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"Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

Although the competition is fierce in Special Olympics events, these words are the backbone of what the Games are all about. More than 3,000 athletes will participate in athletic events including basketball, bowling, golf, power lifting, softball, and tennis. Many of the sporting events will take place at various Iowa State University venues, including Jack Trice Stadium and Hilton Coliseum.

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Welcome to the Special Olympics USA National Games news room. This is your hub for Special Olympics National Games news, information, photos, and expert sources.

Events to Cover Saturday, July 8, 2006

At the Des Moines International Airport, the **Cessna Aircraft Company** will again stage an airlift, **one of the largest private airlifts in aviation history**, which will return 1,800 athletes to 30 different home states. A variety of spokespeople will be available for interviews, and photo opportunities will be plentiful.

Schedule: 6 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Location: Airnet Hangar at the Des Moines International Airport - *this hangar is on the south side of the airport and can be accessed off Army Post Road.*

Contacts: Wendy Artman, (920) 819-8968, wartman@groundfloormedia.com; John Shors, (303) 885-3885, jshors@groundfloormedia.com

National Games Media Operations Center

During the National Games, attending media will have access to equipment and information in the Media Operations Center to help them conduct business regarding National Games coverage.

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Media Operations Center Hours of Operation

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Sunday July 2 9 a.m. to Midnight

Monday July 3 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Tuesday July 4 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Wednesday July 5 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Thursday July 6 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday July 7 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Media Credentials

All media attending the National Games and covering the events must be registered and wear media credentials at all times. If you have not registered for credentials, day-passes and credentials may be obtained in the Media Operations Center located in the Cardinal Room of Hilton Coliseum.

If you have questions, please contact:

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BASKING RIDGE, NJ – Sometimes even “Super Mom” needs some help keeping the family connected, especially when work and after-school commitments pull families in several different directions throughout the day. That’s why Verizon Wireless is continuing to lead the industry in offering innovative new services that improve Americans’ lives by launching ChaperoneSM – services that give parents new tools to help identify the whereabouts of their young children’s LG Migo phones, while also providing a means of communication by allowing children to place calls to important contacts with the simple touch of a button on their funky green LG Migo phones.

Based on Global Positioning System (GPS) data, Chaperone is designed to supplement the parameters parents have already established with their children with two options, Chaperone Child Locator and Chaperone with Child ZoneSM. The availability of Chaperone with Child Zone marks the first time a wireless service allows parents to establish predetermined areas in which a child can travel with their Migo phone and automatically alert the parent about the location of the device when it enters or leaves the defined area. Features of these services include:

- Chaperone Child Locator – Once the child is equipped with a new or updated Migo phone and the service is activated on the account, parents can locate their child’s Migo phone from a PC via the Chaperone Web site (www.VerizonWireless.com/Chaperone). Optionally, parents can

download the Chaperone application from the Get It Now[®] virtual store, at no charge, to conduct single location requests for the Migo phone directly from the parent's Verizon Wireless phone. The Chaperone application for parents is available for use on a growing number of Get It Now-enabled phones.

Using this service, parents can:

- Perform single location requests of the Migo phone's whereabouts and display the location of the Migo phone on a map via the Chaperone Web site or the parent's Verizon Wireless phone
 - Program the Migo phone's automatic calling buttons over the air from the Chaperone Web site
 - Customize Chaperone settings, including 'English' or 'Spanish' language, creating a unique name for the child's Migo phone and enabling or disabling the emergency calling button
- Chaperone with Child Zone – Using the Chaperone Web site, a parent can construct an area called a Child Zone around the vicinity of locations that their child frequents (such as school, playgrounds or daycare centers). Different locations can be “zoned” for one time, always on, or for up to 24 hours. When the child arrives or leaves the predetermined area with their Migo phone, the parent is alerted via TXT Message on their Verizon Wireless phone.

Additionally, the Migo phone allows a child to be in quick contact with their parents or other relatives by pressing one of four buttons to speed dial loved ones when the buttons are programmed by their parents, whether they are calling just to say “hello” or in the event a problem occurs. Designed for family communication, the Migo phone allows parents to program up to four important phone numbers, like their home, mobile or work numbers, emergency services, a babysitter or a grandparent, then children can speed dial these “helpers” with the simple touch of a button.

