

## **2021 SUMMER GAMES- VOLUNTEERS WEBINAR TRANSCRIPT**

### **SLIDE 1 & 2: INTRODUCTION**

Hello everyone, my name is Kevin Aders, and I am the Manager of Volunteer Services for Special Olympics Indiana. I would like to first thank you for volunteering your time for the 2021 Summer Games! We could not do this event without you. This webinar will provide details you will need to know about the 2021 Summer Games prior to your arrival.

Please be sure to share this information with anyone else volunteering with you.

This webinar has an accompanying transcript available for your review. Don't feel like you have to take notes. To speed up this webinar, at points, I may talk quickly. By making the transcript available, note-taking is unnecessary during the webinar.

### **SLIDE 3 COVID PROTOCOL**

This is our first Summer Games since the COVID 19 pandemic, and we are thrilled to be back in person, providing a fun, safe weekend for our Special Olympics athletes and you, our volunteers!

A few things to note regarding COVID 19 and volunteering – you should have received, via email, a COVID waiver and a COVID Code of Conduct. If you are able, please print these out and complete them before your volunteer shift. Bring them with you when you sign-in to volunteer. Having these done in advance will expedite the check-in process. They were also attached to this email for you. If you're unable to print them in advance, we will have blank copies on-site.

ALL indoor volunteers will be required to wear a face mask while volunteering, regardless of vaccination status. If you're volunteering outdoors and are fully vaccinated, masks are optional.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation and understanding and your help in keeping this event as safe as possible for our many athletes and coaches!

### **SLIDE 4, 5, and 6: CHECK-IN PROCESS**

When you arrive at your volunteer check-in we will ask you a list of COVID screening questions to ensure everyone is healthy and to keep all our athletes and volunteers safe. The list of questions is listed on the next two slides. If you have any of these symptoms the day you are volunteering we kindly ask that you not attend and cancel your shift assignment online.

After answering the screening questions and turning in or signing the COVID Waiver and Code of Conduct you will receive your T-shirt, credentials and given directions to your volunteer assignment. Please note recommended attire.

## **SLIDE 7: MAPS AND LOCATIONS**

Now let's talk about Summer Games 2021 as well as show you the locations of all of our venues where you will be volunteering.

We are going to start with our Friday event. This year we are Bowling at Woodland Bowl on 96<sup>th</sup> Street in Indianapolis. You will want to exit at Keystone and travel east on 96<sup>th</sup> to make it easier to enter the driveway and parking lot for the bowling alley.

## **SLIDE 8: ISU CAMPUS**

From this aerial view, we see the campus map for Indiana State University. For orientation purposes, this map is like most, with north to the top.

Here we find the location of our old track & field venue, Marks Field, at ISU's Main Campus. If we go a few blocks to ISU's West Campus, near the river, we find the Gibson Track & Field Complex.

### **GIBSON TRACK**

We will reference this as "Gibson Track" for the remainder of this webinar. Track & Field Volunteers, Team Camp volunteers, and volunteers who are selling souvenirs, running the Bingo tent, assisting with registration, or handing out awards or commemorative medals at Gibson Track will all check-in here.

### **HHS COMPLEX**

If you turn your attention back to main campus you will see the location of the HHS Building. Bocce volunteers, Healthy Athlete Volunteers, and volunteers who are selling souvenirs, assisting with volunteer registration, assisting with the bingo tent, or handing out awards or commemorative medals at the HHS Building will check-in here.

### **ISU REC CENTER**

The Student Rec Center on the campus of ISU is the home of our Volleyball competition. Volleyball volunteers, and volunteers who are selling souvenirs, assisting with bingo tent, or assisting with volunteer registration at the Student Rec Center will check-in here.

### **REC EAST**

Our Cycling location is "Rec East" on the campus of ISU. Cycling volunteers will register here.

## **SLIDE 9: PARKING**

There are numerous parking lots available to park in this year near your volunteer location. We are not running bus transportation so there are no buses to move you around campus. You may have a short walk from the closest parking available.

### **SLIDE 10 AND 11: ROSE-HULMAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**

On this slide, you will see the location of Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in reference to ISU. This is the site for Swimming. Volunteers will check-in at the Rose-Hulman Sports Center if they have been assigned as volunteers for swimming or if they are selling souvenirs, assisting with volunteer registration, or handing out awards or commemorative medals at Rose-Hulman. They will enter through the main glass doors at the top of the ramp and steps.

### **SLIDE 12: COLLETT PARK**

On this slide, you will see the location of Collett Park in reference to Indiana State University. This is where horseshoes will take place. Volunteers will check-in here if they have been assigned to Horseshoes.

### **Safety information**

US 41 is a 6-lane highway. It is a major transportation corridor and is operated by the State of Indiana. At the intersection of US 41 and Chestnut Street, there are 6 lanes of traffic. And to cross, you must be able to do so in under 32 seconds.

For SAFETY we REQUEST that NO ONE, we mean no delegation, no athlete, no coach, no family member, no Games volunteer, no one consider crossing US 41 on foot.

**ROAD CLOSURES:** First Street will be closed by Gibson Track, between Sycamore and Eagle streets.

The entrance to Lot 14 from 3rd Street/US 41 will be open.

### **SLIDE 13: VENUES AND VOLUNTEER CHECK-IN LOCATIONS**

#### **SLIDE 13: VOLUNTEER CHECK-IN CHART**

This chart designates where volunteers will check-in. If you are volunteering for Bowling, Cycling, Horseshoes, Swimming, Track & Field and Volleyball, you will check-in at the venue where these events take place. For those volunteering at Bocce and Healthy Athletes, you will check-in at Volunteer Services that is located outside of the HHS building addition along the sidewalk on the east side of the 4<sup>th</sup> St circle Drive. If you are an awards volunteer, a souvenirs volunteer, volunteer registration assistant, or special commemorative medal distribution volunteer, please note your location in your volunteer confirmation email. It will be at one of the venues we have discussed above – whatever location you're assigned to is where you will check-in.

I will pause here to give you more time to read this detailed chart. It will also be available on our website for further review.

**SLIDE 14: EXTRAS**

Special Olympics Indiana events are rain or shine, so barring extreme weather (i.e. tornadoes, thunderstorms, hail storms) the event will begin at its scheduled time. We are relying on our volunteers, so please don't let a little rain keep you away. The athletes are counting on you!

Should we encounter extreme weather, check the Special Olympics website for any cancellations or postponements. (Please note this is extremely rare – do not expect cancellations or postponements.)

Sunscreen is available at volunteer check-in locations and water is available for all volunteers at the Water Stations throughout campus.

Special Olympics Indiana attire, gifts, and novelties will be sold in the Souvenirs Tent (located at Woodland Bowl, Gibson Track, the HHS building, the ISU Rec Center and Rose-Hulman) for the duration of Summer Games. Be sure to stop by the Souvenirs tent before or after your volunteer shift and check out all of our great merchandise! Proceeds support Special Olympics Indiana athletes!

**SLIDE 17: THANK YOU SLIDE**

As we approach the 2021 Games, be on the look-out for volunteer informational emails that will be sent over the next couple weeks. This will include your job assignment and location. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

I would encourage you to visit our website for any additional Summer Games volunteer information at <http://soindiana.org/summer-games/summer-games-event-volunteers/>

This site will be updated with volunteer information leading up to the Games.

Finally, I hope you see the great efforts that we have made to best prepare for the 2021 Summer Games. I hope the detailed logistics plan eases any anxiety you may have with the venues, transportation, and safety. Thank you for dedicating your time and volunteering for Special Olympics Indiana. See you in Terre Haute!