



ALPs Mentor

Special Olympics Montana's Mission Statement: The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

Program Overview: Through sports training and competitions, Special Olympics helps people with intellectual disabilities achieve joy, acceptance and success. They gain the confidence that comes with achievement. They feel empowered. Our Athlete Leadership Programs (ALPs) can take athletes even farther -- as leaders and spokespeople respected in their communities. Special Olympics Athlete Leadership Programs (ALPs) allow athletes to explore opportunities for greater participation in our movement beyond sports training and competition: as coaches, officials, team captains, spokespeople and Board and committee members.

Position Overview: The **Athlete Leadership Program (ALPs) Mentor** advocates for athlete leaders by providing support to their respective Global Messenger (athlete leader) in the preparation of a presentation and the arrangement of speaking opportunities.

Key Responsibilities

- Attend a Global Messenger Training workshop
- Work with Global Messenger in preparation for each presentation
- Arrange a minimum of four (4) presentations annually for Global Messenger (recommended one per quarter)
- A minimum of the four annual events needs to be scheduled at a venue NOT previously arranged by our local GM teams.
- Transportation of Global Messenger to and from speaking event
- Completion and Submission of Presentation Report Form to ALPs Coordinators
- Write a thank you letter on behalf of you and the speaker to the organizers of the speaking engagement
- Attendance of Team Practice Session once per quarter
- Supply Global Messenger Coordinator with suggestions for improvement of the program.

Qualifications:

- Commitment to the mission and philosophy of Special Olympics
- Ability to work with Special Olympics athletes
- Good organizational skills
- Good oral and written skills
- Time to help Global Messenger prepare for presentations

Benefits:

- Join the dynamic team of Special Olympics Volunteers.
- Make a difference in your community by helping people understand the role Special Olympics plays in the lives of athletes.

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- Meet new people and have fun while serving your community.
- Participation on a team that is working to advance the mission of Special Olympics Montana.
- Participate in training opportunities.
- Work closely with athletes to help them develop leadership skills.



Support: ALPs Mentors will report directly to the Area ALPs Coordinator(s). The ALPs Coordinator will create an accommodating schedule, an orientation to the program and training opportunities.

Commitment: **There is a minimum 12 month commitment for this position.** All ALPs Mentors will be required to participate in a 2 day Athlete Leadership Training program.

Location: Five Valleys – Meetings and events are held in Missoula.

Sustained Outcome: ALPs Mentors work to further the mission of Athlete Leadership Programs which empower athletes to develop leadership skills and utilize their voices to assume meaningful leadership roles, influence change in the Special Olympics movement, and educate communities around the world that results in positive life changes.

Title:	Area:	SOMT Department:
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