

The Torch Bearer

The Newsletter of the Law Enforcement Torch Run to Support Special Olympics Wyoming

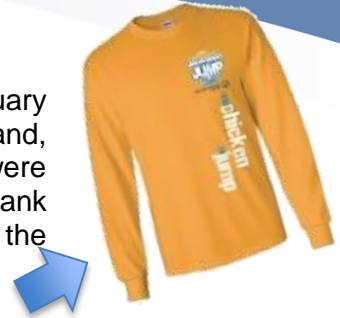


Spring 2017

JACKALOPE JUMP '16



Jackalope Jump season started in Casper on February 17th and wrapped up on April 1st in Rawlins, Wheatland, and Cheyenne. Three of the four largest jumps were managed by the Law Enforcement Community ~ thank you to all those that worked and participated in the 2017 season.



Too chicken to jump? We still have shirts ~ \$ 20.00. Contact [Bill Junge](#) and we'll deliver shirts to Torch Runs or they will be available at Summer Games.



Chief Mike Samp of the University of Wyoming Police Department represented Wyoming as part of the final leg to the 2017 World Winter Games in Austria. Click on the final leg logo for pictures of the ten-day event that brought the Flame of Hope to Opening Ceremonies.

First Ever! Wyoming Liaison Luncheon

The Wyoming Law Enforcement Torch Run to Benefit Special Olympics Wyoming hosted its first liaison luncheon in Casper to kick-off the 2017 Torch Run efforts. Seventeen agencies were represented. The event kicked off with a welcome from athletes Tess Robinson and Lewis Fancher and provided an overview of the Torch Run and its relationship with Special Olympics. The intent is to make this an annual event. Thanks everyone for attending.



Action Items

AVAILABLE NOW



T-SHIRTS

Our Merchandise opportunities are a great way to support fundraising efforts and promote the remarkable relationship that Law Enforcement has with Special Olympics Wyoming.

Click [here](#) for the order form. Two shirts are available.

Merchandise shirts to be sold are printed on dark heather gray in short and long sleeved. The second, a cherry red, are reserved for Law Enforcement participating in the runs.

Also, Pledge sheets are available [here](#)

Area Summer Games are coming up this month:

- April 22nd ~ Area V Games in Casper
- April 28th ~ Area I Games in Cody
- April 28th & 29th ~ Area II Games in Evanston
- April 27th & 28th ~ Area III Games in Cheyenne
- April 27th & 28th ~ Area IV Games in Gillette

May 18th, 19th & 20th ~ State Summer Games in Laramie

Action!

- Contact your Regional Director to see if Officers are needed for Opening Ceremonies or Awards Presentations

And...

That must mean we are gearing up for Torch Runs around the state leading into Summer Games;

Some dates have been set; ****Note schedule is changing every day**, so we will keep the web-site updated with the most current information. Torrington, Wheatland, Sweetwater County, Big Horn Basin have been in touch regarding their runs, so they should be scheduled soon. Click [here](#) to be directed to the LETR page.

Have a Run scheduled?
Let **Priscilla** know and we
will get it added to the
web-site.

- o Friday, April 28th Cody – Contact [Justin Dollard](#) or [Matt Koritnik](#)
- o Monday, May 15th Gillette – Contact [Dan Stroup](#)
- o Wednesday, May 10th Natrona County – Contact [Ty Mower](#) or [Brad Reinhart](#)
- o Thursday, May 11th Lovell – Contact [Matt Koritnik](#)
- o Wednesday, May 17th Douglas – Contact Chief [Ron Casalenda](#)
- o Thursday, May 18th Cheyenne – Contact [Mike Fernandez](#) or [Donnie Heiduck](#)
- o Thursday, May 18th, Laramie – contact Chief [Mike Samp](#), UW PD
- o **Thursday, May 18th – Opening Ceremonies – Laramie High School (new location) – Contact: Chief Mike Samp**



Action!

- Contact your Regional Director to see what's happening in your community.
- Check into attending the Opening Ceremonies in Laramie. The more agencies participating the greater the celebration and we have plenty to celebrate!
 - o If you're coming to Laramie, can you spend extra time and help present awards?
 - o Do you need a room reservation? Contact [Christine](#) at Special Olympics (or call 307.235.3062) and she will reserve a room for you.

Upcoming Fundraising Opportunities



Our inaugural event in 2016 was great. Sheridan and Cheyenne each hosted a pull on the last Saturday in August.

We are gearing up to schedule pulls in 2017 and would like to add at least one more location.

Looking for more information? Check out the web-site for a playbook [here](#).

Pigskin Madness

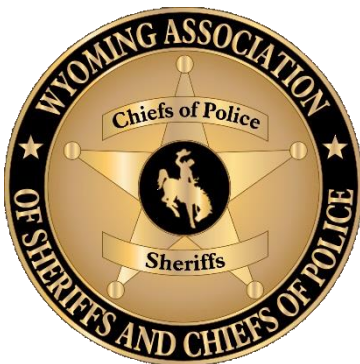
Pigskin Madness is a \$ 20.00 game of chance! Each Ticket has four randomly selected professional football teams for each of the 17 weeks of regular season play. At the end of every week, all the scores on your ticket are added together, and several tickets with the highest (and lowest) total scores win cash prizes.



Tickets will be available to sell in May. Order forms will be available on the [Special Olympics Wyoming website](#).

Special Olympics Wyoming Thanks the 2017 Law Enforcement Torch Run Sponsors

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Silver Medal



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Bronze Medal

Traders Publishing ☆ Lollypops – Saratoga, Wyoming
Memorial Hospital of Converse County ☆ Wyoming Otolaryngology
Salvation Army ☆ Uinta County Meth Coalition ☆ Short Powerline Service

Thank you

April

22nd Area V Games, Casper
28th Cody Torch Run
28th Area I Games, Cody
28th & 29th Area II Games, Evanston
27th & 28th Area III Games, Cheyenne
27th & 28th Area IV Games, Gillette

May

10th Natrona County Torch Run
15th Gillette Torch Run
17th Douglas Torch Run
18th Cheyenne Torch Run
18th Laramie Torch Run
18-20 State Summer Games.



Torch Run Council

State Director: [Matt Koritnik](#)

State Deputy Director: [Mike Samp](#)

Region I: open

Region II: [Frostie Egley](#)

Region III: [Mike Fernandez & Donnie Heiduck](#)

Region IV: [Boot Hill](#)

Region V: [Ty Mower](#)

Special Olympics Athlete: [Lewis Fancher](#)

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