Safety and Security Come First

As a protection against deliberate misuse of the service, Verizon Wireless will sell Chaperone and Chaperone with Child Zone services, through its 2,100 Verizon Wireless Communications Stores and Circuit City retail locations nationwide, through verified agents and through its telesales group. Chaperone is not available for purchase over the Internet. Importantly, Chaperone is only available to Verizon Wireless customers on a Family Share Plan[®] to help restrict unauthorized use of the service.

According to Lee Daniels, director of product development for Verizon Wireless, Chaperone is a service designed for busy families to keep their lines of communication open, while also helping

parents give their children more freedom by giving them a tool to be in touch. “Chaperone provides a connection between parents and their children when they aren’t physically together, and it gives parents an added tool for keeping in contact with their children. If the unexpected happens, a child carrying a Chaperone-enabled Migo phone will be able to quickly get in touch with parents or another responsible adult – and even emergency personnel – who can help,” said Daniels. “It’s just one of the ways that Verizon Wireless is leveraging location-based technology to provide our customers with services that are relevant to their lives.”

Location Based Services (LBS) are enabled by the enhancements Verizon Wireless has made to its award-winning wireless network, allowing consumers to access new services utilizing new GPS data and navigational information which includes VZ NavigatorSM, a tool that provides consumers with access to mapping, audible turn-by-turn directions and the ability to find over 14 million points of interest, and now includes Chaperone. Using GPS and Verizon Wireless’ network, LBS services securely communicates valuable location information across the wireless network based on specific privacy settings that are established by the users and by the network.

In order to access Chaperone, a Verizon Wireless customer must subscribe to Chaperone and then activate the service through a secure, password protected Web site. Specific educational materials and terms of use are available to customers and were designed to assist parents and children use Chaperone in an informed and responsible manner. Chaperone is only available to Verizon Wireless customers on a Family Share Plan to help restrict unauthorized use of the service.

Chaperone Purchase and Pricing

To purchase Chaperone, parents first need to subscribe to a Verizon Wireless Family Share Plan and must have a Migo phone on that account. Parents can add the basic Chaperone Child Locator for \$9.99 monthly access per line or add Chaperone Child Locator and Chaperone with Child Zone for \$19.99 monthly access per line.

Devices

The Migo phone is specifically designed for the capabilities and tastes of young children (between five and nine years old). With its striking green handset, the Migo phone has four programmable call buttons and one pre-programmed emergency call button, making it easy for children to call responsible adults quickly. Parents can easily program the call buttons using the Chaperone Web site. The Migo phone is available from Verizon Wireless for \$49.99 with a new two-year customer agreement.

Customers who previously purchased a Migo phone and would like to experience the benefits of Chaperone can stop into a Verizon Wireless Communications Store with their Migo phone and receive a free software upgrade which is required to activate the service.

Available Parent Devices

Parents who want to access location information about their children via their Verizon Wireless handset have a variety of devices to choose from, including the LBS-capable The V (LG VX9800) and Motorola V3c RAZR. Additional non-LBS-capable devices include: the LG VX4700, LG VX6100, LG VX7000, LG VX8100, LG VX5200, the Motorola E815, Samsung SCH-a970 and the Samsung SCH-a950. Information about these handsets is available on the Verizon Wireless Web site at www.VerizonWireless.com/Chaperone.

For more information about Verizon Wireless products and services, visit a Verizon Wireless Communications Store, call 1-800-2 JOIN IN or go to www.VerizonWireless.com.

(EDITORS NOTE: Broadcast-quality B-Roll and high-resolution stills of Chaperone phones and the educational video from Verizon Wireless are available online. Log on to Verizon Wireless' Multimedia Library at www.verizonwireless.com/multimedia to preview and request video segments, which can be received in newsrooms digitally, by tape or via satellite, or to request images.)

