

At Somerset

Special Olympics Spring Games

The Special Olympics Kentucky Area 6 Spring Games will be held Saturday, April 20, at Meece Middle School in Somerset. The Area meet includes

nearly 225 athletes from Clay, Harlan, Knox, Laurel, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Russell, Wayne and Whitley Counties. The event gets underway with Opening Ceremonies, including the parade of athletes, at 9:45 a.m. The competition begins at 10:15. This is the second consecutive year Meece Middle School has hosted the event.

This is the second of four weekends of the Special Olympics Spring Games season, which concludes May 11 in Louisville. The Area 6 Spring Games is one of eight area track and field meets held statewide this year. In all, more than 1,500 athletes with intellectual disabilities throughout the state will participate in regional track and field competitions, making track and field the largest participation event in the Special Olympics program in Kentucky.

Participants in the Spring Games automatically qualify to compete in the Special Olympics Kentucky State Summer Games to be held May 31-June 2 at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond.

For more information about the Area 6 Spring Games or about the Special Olympics track and field program, contact Special Olympics Kentucky Assistant Program Director Amanda Thomas at 800-633-7403 or via e-mail at athomas@soky.org.

Special Olympics is the world's largest program of sports training and competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Participation in competitive events is open to all individuals eight years of age or older. Training and competition in local, area, state, and national programs is offered year-round in Kentucky in 15 sports. In addition to its traditional sports competitions, Special Olympics also offers early childhood programming through the Young Athletes Program and medical screenings through the Healthy Athletes Initiative. Special Olympics Kentucky has been changing the lives of people with intellectual disabilities in Kentucky for 43 years.

Adoptable Shelter Dogs



Hi! My name is Isabella and I am a Lab. I was picked up and brought to the shelter after I was found astray in the Benton Bullock sub-division. I am really sweet and a little shy and I have never met anybody that I didn't love. I would love to find someone that would adopt me into their family and show me the kind of love that I would show them. If you could open your heart to a companion like me then give the Rockcastle Co. Animal Shelter a call @ 256-1833. (kennel #5)



Hello! My name is Buster and I am a Shepherd/Collie mix. I was picked up as a stray on March 14th at Brodhead Elementary School. I had a collar on and a piece of chain attached to it when I was picked up. I thought my owners would come looking for me but they have not so I am now looking for a new home. I am very friendly and playful and I love everybody. I am approx. 1 1/2 years old and I would make a wonderful companion for someone willing to give me a chance. If you could help me, please call the Rockcastle Co. Animal Shelter @ 256-1833. (kennel #1)



Last month, Rockcastle Regional Hospital partnered with Rockcastle County schools for a dime drive for March of Dimes and the event raised \$457. Rockcastle Regional Hospital will have a team in the March of Dimes March for Babies in Somerset on April 27. Pictured above are Brodhead Elementary representatives: James Bailey, Kaitlyn Burgin and Calleigh. Back row: Faith Harris, Justin Bryant and Cynthia Wells.



Roundstone Elementary representatives were: Bryson Atkin, Jace Rogers and Amy Clark. RES came in second place.



Rockcastle County Middle School representatives from the Builders Club were: John Lear, Mackenzie Payne and Sarah Roberts. RCMS came in first place.



PROGRAM OPTIONS

There are two programs in Rockcastle County that offer free early childhood education services to qualifying four year old children. (Three year old children may be eligible with an identified disability.) The programs are: The Rockcastle County Public Preschool and Kentucky River Foothills Head Start.

WHAT TO BRING FOR REGISTRATION

Please bring your child's state birth certificate, social security card, immunization certificate, proof of income and proof of medical coverage (i.e. medical card or insurance card) to register. Call your school with any questions and to make an appointment to register your child.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

The following health requirements must be met in order to enroll in the early childhood program and kindergarten.

- Physical exam
- Blood pressure and lead screening
- Dental exam
- Vision exam
- Immunizations

Early Childhood & Kindergarten REGISTRATION & SCREENING

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for **Rockcastle County Public Preschool**, your child must be 4 years old by October 1st and meet one of the following requirements:

1. Be eligible for Free Lunch
2. Have a disability
3. Three year olds may be eligible with an identified disability
4. Non-qualifying four year olds may attend the Early Childhood program as space allows

To be eligible for **Head Start**, your child must be 4 years old by October 1st and meet one of the following requirements:

1. Meet Federal Income Guidelines
2. Have a disability
3. Be eligible for Public Assistance (SSI, K-TAP, Child Care Subsidy)
4. Meet guidelines for being considered a homeless family
5. Reside in a foster home

What is a disability?

A delay in one or more of the following areas is considered a disability:

1. Speech and language
2. Large and fine motor
3. Cognitive skills
4. Social and emotional
5. Self-help skills

REGISTRATION DATES

Students will only be enrolled by verifying residence within a school's attendance zone.

Brodhead Elementary School

Early Childhood & Kindergarten

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Tuesday, May 14th – Friday, May 17th

Please make an appointment by calling your school at (606) 758-9756.

Mt. Vernon Elementary School

Early Childhood & Kindergarten

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Tuesday, May 14th – Friday, May 17th

Registration will be located at
Rockcastle Adult Education Center
955 West Main Street Mt. Vernon, KY
Across from the Rockcastle Middle School

Please make an appointment by calling your school at (606) 256-2953.

Roundstone Elementary School

Early Childhood & Kindergarten

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Tuesday, May 14th – Friday, May 17th

Please make an appointment by calling your school at (606) 256-2235.