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**Greater Houston Area Athletes and Coaches to Represent  
Team Texas at Special Olympics U.S.A. National Games Next Week**

**HOUSTON** – In three days, 45 Special Olympics Texas (SOTX) – Greater Houston Area athletes and 15 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 and coaches 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 Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston on Saturday. They'll meet at the Continental Airlines ticket gate at 7:30 p.m. for check in. 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](http://www.specialolympicstexas.org).

For a complete list of Greater Houston Area athletes and coaches competing in National Games, please see pages two and three of this press release.

***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](http://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](http://www.specialolympicstexas.org).

### **Special Olympics Texas Official Partners:**

Coca-Cola Bottling Companies of Texas, Food Town, H-E-B Tournament of Champions Charitable Trust and the Law Enforcement Torch Run

<b>ATHLETE NAME</b>	<b>SPORT</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
Venoy Allen	Tennis	Spring
Lee Bell	Bowling	Spring
Ashley Billard	Aquatics	Houston
Kimberly Bormaster	Tennis	Bellaire
Billy Brown	Golf	Spring
Stacy Brown	Golf	Spring
Gabriel Cantu	Unified Flag Football	Baytown
Blair Claghorn	Golf	The Woodlands
Elizabeth Crook	Golf	Houston
Christopher DeLeon	Volleyball	Houston
Blake Dickens	Unified Flag Football	Baytown
Jessi Earnst	Soccer	Baytown
Michael Earnst	Unified Flag Football	Baytown
David Fenner	Athletics	Katy
Jeremy Fox	Volleyball	Deer Park
Christopher Garza	Volleyball	Deer Park
Rafael Guajardo, Jr.	Volleyball	Pasadena
Justin Hauff	Unified Flag Football	Baytown
Tara Hayes	Soccer	Baytown
Jennifer Jones	Soccer	Baytown
Tyler Jordan	Soccer	Baytown
Hillary Kern	Bocce	Houston
John Lakey	Volleyball	Houston
Robert Lane	Volleyball	Pasadena
Francisco Lucatero	Soccer	Baytown
John Malone	Unified Flag Football	Baytown
Amanda Mickan	Volleyball	Richmond
Charles Milby	Unified Flag Football	Seabrook
Michael Motter	Athletics	Houston
Kenny New	Volleyball	Sugarland
Heather Neitsch	Bowling	Spring
Margaret Norman	Aquatics	Houston
Michael O'Connell	Tennis	Spring

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Tyler Pike	Soccer	Baytown
Morgan Plant	Soccer	Highlands
Katherine Richards	Tennis	Houston
Brandon Russell	Unified Flag Football	Baytown
Jesus Salas	Unified Flag Football	Baytown
Clay Schrock	Soccer	Baytown
James Shannon	Volleyball	Deer Park
Andrew Simpson	Aquatics	Houston
Kim Smith	Soccer	Baytown
Derek Stanley	Soccer	Baytown
Zachary Wallace	Volleyball	Deer Park
David McLean	Aquatics	Silsbee
<b>COACH NAME</b>	<b>SPORT</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
Michael Barry	Volleyball	Deer Park
Mike Earnst	Unified Flag Football	Baytown
Melvyn Fenner	Athletics	Katy
Mary Ann Fox	Volleyball	Deer Park
Rory Fox	Volleyball	Deer Park
Jon Godby	Aquatics	Houston
Alan Hirshman	Golf	Houston
Diane Jones	Soccer	Baytown
Kenneth Jones	Soccer	Baytown
Barbara Kern	Tennis	Houston
Elizabeth Phillips	Unified Flag Football	Baytown
Chuck Russell	Unified Flag Football	Baytown
Stacy Saxon	Soccer	Baytown
Cathy Schreiber	Bocce	Houston
Donald Wolf	Athletics	Katy

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