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About Verizon Wireless

Verizon Wireless owns and operates the nation's most reliable wireless network, serving 53 million voice and data customers. Headquartered in Basking Ridge, NJ, Verizon Wireless is a joint venture of

Verizon Communications (NYSE:VZ) and Vodafone (NYSE and LSE: VOD). Find more information on the Web at www.verizonwireless.com. To preview and request broadcast-quality video footage and high-resolution stills of Verizon Wireless operations, log on to the Verizon Wireless Multimedia Library at www.verizonwireless.com/multimedia.

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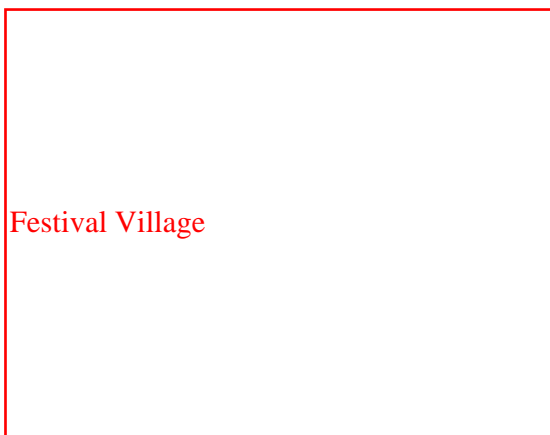
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Festival Village will be hosted in Hilton Coliseum from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. July 3-6.

Festival Village is the central headquarters for Games attendees, guests, family members, press and the general public. At Festival Village, everyone is welcome to enjoy high energy stage entertainment three times each day, get involved with interactive games and activities, visit sponsor exhibits and enjoy food venues.



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[Cessna Aircraft Company](#) has announced the launch of its fifth massive Citation Special Olympics Airlift. Cessna Citation owners will come together to transport more than 2,500 Special Olympics athletes and coaches from approximately 35 states to Des Moines International Airport on July 1, 2006.

Corporations and individual Citation owners and operators donate their Citation business jets, pilots, and fuel to transport athletes to the Games. A Special Olympics Citation will land or take off every 60-90 seconds during a 12-hour period. After the conclusion of the National Games on July 8, the Special Olympics Citation fleet will return to Des Moines to pick up the athletes and return them to their homes. Citations will travel approximately one-and-a-half to three hours each way, and each Citation will transport four to seven athletes plus one coach or sponsor.

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Activity	Date	Start Time	End Time	Venue
Volunteer Village	June 30	8:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	Wallace-Wilson Commons
Athlete Arrival Day	July 1	6:00 a.m.	10:00 p.m.	Des Moines/Ames
Volunteer Village	July 1	8:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	Wallace-Wilson Commons
Families Registration Open	July 1	Noon	7:00 p.m.	1st Floor Scheman Building
National Symposium	July 1	8:00 a.m.	5:30 p.m.	Gateway Hotel & Conference Center
Volunteer Village	July 2	8:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	Wallace-Wilson Commons
Families Registration	July 2	10:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.	1st Floor Scheman Building
Healthy Athletes Screening Opens	July 2	10:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	2nd Floor Scheman Building
Congressional Hearing	July 2	1:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	Benton Auditorium Scheman Building
Opening Ceremonies	July 2	7:30 p.m.	10:00 p.m.	Hilton Coliseum
Volunteer Village	July 3	6:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	Wallace-Wilson Commons
Families Center	July 3	7:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.	167-179 Scheman Building
Competition - Divisioning Rounds	July 3	8:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	All Venues
Healthy Athletes Screening	July 3	10:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	2nd Floor Scheman Building
Festival Village Opens	July 3	10:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	Hilton Coliseum
Young Athletes Program Demonstration	July 3	11:00 a.m.	12:00 noon	Festival Village / Hilton Coliseum
Volunteer Village	July 4	6:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	Wallace-Wilson Commons
Families Center	July 4	7:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	167-179 Scheman Building
Competition-All Sports	July 4	8:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	Sports Venues
Healthy Athletes Screening	July 4	10:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	2nd Floor Scheman Building
Festival Village	July 4	10:00 a.m.	10:00 p.m.	Hilton Coliseum
Ames Community Celebration & Fireworks	July 4	6:00 p.m.	10:00 p.m.	Iowa State Center
Volunteer Village	July 5	6:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	Wallace-Wilson Commons
Families Center	July 5	7:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.	167-179 Scheman Building
Competition-All Sports	July 5	8:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	Sports Venues
Healthy Athletes Screening	July 5	10:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	2nd Floor Scheman Building


