

INFORMATIONAL ITEM



INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM
Assistant County Administrator /
Department of General Services /
Recreation Division

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 25, 2017

To: The Honorable Board of County Commissioners

Thru: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

Thru: Michael C. Zito, Assistant County Administrator

From: Michael Redstone, Recreation Manager

Subject: State of Florida Special Olympic Aquatic Championships

It is requested that the information herein presented be given formal consideration by the Board of County Commission at its regular meeting of October 3, 2017.

DESCRIPTIONS AND CONDITIONS:

Special Olympics is a global organization and is the largest sports organization that serves athletes with intellectual disabilities with more than 4.9 million athletes in 172 countries and over one million volunteers. The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. The Special Olympics mission remains as vital today as it did when the movement was founded in 1968. The Special Olympic USA games will be held in Seattle, Washington in July of 2018. Swimming will be among the 14 Olympic type sports held.

The State of Florida Special Olympic Aquatic Championships will be held starting at 8:00 a.m. on October 7 & 8, 2017, at the North County Aquatic Center in Sebastian for the 12th consecutive year. The Opening Ceremony will take place on October 7th at the Intergenerational Recreation Center in Vero Beach starting at 8:00 p.m. It is at the local level right here where interested volunteers meet the athletes. This year's event will highlight 428 swimmers representing 39 Florida counties, 120 coaches, family members and volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering their time at this event can call the North County Aquatic Center (772) 581 – POOL (7665). There are positions open in timing, staging, awards, ushers and cheerleaders. The Recreation Department encourages the community to come out and support the hard work of these athletes.

ATTACHMENT(s):

Special Olympic Florida Flyer