



Dear Parents and Guardians,

For 50 years, Special Olympics has been committed to our mission of providing year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This gives them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with other families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

The Young Athletes Program TM is a sports development program for 2-7 year old's that uses simple equipment, activities, games and songs. The program can be used at home, in schools and in the community. It is a high-impact early childhood motor development program that delivers significant gains in not only physical, but also social, emotional and cognitive development. Parental consent is needed to participate, as these young athletes are considered "Athletes in Training".

Your child has been selected to participate in the Young Athletes Program TM (YAP) at their school. Attached is a Parental/Guardian Release Form. Please fill it out completely and return to your athlete's teacher or coach. This will allow your athlete to participate in this exciting program!

If you would like more information about Special Olympics or the Young Athletes Program TM, please visit our website at www.sotx.org/program/young-athletes, or call 512-491-2951.

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