

2010 SUMMER GAMES OPENING CEREMONIES

DATE: Wednesday, May 12, 2010

LOCATION: Gallagher Iba Arena - OSU

TIME: Doors open @ 6:30 pm

Opening Ceremonies begin @ 7:30 pm

Parade of Athletes Staging begins @ 6:30 pm on the North Portico outside Gallagher Iba

PARADE OF ATHLETES

Athletes will represent the 14 Special Olympics Areas in Oklahoma. Each Team registered for the Games will select **1 athlete** from their team who will represent their team in the Parade of Athletes.

PARADE STAGING

Parade athletes (*1 athlete per team only*) need to report to the North Portico off Hall of Fame beginning @ 6:30pm (*no earlier please*) where they'll be taken to stage with their Area.

*** Due to limited space for staging, no Team banners or signs are allowed for the Parade.**

The Area Programs of Special Olympics Oklahoma:

- #1 - Boomer Sooner (Norman & Shawnee)
- #2 - Fun Country (Ardmore, Ada & Pauls Valley)
- #3 - Cherokee Country (Muskogee & Okmulgee)
- #4 - Great Plains (Lawton)
- #5 - Cowboy Country (Stillwater)
- #6 - Cherokee Strip (Enid)
- #7 - Green Country (Tulsa & Broken Arrow)

- #8 - The Capitol (Oklahoma City & Mid-Del)
- #9 - Little Sahara (Woodward)
- #10 - Kiamichi (McAlester, Broken Bow & Poteau)
- #11 - Route 66 (Weatherford & Yukon)
- #12 - Grand Area (Bartlesville & Miami)
- #13 - Red River Area (Durant)
- #14 - Panhandle Area (Guymon)

ATHLETE PICK-UP AFTER PARADE

Coaches &/or chaperones must pick-up their Parade Athlete in the East escalator lobby of Gallagher Iba. Meet your athlete & then both of you re-join your Team for the rest of the Ceremonies.

ATHLETES in WHEELCHAIRS

Athletes in WC not in the Parade of Athletes will enter & leave the Arena via SE & East doors. Volunteers will direct athletes to their seating on the floor of the Arena. During Opening Ceremonies, athletes in WC will use the SE & East doors to get to the restrooms.

- **ONLY athletes in wheelchairs & their chaperone (no more than 2 per athlete) are allowed to sit on the arena floor. Families & whole teams are not allowed. The wheelchair entry will be monitored by Games officials.**

Join us for Opening Ceremonies

2010 Block Party - Know Your Neighbor!