

# MEDIA ALERT

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**Special Olympics**  
New Jersey



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## **Special Olympics New Jersey 2019 Winter Games**

***Final Winter Games Competitions to Take Place Feb. 4-5 at Mountain Creek Resort, National Winter Activity Center, and Skylands Ice World***

**What:** Special Olympics New Jersey Winter Games final competitions, including alpine skiing, cross-country skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing and speed skating.

**Who:** More than 250 athletes and Unified partners (those without intellectual disabilities) will compete.

**Where:** The alpine skiing and snowboarding events will take place at Mountain Creek Resort, while the cross-country skiing and snowshoeing will be competing at the National Winter Activity Center. Speed skating will be held at Skylands Ice World in Stockholm, NJ on Tuesday only from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.

<b>Mountain Creek Resort</b> 123 Route 94 Vernon, NJ 07462	<b>National Winter Activity Center</b> 44 Breakneck Rd. Vernon, NJ 07462	<b>Skylands Ice World</b> 2765 Route 23 Stockholm, NJ 07460
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**Media Hours:** Media are invited to cover the competition on Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-4:00 pm and Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Media are also encouraged to attend and cover the Opening Ceremony which is supported by Delta Dental, scheduled to take place on the slopes outside the Red Tail Lodge at 7:30 pm on Monday evening. Please call or text Jeremy Davis (908-343-0146) upon your arrival at Mountain Creek to receive credentials and schedules.

**Additional Information on Athletes Competing:** Information including all athletes, their county, hometown, sport and delegation will be available upon request (email [jld@sonj.org](mailto:jld@sonj.org)). Printed copies will be available on-site.

## **ABOUT SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEW JERSEY:**

Special Olympics New Jersey provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in 24 Olympic-type sports for more than 25,000 children and adults with intellectual disabilities, completely free of charge, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community. Visit [sonj.org](http://sonj.org) for more information.

## **ABOUT MOUNTAIN CREEK:**

Located in Vernon, NJ, Mountain Creek is the New York Metro area's premier destination for four-season mountain adventure. Just 47 miles from the George Washington Bridge, Mountain Creek is easily accessible for New York, New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania residents looking for a world-class resort experience. Mountain Creek offers over 167 acres of winter trails spread across four connected mountain peaks. Mountain Creek offers guests 100% night skiing coverage and the region's highest vertical drop at more than 1000'. For more information, visit [MountainCreek.com](http://MountainCreek.com).

## **ABOUT NATIONAL WINTER ACTIVITY CENTER:**

A facility focused on improving lives through winter sports, the National Winter Activity Center is dedicated to improving the lives, health and fitness of youth throughout the nation by providing access to winter sports activities. Established in 2015, this facility is dedicated to providing continuous, progressive instruction and nutritious meals to participants from youth serving agencies from the Tri-State area. Visit [winter4kids.org](http://winter4kids.org) for more information.