



FOT Fact Sheet



Special Olympics Wyoming is Celebrating 50 Years of Service!

We are gearing up for the **34th Annual Festival of Trees**. This is our largest annual fundraising event; funds raised during this event sustain the organization's programming throughout the year.

The 2022 Festival of Trees is Saturday, December 3, 2022 at the Best Western Downtown Casper. (Formerly Parkway Plaza)

Teddy Bear Tea ~ 1 pm-3 pm with cookies and refreshments donated by Meals on Wheels, Wild Pony Coffee and Dewitt Water Systems.

Donations of Teddy Bears, hats and mittens accepted at the door. Visit and get pictures with Santa. Vote for your favorite decorated tree donated by a local business.

Festival of Trees ~Doors Open at 6 pm. Upon arrival, Special Olympics Wyoming athletes greet guests. Enjoy strolling among beautifully decorated trees and bidding on a selection of live and silent auction items, delicious hors-d'oeuvres provided by local restaurants. The live auction starts at 7 pm with Auctioneer Heidi Foy.

Tickets are \$50 for individuals \$75 for couples. For more information go to www.sowy.org

Since **1972**, our volunteers and staff have been **hosting local, area, and state competitions and sports training for Special Olympics Wyoming athletes**. Our organization offers well-coached Olympic-type sports training and competition for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Through sports, we provide opportunities for athletes to develop physical fitness skills, express courage, experience joy, and participate in the sharing of talents, skills and friendship with their families, friends, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.



Did you know that Special Olympics Wyoming:

- ~Offers programming in every county in Wyoming.
- ~Serves more than 1,600 Wyoming athletes across 16 sports.
- ~Never asks athletes (or their family) to pay to participate.
- ~Annually hosts 5 statewide competitions and many additional area competitions.
- ~Sent a delegation of 45 athletes, coaches, Unified Partners and staff to the 2022 Special Olympics USA Games in Orlando.
- ~Continues to grow and expand programming year after year.

FESTIVAL OF TREES COMMITTEE

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