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WELCOME TO 2011 STATE WINTER GAMES

January 21, 2011

Welcome to 2011 State Indoor Winter Games; where the largest number of athletes and coaches that we've had at State Indoor Winter Games in Cobb County will compete this weekend. That's about 2,500 Special Olympics Georgia (SOGA) athletes and coaches from across the state are here this weekend to compete in basketball, three-on-three basketball, ice skating, basketball skills, gymnastics, floor hockey, bowling, roller skating and powerlifting.

Let's cheer on the athletes, as they do their personal best, show joy and courage during competition on an equal playing field. And they will inspire us to do the same in our lives every day.

Thank you to the volunteers who work throughout the weekend to make the games a success. The Winter Games Management Team members have worked hard to offer the athletes the best facilities, and provide an unforgettable experience.

Another huge thanks goes to the law enforcement officers here with us tonight at Opening, as they represent the largest grassroots fundraiser called the Law Enforcement Torch Run in its 25th year. Also, tonight, please congratulate the three very important people being recognized tonight as our Distinguished Service Award winners, which is SOGA's highest annual honor.

Thank you to Winter Games presenting sponsor Stadion Money Management and other sponsors, individuals and foundations who helped make this year's games successful. The games wouldn't be possible without you. To the City of Marietta and to Cobb County, thank you for your effort and dedication to SOGA's mission of providing athletic training and competition to children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer

About tonight's Opening Ceremony

Welcome: Bryan Davis, Chairman of the Board

Master of Ceremony: MOBY, Radio Personality, President of Atlanta-based MOBY Enterprises, Inc.

Welcome on behalf of Cobb County: David Hankerson, Cobb County Manager Invocation: Minister Terrence Johnson, Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Grand Marshal: World Games Athletes

Parade of Athletes: Led by World Games Delegates, escorted by athletes from Georgia Tech, Kennesaw

State University, and Pageant Title Holders

Presentation of Colors: Knights of Columbus, District of Georgia **National Anthem:** Marcus White, Cobb County Sheriff's Department

Check presentation and Distinguished Service Awards and Sponsor Recognition: Georgia Milton-

Sheats, CEO and Joe Ruiz, The UPS Foundation

Entertainment: Joanna Maddox, Diva performing Tina Turner

Official Oath: James Watts, Jr.

Entertainment: Lassiter High School Dance Team

Athlete Oath: Chris Currere and Steve Beard, Vice President of Marketing, Stadion Money Management

Entertainment: Officer Quiton Williams, Cobb County Sheriff's Department

Lighting of the Torch: Top 5 Fundraising Torch Run Departments: (Emceed by Brenda Reid 1. Johns Creek Police Department and Athlete Ashley Lebovitz

Of Publix Super Markets)

2. Chatham County Sheriff's Office and Athlete Chris Currere

Kennesaw Police Department and Athlete Daniel Hester
 MARTA Police Department and Athlete Erin Hoffman

5. Marietta Police Department and Athlete Paul Partus

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The Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) is excited to be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of this event in 2011. The Law Enforcement Torch Run is an international movement that raised over \$38 Million in 2010! Here in Georgia, the Torch Run is looking forward to bringing the "Flame of Hope" throughout the state for the most memorable year yet!

The Torch Run involves law enforcement officers from across the state who work year-round to raise funds and awareness for over 23,000 SOGA athletes. The Torch Run is so much more than just a run. Officers are highly involved in raising both funds and awareness - from sitting on top of a Krispy Kreme Doughnut Shop for 60 hours, to plunging into the chilly water of Lake Lanier in the middle of winter, to waiting on tables at a restaurant near you. These officers work hard year round in order to go above and beyond the call of duty to help those in their communities. Officers carry the "Flame of Hope" into the opening ceremony of the State Winter, Summer, and Fall Games each year. The Top Five fundraising departments have the honor of carrying in the "Flame of Hope" during these games and lighting the cauldron.

The Presenting Sponsor of the Law Enforcement Torch Run is Publix Super Markets. Each January, they sell torch icons at their registers to raise significant funds for our programming. Please be sure to visit Publix and the other sponsors of the Law Enforcement Torch Run and thank them for their support.



Freezin' for a Reason! Polar Plunge!

Be sure to check out and participate in our newest event on Saturday, February 19, 2011 - the 2nd Annual Polar Plunge at Lake Lanier Islands Beach & Water Park. Join others as they plunge for a cause and freeze for a reason! For more information and learn how YOU can participate, visit www.PolarPlungeGA.com



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Friday, January 21, 2011

3:00 pm - 3:00 pm -	5:00	pm	Agency Check-in at Hotels Family Hotel Check In (Hampton Inn)
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm -		•	Southeast Powerlifting Weigh-In at Civic Center Family Dessert Social

6:45 pm - 7:15 pm Opening Ceremony Line-up

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Opening Ceremony 8:45 pm - 9:45 pm Coaches Meeting

(Cobb Aquatics Center behind Civic Center)

at Cobb Gymnastics Center (behind the Civic Center)

8:45 pm - 10:15 pm Kick –Off Dance 11:00 pm Curfew / Lights Out

Saturday, January 22, 2011

6:00 am -	8:00 am	Breakfast in Hotels
9:00 am -	3:30 pm	Healthy Hearing & Health Promotion at
		Marietta Middle (near Olympic Town)
8:00 am -	10:00 pm	All Competitions
9:00 am -	7:00 pm	Southeast Powerlifting Competition
10:00 am -	4:00 pm	Olympic Town at Marietta Middle
11:00 am -	3:00 pm	Lunch at Marietta Middle

Sunday, January 23, 2011

5:00 pm - 8:00pm

6:00 am - 8:00 am Breakfast in Hotels 8:00 am - 11:00 am Competition

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Dinner at Marietta Middle





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