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**Special Olympics Northern Santa Barbara County  
Spring/Summer Sports Season**

The Special Olympics Northern Santa Barbara County spring/summer sports season will kick off in mid-February in both Santa Maria and Lompoc. We will offer aquatics, track & field, basketball, bocce, and golf.

The Special Olympics Northern Santa Barbara County programs are designed to give people with intellectual disabilities the chance to develop physical fitness, sport skills, social skills, and develop increased self-esteem. The minimum age requirement for participation is eight years old; there is no maximum age limit. Also, all Special Olympics Northern Santa Barbara County programs are offered at no cost to our athletes.

Volunteer opportunities are available for the upcoming season, whatever your interests, talents, background and availability!

More information about the program is on the City of Santa Maria's website at <http://www.ci.santa-maria.ca.us/3086.shtml>

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