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Festival Village	July 5	10:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	Hilton Coliseum
Family Forum	July 5	7:00 p.m.	9:00 p.m.	Benton Auditorium-Scheman Building
Volunteer Village	July 6	6:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	Wallace-Wilson Commons
Families Center	July 6	7:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.	167-179 Scheman Building
Competition-All Sports	July 6	8:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	Sports Venues
Healthy Athletes Screening	July 6	10:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	2nd Floor Scheman Building
Festival Village	July 6	10:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	Hilton Coliseum
Volunteer Village	July 7	6:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	Wallace-Wilson Commons
Families Center	July 7	7:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.	167-179 Scheman Building
Competition-All Sports	July 7	8:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	Sports Venues
Healthy Athletes Screening	July 7	10:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	2nd Floor Scheman Building
Closing Ceremonies	July 7	7:30 p.m.	9:00 p.m.	Hilton Coliseum
Athletes Depart	July 8	6:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	Ames/Des Moines
Volunteer Village	July 8	6:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	Wallace-Wilson Commons

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The Law Enforcement Torch Run Final Leg

The Final Leg tradition is for law enforcement officers, representing their state, to act as “Guardians of the Flame” and carry the Special Olympics torch “Flame of Hope” to the Opening Ceremonies of the Special Olympics National Games. This torch run event is called the Final Leg because it is the culmination of Torch run events that have occurred throughout the United States.

The Torch Run Final leg is not only a salute to the athletes from around the U.S. who will compete in the USA National Games, but also an honor for the participating law enforcement officers who comprise the Torch Run Final Leg Team. The [Final Leg Team](#) (approximately 110 strong) includes law enforcement runners, Special Olympic athletes and Support Team members.

Schedule of Events

Saturday, June 24 – Lighting of the Flame, Soldier Field, Chicago, Ill (Home of the first Special Olympics competition) Sunday, June 25 – “Flame of Hope” will cross the Mississippi River into Iowa Monday, June 26 – Saturday, July 1 – The Torch Run Final Leg team will split into three separate teams and carry the flame across Iowa Sunday, July 2 – The Torch Run Final Leg team will carry the Flame of Hope to Hilton Coliseum for the Opening Ceremony of the 2006 USA National Games. The Torch will then be handed over to a Special Olympics athlete who will light the cauldron at the Opening Ceremony, marking the opening of the Games.

See [schedule details](#).

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How can you be involved?

4-H Clubs, FFA Chapters, Community Service Organizations such as Kiwanis, Rotary International, church groups are invited to participate in the event in their community.

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Community Celebration

The City of Ames and Story County invite athletes, coaches, friends and families of the 2006 Special Olympics USA National Games to participate in the area 4th of July activities for a truly memorable 4th of July experience!

Please join us in a fun-packed day of entertainment that will create lifetime memories for everyone!

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Welcome Families!

Family Services will highlight and celebrate the experience of family members of Special Olympics athletes attending the first ever 2006 Special Olympics USA National Games. Family members' experiences will be enhanced through increased opportunities for interaction with the community and other families.

Families will:

- receive accurate, timely, and complete pre-games information
- enjoy a safe and inviting environment at all family venues (non-competition) and ceremonies so families feel welcome and can enjoy all aspects of the Games
- experience an atmosphere befitting a high level national competition by providing special opportunities not available to general spectators and volunteers.

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Media Registration

Welcome to the media registration site for the 2006 Special Olympics USA National Games. The National Games—a first of its kind event—will be held July 2-7, 2006 in Ames, Iowa, on the Iowa State University campus.

Please take a moment to provide us with your credentials and other registration information. If you have any questions, or need additional background at this time, please contact John Shors at jshors@groundfloormedia.com or 303.885.3885.

[Click here to register](#) as an attending member of the media.

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The city of [Ames](#) and [Iowa State University](#) welcome you to Ames, Iowa for the first ever Special Olympics USA National Games.

