for your support. If you have any questions about purchasing tickets please feel free to contact Janet Zulch (419) 352-5115.

Special Olympics News

Congratulations to the White team of being the 2011 Sectional Softball Champions. The team members that achieved this accomplishment are: Danny Bowen, Steve Chamberlin, George Dutton, Ryan Janas, Kevin Kennison, Ryan Kennison, John Kuhbander, Ryan Rath, Stephen Scholl, John Schumann, Gene Stokes, and Jim Wickard.

Wood County Special Olympics had six athletes qualify for the State Golf Tournament. The athletes are: James Mozena, Gene Stokes, Ben Snyder, Joe May, Michael Stanford, and Grace Laube. Great job athletes, you made Wood County Special Olympics very proud!

Intern: Tara Schatz

Wood County Special Olympics is very fortunate to give students from Bowling Green State University the opportunity and experience of becoming an intern. We are very lucky to have Tara Schatz as a part of our team.

Tara Schatz was born in 1988 and is from Cincinnati, Ohio. She has an older sister that she is very close with. Growing up, she was involved in many sports such as gymnastics, soccer, ballet, and swimming. Swimming has always been a huge part of her life and still continues to be.

In high school, she was a varsity swimmer all four years and was the captain for three years. She was also a member of a select soccer team and part of a Young Life group. After graduation, she attended Bowling Green State University and declared her major to be Sport Management. She thought having a background in sports would be very beneficial down the road.

Throughout her college career, she has been involved in several activities. The activities consist of: a member of the Bowling Green State University swim team, a member of Bowling Green State University club water polo team, a member of SMA (Sport Management Alliance) and a volunteer for the Special Olympics. She loves working with all the athletes. She mentioned, “being around such positive individuals is very inspiring and rewarding.”

United Way

Ready to make a difference? If you give to United Way you may designate your dollars to Wood County Special Olympics. It's an easy and great way to support Special Olympics.