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Special Olympics Athletes from Across NJ Prepare for Their Biggest Competition of the Year

Opening Ceremonies kick off Summer Games festivities at Sovereign Bank Arena

LAWRENCEVILLE – From June 6 thru 8 The College of New Jersey in Ewing will once again host competition of the Special Olympics New Jersey Summer Games. The event is the largest Special Olympics competition of the year with more than 2,200 athletes competing and thousands of coaches, volunteers and spectators participating in the weekend's activities.

This year's festivities kick off with the Opening Ceremony at Sovereign Bank Arena in Trenton, Friday, June 6 at 7:30 p.m. Athletes and coaches will parade into the arena where they will be addressed by dignitaries and special guests. The ceremony concludes with members of the law enforcement community carrying the Special Olympics torch into the arena where the cauldron will be lit to officially open the Games.

On Saturday and Sunday, athletes will compete in Aquatics, Bocce, Gymnastics, Powerlifting, Softball, Tennis and Track & Field on TCNJ's campus. The athletes, many of whom train and compete year round, have been preparing for this competition since early this year. Competition will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

FlagHouse, Inc. is a proud partner of Special Olympics New Jersey and for the third year in a row will host the athlete's sports park. This is an area where the athletes engage in games and recreational activities between competitions. FlagHouse employees volunteer to participate in the sports park area and engage with the athletes.

All events are free and open to the public. For a full schedule of events, or to learn more, visit www.sonj.org, or call (609) 896-8000.

About FlagHouse, Inc.

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For a list of athletes competing in your county, please contact Doreen Pustizzi, Director of Communications, at (609) 896-8000, or e-mail dlp@sonj.org.

About SONJ: Special Olympics New Jersey provides 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.