



Special Olympics
Vermont
Central Vermont Program

July 2008 Newsletter

BARRE HOME COMING DAYS PARADE:

- The parade is going to be on Saturday, July 26, 2008 starting at 4:00 PM
- All participants need to be at the Barre Civic Center parking by 2:30 PM.
- We will be decorating two trucks but all athletes are being encouraged to walk along the trucks to help pass out pencils we have ordered.
- You are requested to wear comfortable sneakers as most of us will be walking along the two trucks that we will be decorating.
- The theme this year is "Vermont Home Grown Athletes".
- We will be providing bandanas for the athletes to wear. Everyone is encouraged to come dressed as a farmer with blue jeans, plaid shirts, straw hats (if you have them), and anything else that you consider fun.
- The Penguin Plunge costume will be available for someone to wear if they are interested.
- **Please let either Dawna or Susan (contact numbers are listed below) if you will be attending the parade so we can have a head count. We would appreciate knowing by July 21 so to make sure we have enough decorations.**

SOCCER IS ABOUT TO START:

- We will begin practices on August 2, 2008 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM at the Barre City Elementary & Middle School. These will continue every Saturday (weather permitting) until our tournament at Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont on October 4, 2008.

OUR MONTHLY PARENTS, VOLUNTEERS, & COACHES MEETING:

- We will be having our next meeting on Wednesday, August 6, 2008 at the home of Dawna MacLaren at 785 Upper Road in Plainfield, Vermont. The meetings start at 6:30 PM and we try to get done by 8:00. These meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month so please come if you are able. If you would like to attend and need directions, you can contact Dawna at the number listed below.

FUNDRAISING:

- **If you would like to help on with either sorting or delivering bottles, you can call Donald & Susan at 802-476-5735 and they would be more than happy to let you know when the next bottle event will be.** This is usually done on Sunday mornings but not every Sunday.

Dawna Maclaren, Co-Coordinator - 802-454-7839 - sdmaclaren@aol.com

Susan Pittsley, Co-Coordinator - 802-476-5735 or 802-839-0304 (Cell) - susan.pittsley@state.vt.us

- In the month of June, we collected approximately \$1,216.00 in bottles. Special thanks to Donald Giroux for the use of his truck and to all those up give up their Sunday mornings to help sort and deliver the bottles to M&M Beverage in Montpelier.

DONATIONS:

- We also want to send out a special thank you to George Philcox who has raised \$20.00 from bottles and cans he collected along with a porch sale he did that earned \$22.00 for our Central Vermont Program ó THANKS A LOT GEORGE!!!
- Special Olympics Vermont received a very nice donation from M&R Charities run by Michael & Randy Longe) of \$2,000.00. This donation was divided into the following amounts:
 - \$500.00 went to the Chittenden County Program
 - \$500.00 went to the Central Vermont Program
 - \$1,000.00 went to Special Olympics Vermont in Burlington

VERMONT MOUNTAINEER'S GAME:

- We had a great turnout for the Mountaineerø Game that was Special Olympics night held on June 30th.
- They let the athletes go out onto the field when the players were introduced and also several were picked to play a couple different games in between innings.
- The following attended (and I apologize if I forgot anyone):
 - Susan Pittsley
 - Charlene, Danny, JT, and Nick Tetreault
 - Ryan MacLaren
 - Lori & Renee Stearns
 - Scott Stebbins
 - Christopher Foster along with Kathy White and her husband
 - Nathan, Brian and Valerie Carter
 - Craig, Michelle and Alex Comstock
 - Kimberly Fisk
 - Frances, Tom, Aelettha and Jane Kelly

E-MAIL AND/OR MAILING ADDRESS:

- If you have a new or updated mailing address, please let Susan know so we can have updated records. Also, if you want to, and are not currently on it, let me know your email address and I will make sure to get you on our list for the most up to date information

ACCOMPLISHMENTS & IMPORTANT EVENTS:

- If anyone has a special event or important accomplishment that they feel everyone should know about, please let me know so I can put it in our next newsletter to let everybody know about the special things that are going on.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE CELEBRATING IN JULY & AUGUST:

- Tyler Marshall ó July 12
- Jacob Storey ó July 18
- Bobby Deforge ó July 24
- Kevin Giroux ó August 3
- Jeremiah Tetreault ó August 11
- Elizabeth Ritzo ó August 16

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS:

- If you notice any errors, omissions, or have other general concerns, please feel free to contact the Central Vermont Program Coordinators, either Dawna MacLaren or Susan Pittsley and the numbers or e-mails listed below