

Terminology...



AMT – Area Management Team - each area has an Area Management Team that assists in fund raising, events, public relations and education, training, competition, finance, outreach, families, etc.

Area – Special Olympics Montana is organized into 12 areas. Each area is led by the Area Management Team in conjunction with Special Olympics Montana rules and procedures.

Area Director - Volunteers who oversee the Area Management Team

Arrest-a-thon - Torch Run fundraising event that includes a chief of police or other high-visibility person or local celebrity who is "arrested" in a public display. A predetermined "bail" must be collected from local donors before the person can be released.

Billboard/Rooftop Sit - Torch Run fundraising event in which an officer lives on top of a billboard or building until a designated amount of money is collected. Typically the sit lasts two to five days.

Chapter office - Home office for Special Olympics Montana located in Great Falls, MT

Class A Volunteer – A person who has regular, close physical contact with athletes, in a position of authority or supervision, is in a position of trust, or handles substantial amounts of cash or other assets of the program.

Final Leg – The last miles of a Torch Run, which takes place in the days immediately preceding Opening Ceremonies of a Special Olympics competitive event.

Flame of Hope™ – the Special Olympic torch

Global Messengers – Special Olympics athletes trained as public speakers to promote the outreach effort.

GMT – Games Management Team – Key volunteers who plan and conduct high-quality Special Olympics Games and competitions at all levels of the Special Olympics organization.

Guardians of the Flame™ – Law enforcement officers carrying the Flame of Hope™

John Carion Memorial "Unsung Hero" Award – International Torch Run award created to recognize individuals who have contributed to the success of the Torch Run on a local, state/provincial or community level in an unheralded fashion.

LPC - Local Program Coordinator

LETR – Law Enforcement Torch Run®

MATP – Motor Activity Training Program – Training program only for individuals with low ability skills.

National Games – USA Summer Games held every four years, under the direction and rules and regulations of Special Olympics North America and Special Olympics, Inc., based on a quota system and open to eligible participants around the country.

Plane Pull[®] - A Torch Run fundraiser in which teams of 20 pay to compete at pulling a plane the longest distance in the shortest amount of time with the least combined team weight. A festival event for spectators may also accompany a Plane Pull.

Polar Plunge[®] - A Torch Run fundraiser in which individuals solicit pledges to run into freezing waters. A festival event for spectators may also accompany a Polar Plunge.

Richard LaMunyon Hall of Fame - The highest honor awarded to Torch Run volunteers who have made significant contributions to the mission and expansion of the program on the local, national and international levels. Chief Richard LaMunyon was the founder of the Torch Run in Wichita, Kansas (USA), in 1981.

SBB – State Basketball Tournament

SOI – Special Olympics Inc

SOMT – Special Olympics Montana

SONA - Special Olympics North America

SSG – State Summer Games

SWG – State Winter Games

Tip-A-Cop[®] - Torch Run fundraising event in which officers assist with waiting tables at a restaurant and collect "tip" donations for Special Olympics.

Torch Run Director - Law enforcement volunteer leader of the Torch Run efforts and development in a state, province or country.

Torch Run Liaison - Special Olympics staff member responsible for working with Torch Run volunteers and supporting development in a state, province or country.

Unified Sports[®] - An initiative that brings together athletes with and without intellectual disabilities, people of similar age and athletic ability who train and compete on the same team.

World Special Olympics Games - Games held every two years, alternating between Summer and Winter Games, under the direction and rules and regulations of Special Olympics, Inc., based on a quota system and open to eligible participants around the world.

WWG - World Winter Games

WSG - World Summer Games

YAP - Young Athletes Program ages 2-7 years