

#Berlin2022 - Family Newsletter 1

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Dear Families of Special Olympics,

families have always been one of the most important pillars of our inclusive movement. Special Olympics without families - does not exist. As with the sporting togetherness in the garden of the Kennedy's, cohesion and participation is lived in our families and athletes move into the center of the action.

In the next two years, the Special Olympics National Games Berlin 2022 and the Special Olympics World Games Berlin 2023 will take place.

The Special Olympics National Games will be held in **Berlin from June 19 to 25, 2022**. They will be the biggest inclusive sports festival in Germany next year and will give a foretaste of the Special Olympics World Games Berlin 2023 the following year.

We heartily invite you to come to Berlin to accompany your athletes to the competitions. Be there, cheer on the athletes, experience emotional moments at the competitions, the award ceremonies and the supporting program. Meet other families, make new contacts. Use the games to **get to know each other and to exchange experiences**.

The Special Olympics Germany and the Organizing Committee Family Service will work close together and will do everything we can to host the National Games (#Berlin2022) with full passion - for you and with you - true to the motto "**unbeatable together**"!

We look forward to welcoming you as a family to Berlin in June 2022!

The Family Program

Everyone who has ever been there knows it: Special Olympics Games are a great meeting place for athletes, their families and loved ones. A **marketplace of inclusion and togetherness**. By bringing together families with different levels of experience, the Games also serve as a network for those who have less or little knowledge. Here, our approach goes beyond the guiding theme of "unbeatable together": families are there for families - they meet, support each other and benefit from each other.

Therefore, as in the past, there will be an extensive, colorful family program during the National Games. We would like to put together an **interactive program for you** and explore the city together, exchange ideas, network and cheer on all the athletes! Our ambition is for everyone to participate in the sports events and enjoy the days.

We will keep you informed about the registration and the program.

The Family Service Team for #Berlin2022 is here for you now!



Your Family Service Team from left to right:
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Let's become friends. Together, we'll keep you regularly updated through various communication channels and make sure you're informed in a timely and accurate manner. To do this, we will all work closely together: Regional SO Family Coordinators, National Family Coordinators, and SO Germany Family-Services.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.
You can reach us now at: family.services@berlin2023.org.