Ames has a lot to offer visitors, including numerous lodging and dining choices, as well as an indoor mall and a delightful downtown shopping area in the heart of the city. Ames also offers visitors an excellent citywide transportation system.

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The following sports will be offered during the games:

Aquatics Events Selection

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| Category 1 | 25 freestyle, 25 backstroke, 4x25 freestyle relay, 4x25 medley relay |
| Category 2 | 25 butterfly, 25 backstroke, 25 breaststroke, 50 butterfly, 50 breaststroke, 50 freestyle, 50 backstroke, 50 breaststroke, 100 freestyle, relays* |
| Category 3 | 100 freestyle, 100 backstroke, 100 butterfly, 100 breaststroke, 100 individual medley, 200 individual medley, 200 backstroke, 200 breaststroke, 200 freestyle, 400 freestyle, 400 individual medley, 800 freestyle, relays* |

*Relays offered: 4x25 freestyle, 4x25 medley, 4x50 freestyle, 4x50 medley, 4x100 freestyle, 4x100 medley

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Basketball Events Selection

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Team Competition Male, Unified Sports

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Bocce Events Selection

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Doubles

Team (4 person)

Unified Sports Doubles

Unified Sports Team (4 person)

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Monday, July 3 – Thursday, July 6

Singles	Male, Female
Doubles	Male, Female, Mixed
Team(4 person)	Male, Female, Mixed

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Monday, July 3 – Wednesday, July 5

Level 1	Individual skills competition
Level 2	Alternate shot team play – 9-hole
Level 3	Unified Sports team play- 18-hole
Level 4	Individual Stroke Play- 9-hole
Level 5	Individual Stroke Play- 18-hole

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Monday, July 3 and Wednesday, July 5

Men's Events (Level 1,2,3, or 4)	Floor Exercise, Pommel Horse, Rings, Vaulting, Parallel Bars, Horizontal Bar, All Around Competition
Women's Events (Level 1,2,3,or 4)	Vaulting, Uneven Bars, Balance Beam, Floor Exercise, All Around

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Tuesday, July 4 and Thursday, July 6

Level 1	Rhythmic, Floor exercise, Hoop, Ball, Ribbon, All Around
Level 2	Rope, Hoop, Ball, Ribbon, All Around
Level 3	Rope, Hoop, Ball, Ribbon, All Around
Level 4	Rope, Hoop, Ball, Ribbon, All Around

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Powerlifting Events Selection

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Bench Press

Deadlift

Squat

Combination (Bench and Deadlift)

Combination (Bench, Deadlift and Squat)

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Soccer Events Selection

Monday, July 3 – Friday, July 7

5 – A- Side Team

Unified Sports 5 – A- Side Team

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Softball Events Selection

Monday, July 3 – Friday, July 7

Slow Pitch Team Competition

Unified Sports Slow Pitch Team Competition

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Tennis Events Selection

Monday, July 3 – Friday, July 7

Individual Skills

Singles

Doubles (Male, Female, Mixed, Unified)

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Track and Field Events Selection

Monday, July 3 – Friday, July 7

- Category 1 100m, 200m, 400m Wheelchair race, Wheelchair Shotput
50m, 50m Walk, 100m Walk, Softball Throw, Standing Long
Jump
- Category 2 400m Walk, 800m Walk, 1500m Walk, Shotput, Relays
- Category 3 100m, 200m, 400m, Relays, Shotput, Long Jump, High
Jump, Pentathlon
- Category 4 400m, 800m, 1500m, Relays, Shotput, Long Jump, High
Jump
- Category 5 1500m, 3,000m, 5,000m, 10,000m, Long Jump, Relays

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Volleyball Event Selection

Monday, July 3 – Friday, July 7

Men's and Women's Team Competition

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MATP Exhibition Events

Monday, July 3 – Wednesday, July 5

Basketball, Volleyball, Dice Bowling, Ball Darts, Croquet, Golf, Ball Darts, Bocce

