



The innovative Special Olympics Young Athletes program offers a group program throughout the year at the Special Olympics Rhode Island Headquarters in Smithfield.

The Young Athletes is an innovative sports play program for children with intellectual disabilities, designed to introduce them to the world of sports prior to Special Olympics eligibility at age eight.

Young Athletes introduces children with intellectual disabilities and their families to the world of Special Olympics by pursuing the following goals:

- Engage children with intellectual disabilities through developmentally appropriate play activities designed to foster physical, cognitive and social development
- Welcome family members of children with intellectual disabilities to the Special Olympics network of support
- Raise awareness about the abilities of children with intellectual disabilities through inclusive peer participation, demonstrations and other events.

### **Young Athletes Program-Group Activities**

#### **Location**

Special Olympics Rhode Island Headquarters  
370 George Washington Highway, Smithfield, RI 02917

#### **Spring 2019 Schedule**

Saturday Morning Programs

Session 1 (9:00am)

Session 2 (10:00am)

#### ***March 16 (9:00am) Parent Meet & Greet***

March 23, 30

April 6, 13, 27

May 5 (Bryant University – Northern Area Games)

May 11, 18

May 31 (Opening Ceremonies at State Summer Games, URI)

**For registration or more information please contact:**

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**Space is limited to 12 per session.**