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**Central Texas Area Athletes and Coaches to Represent Team Texas
at Special Olympics U.S.A. National Games**

AUSTIN – In one week, 24 Special Olympics Texas (SOTX) – Central Texas area athletes and four coaches will arrive in Lincoln, Nebraska for the 2010 U.S.A. National Games! The Games will be held on and near the University of Nebraska at Lincoln campus, July 18-23.

The athletes are among 152 Texas athletes and 39 coaches representing Texas at National Games. SOTX athletes will compete in aquatics, athletics, bocce, basketball, bowling, golf, gymnastics, powerlifting, soccer, softball, flag football, tennis and volleyball. They will depart for Omaha from the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport on July 17.

Athletes flying to Omaha on Continental Airlines will meet up at the Continental ticket gate at 5:15 a.m. and depart at 7:00 a.m. Athletes flying out on Southwest Airlines will meet up at the Southwest ticket counter for check-in at 12:15 p.m. and depart at 2:00 p.m. For a complete list of Central Texas athletes and coaches competing in National Games, please see page two of this press release.

If you plan to send a crew to the airport to cover the athletes' departure to the Games, please contact one of the media contacts listed above. Complete bios, updates and results on Team Texas athletes will be available online at www.specialolympicstexas.org.

About the 2010 Special Olympics USA National Games

The 2010 Special Olympics USA National Games in Lincoln, Nebraska will showcase and celebrate the Special Olympics movement and athletes from across the United States, while illustrating the power of sports to educate and inform about the true abilities and achievements of people with intellectual disabilities. From July 18-23, 2010, nearly 3,000 athletes will compete in 13 Olympic-style sports, with the support of 1,000 coaches, 8,000 volunteers and an estimated 15,000 family and friends. In addition to sports, the USA National Games will offer various programs in health, wellness and education. To learn more, visit www.2010specialolympics.org.

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About Special Olympics Texas

Special Olympics Texas is a privately funded non-profit organization providing year-round sports training and athletic competition for 36,311 children and adults with intellectual disabilities in the Lone Star State. Be a part of the movement that is **CHANGING LIVES** in your community. For more information, visit www.specialolympicstexas.org.

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ATHLETE NAME	SPORT	HOMETOWN
Heather Alderete	Powerlifting	Round Rock
Jon Andre	Unified Soccer	Round Rock
Kyle Andre	Unified Soccer	Round Rock
Mitchell Andre	Golf	Round Rock
Adrian Carson	Unified Soccer	Round Rock
Danny Carson	Unified Soccer	Round Rock
Morgan Collins	Athletics	Austin
Dorothy Conserve	Unified Soccer	Round Rock
Meagan Flynn	Athletics	Austin
Cody Gustafson	Basketball	Austin
Billy Harris	Athletics	Fredericksburg
Michael Hornsby	Unified Basketball	Austin
Ray Ingram	Softball	Austin
Brittany Lambertz	Unified Soccer	Round Rock
Jennyfer Lancheros	Unified Soccer	Round Rock
Kyle Mather	Unified Soccer	Round Rock
Brennan O'Donnell	Aquatics	Round Rock
Taylor Phillips	Athletics	Round Rock
Kimberly Rothert	Unified Soccer	Wimberley
Chris Saucedo	Powerlifting	Austin
Tim Smith	Softball	Austin
Jacob Wempe	Powerlifting	Austin
Nicole Williams	Bowling	Round Rock
Andrew Zserdin	Unified Soccer	Austin

COACH NAME	SPORT	HOMETOWN
Kelly Bird	Unified Soccer	Taylor
Katie Biven	Unified Soccer	Round Rock
Justin King	Unified Soccer	Round Rock
Charlie Smith	Softball	Austin

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