

SPECIAL OLYMPICS HAMILTON COUNTY

Special Olympics Oath: "let me win, but if I can not win, let me be brave in the attempt."

Since the first Special Olympics World Games were held in Chicago, Illinois, USA in July 1968, the event has grown to become one of the world's leading athletic events. Every two years, thousands of Special Olympics athletes from around the world come together to showcase their athletic skills and celebrate the spirit of Special Olympics. Alternating between Summer and Winter Games, the Special Olympics World Games is a world-class sporting event featuring intense competition and inspiring performances by the great athletes of Special Olympics. The 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games will be held in Shanghai, People's Republic of China, from **October 2-11, 2007**. In addition to some 7,000 athletes, Special Olympics expects the 2007 World Summer Games to draw 40,000 volunteers, 3,500 event officials and thousands of families, volunteers, spectators and journalists from every continent.



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Sunday, April 29

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Who is Sam McNew and why is he going to China?

Sam McNew of Noblesville has been a Special Olympics athlete for 14 years. He has competed in athletics, bowling, aquatics, flag football, basketball, golf, softball and power lifting. For the past 6 years, McNew has also competed in the National Special Olympics Unified Sports® Bowling Tournament. McNew was the 2004 Special Olympic Indiana Athlete of the Year. ***This fall, Sam will be representing TEAM USA in power lifting at the Special Olympics International Games in Shanghai, China.*** In 2006, McNew received the Hal Kaminiski Award, presented in recognition of and great appreciation of outstanding support of Special Olympics. Also in 2006, McNew was selected as Honorary Starter for the Indy Pro Series at the Indy Motor Speedway, proudly waving the green flag!

Sam graduated from Hamilton Heights High School in 2004. He works as a dining room attendant at Culver's Restaurant in Noblesville. Sam and the McNew family were honored in 1999 as the Special Olympics Indiana Family of the Year. McNew has been a top individual fundraiser for Special Olympics Indiana's Polar Bear Plunge and Plane Pull events and has participated in fundraising for local Special Olympics Hamilton County events. Sam is currently training to be a Special Olympics coach, holds several leadership roles within his county program. In addition, McNews' impact extends to the community as he is a mentor through his role in his church's ministry to work with people with disabilities.

"...Special Olympics athletes deliver. They deliver in their competitions; they deliver with humor; they deliver with appreciation; they deliver with laughter; and their families deliver with pride. These are the reasons Special Olympics World Games can and do change not only individual lives, but change political and societal views and conceptions of people with [intellectual disabilities]...Special Olympics is one 'issue' any local or national government can and will support once they have the unique experience of hosting a World Games and learning more about these athletes. I say this emphatically because it has happened after every World Games in our history. It always happens."

*—Eunice Kennedy Shriver,
Special Olympics Founder*



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