

Special Olympics Young Athletes

What does every child want? The chance to kick a ball, to throw it well, to share that success with family members. What does every child with intellectual disabilities want? The exact same thing.

Special Olympics Young Athletes is a sport and play program for children with and without <u>intellectual disabilities</u> (ID), ages 2 to 10 years old. Young Athletes introduces basic sport skills, like running, kicking and throwing. Young Athletes offers families, teachers, caregivers and people from the community the chance to share the joy of sports with all children. Children of all abilities take part and they all benefit.

Children learn how to play with others and develop important skills for learning. Children also learn to share, take turns and follow directions. These skills help children in family, community and school activities.

Young Athletes is a fun way for children to get fit especially during the long winter months. It is important to teach children healthy habits while they are young. This can set the stage for a life of physical activity, friendships and learning.

Young Athletes Program Information:

Sponsored by: Neenah Schools Special Olympics, led by Coach Chad Oeftger and Jenni Oeftger

When: Wednesday Evenings

Time: 4:30-5:30 PM

Duration of Program: Starts January 18th through March 29th, no class March 1st

Where: Washington Elementary School

Cost: Free

If you are interested in having your child participate in this program, please contact Jenni Oeftger at joeftger@neenah.k12.wi.us or 920-637-0886. She will send you the registration form.

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