

# 2023 SUMMER GAMES OPENING CEREMONIES

**DATE:** Wednesday, May 17, 2023      **LOCATION:** Gallagher Iba Arena - OSU

**TIME:** Doors open @ 6:30 pm / Opening Ceremonies begin @ 7:30 pm

**Parade of Athletes Staging begins @ 6:30 pm on the North Portico outside Gallagher Iba**

## PARADE OF ATHLETES

Athletes will represent the 14 Special Olympics Areas in Oklahoma. Each Team registered for the Games will select **1 athlete** from their team who will represent their team in the Parade of Athletes.

## PARADE STAGING

Parade athletes (*1 athlete per team only*) need to report to the North Portico off Hall of Fame beginning @ 6:30pm (*no earlier please*) where they'll be taken to be staged with their Area.

**\* NO Team banners or signs are allowed for the Parade.**

## The Area Programs of Special Olympics Oklahoma:

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| 1 - <b>Boomer Sooner</b> (Norman & Shawnee)          | 8 - <b>The Capitol</b> (Oklahoma City & Mid-Del)     |
| 2 - <b>Fun Country</b> (Ardmore, Ada & Pauls Valley) | 9 - <b>Little Sahara</b> (Woodward)                  |
| 3 - <b>Cherokee Country</b> (Muskogee & Okmulgee)    | 10 - <b>Kiamichi</b> (McAlester, Broken Bow, Poteau) |
| 4 - <b>Great Plains</b> (Lawton)                     | 11 - <b>Route 66</b> (Weatherford & Yukon)           |
| 5 - <b>Cowboy Country</b> (Stillwater)               | 12 - <b>Grand Area</b> (Bartlesville & Miami)        |
| 6 - <b>Cherokee Strip</b> (Enid)                     | 13 - <b>Red River Area</b> (Durant)                  |
| 7 - <b>Green Country</b> (Tulsa & Broken Arrow)      | 14 - <b>Panhandle Area</b> (Guymon)                  |

## ATHLETE PARADE

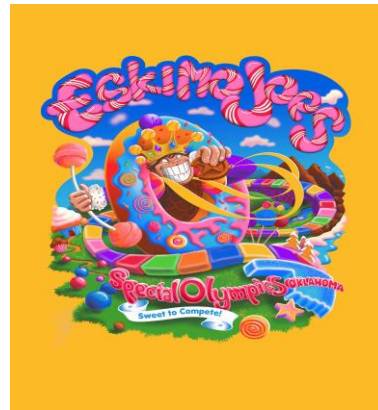
Coach &/or chaperone must accompany their athlete in the Parade, then will take the athlete to join the rest of the Team in the bleacher seats after the Parade is finished.

## ATHLETES in WHEELCHAIRS

Athletes in WC not in the Parade of Athletes will enter & leave the Arena via SE & East doors. Volunteers will direct athletes to their seating on the floor of the Arena.

**ONLY athletes in wheelchairs & their chaperone (1-2 only) may sit on the arena floor.**

The 2023 SG  
Theme will involve →



# More information to come!!!