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Athletes, Coaches, Volunteers & Staff Represent Special Olympics Montana at 2011 World Games in Athens, Greece REC Silicon, Butte MT, is Supporter of Team USA Athletes & Coaches from Montana

[June 9, 2011 – Great Falls MT] Special Olympics Montana, a 41 year old movement that enables athletes with intellectual disabilities to train for life through sports, is pleased to announce that fourteen representatives from Montana will go to Athens, Greece from June 25-July 4, 2011, for the 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games.

Competing in the World Games as part of Team USA from Montana are athletes Measha Porter (Stevensville, MT), a track & field competitor; Anton Veverka (Richey, MT), a pentathlon athlete; and freestyle swimmer Zach Smith (Billings, MT).

Team USA coaches attending the event from Montana are Joe Ouert (Great Falls, MT), coaching track and field; and powerlifting coach Nicole Knight (Billings, MT).

REC Silicon, one of the world's leading providers of highly competitive solar energy solutions, is a proud supporter and sponsor for the Special Olympics Montana Team USA delegates heading to Athens, Greece. REC Silicon headquarters are in Butte, Montana.

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Other representatives from Montana include athlete Stacey Johnston (Golf Official-Chester, MT) and Ruth Lindabury (Golf Official-Great Falls, MT). Athlete Tanealya Hueth and VP Field Service Tammy Peterson (both Great Falls, MT) will participate in the Global Youth Activation Summit. <http://www.athens2011.org/en/youth.asp>. Special Olympics Montana President/CEO Bob Norbie also attends the World Games as a member of the Special Olympics International Board of Directors. <http://www.specialolympics.org/Directors.aspx?id=8114>

Lt. Jack Allen (Great Falls Police Department) and Deputy Jason Johnson (Missoula County Sheriff's Office) are currently in Greece representing the Special Olympics Montana's Law Enforcement Torch Run as Final Leg runners of the torch, with Johnson also serving as a Final Leg team leader. <http://www.athens2011.org/en/more.asp?newrealid=87>. Contact LETR Coordinator Terri Sappington: tsappington@somt.org or 406-216-5327.

In addition, Ginny Gleason and Emma Earl from Chester, MT will attend the World Games as volunteers and International Unified® Partners. As part of the Unity Sports Event, they partner with Special Olympics athletes to compete in demonstration beach volleyball and to promote Unified® Sports internationally. <http://thon.kintera.org/faf/help/helpEventInfo.asp?ievent=454469&lis=1&kntae454469=B1F7145611DF49F4875B4F378FE482C4> Contact Ginny Gleason: virginiagleason5@msn.com or 406-799-7879.

Special Olympics World Games are held every two years in various locations globally, alternating between World Summer and World Winter Games. At the 2011 World Summer Games in Athens, 7500 athletes, 2500 coaches, 25,000 volunteers, 3000 event officials, 40,000 Special Olympics families and hundreds of thousands of fans will be in attendance!

More information and athlete and coach profiles can be obtained by visiting, <http://www.specialolympicsteamusa.org/2011/>, <http://www.athens2011.org/en/index.asp>, or by contacting Nolan Taylor at the above address.