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Bocce	Lied Recreation Center
Bowling	AMF Des Moines
Golf	Ames Golf and Country Club Coldwater Golf Links
Gymnastics	Ames High School
MATP	Lied Recreation Center
Powerlifting	Stephens Auditorium
Soccer	Iowa State Soccer Field
Softball	River Valley Softball Complex
Tennis	Forker Tennis Courts
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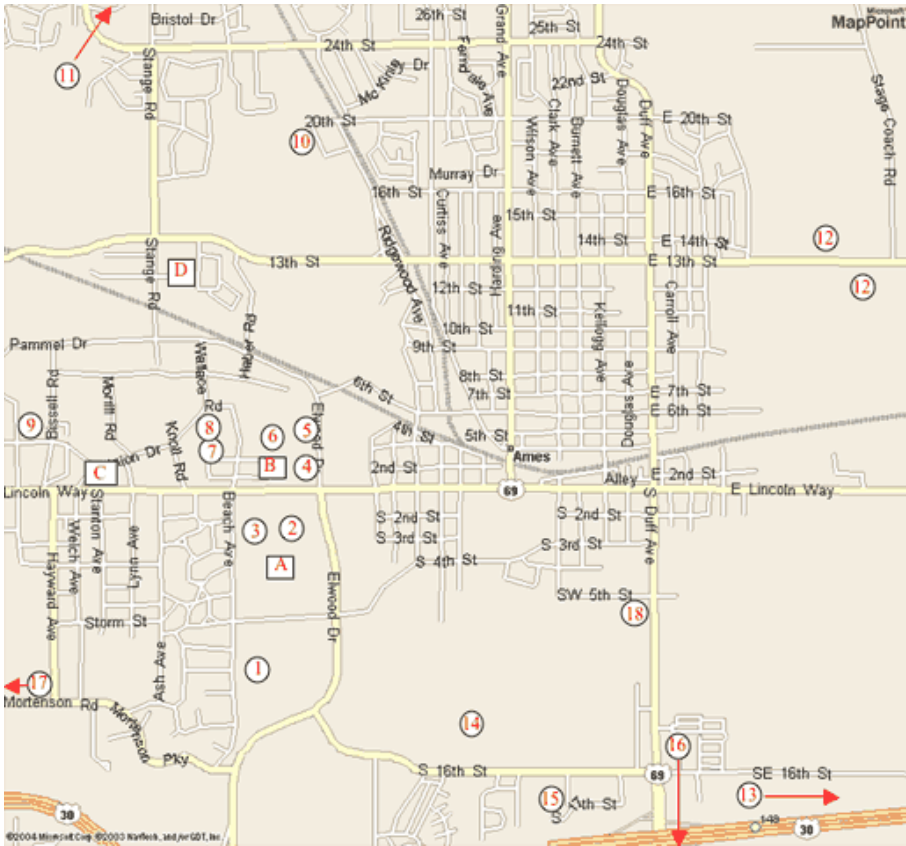
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| 4. Maple Willow Larch Rec Fields | 12. North and South River Valley Softball |
| 5. Iowa State Soccer Stadium | 14. Coldwater Golf Links |
| 6. Lied Recreation | 15. Ames Racquet & Fitness Club |
| 7. Forker Tennis Courts | 16. Ballard High School |
| 8. Forker Building | 17. Ames Middle School |
| 9. Beyer Hall | 18. AMF, Des Moines |

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| A. Iowa State Center | C. Memorial Union |
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Volunteer Orientation & Training

Volunteer Orientation & Training (o/t) is crucial to the success of the Games! O/T will be conducted in a comprehensive manner ensuring that all volunteers are well-trained and empowered to carry out their duties and tasks for this first-ever National event.

Proper training of volunteers stems from concern for the well-being and safety of athletes participating in the National Games. Thoroughly and properly trained volunteers equals a smooth operation, empowered personnel making informed decisions, and a satisfying experience with will encourage and prompt further involvement within the program.

Volunteer Online Orientation & Training

The Volunteer Management team has made the Orientation & Training available for volunteers who are unable to attend the in-person sessions in June. Volunteers will need to read through the [Orientation & Training manual](#), then submit the required information for our team to review for completion. Consider the process complete unless you hear from a member of the Volunteer team.

We hope you enjoy your time in Ames and look forward to a very rewarding volunteer experience.

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