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1987 International Games

South Bend, Indiana



Special Olympics
Indiana



7th SPECIAL OLYMPICS INTERNATIONAL GAMES, HELD IN SOUTH BEND

The 1987 Special Olympics International Games drew more than 4,700 athletes from 72 countries to South Bend for 10 days of competition on the campuses of the University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College. The largest Special Olympics event at that time in history, over 16,000 local volunteers and 60,000 spectators attended the Games, which were also the first to be aired worldwide in primetime. Covered by Sports Illustrated and Time Magazine, the Games reached an estimated 150 million people worldwide.



"You are the stars and the world is watching you. By your presence, you send a message to every city, every village, every nation. A message of hope, a message of victory."

Eunice Kennedy Shriver

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