



Now introducing ... Special Olympics Delaware Young Athletes Program (YAP)

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Special Olympics Young Athletes Program (YAP) is an innovative inclusive play program for preschool-aged children with intellectual disabilities. The focus is on fun activities that are important to mental and physical growth. In the Young Athletes program, children enjoy games and activities that develop motor skills and hand-eye coordination. They learn new things, play and have lots of fun!

KINDERGARTEN - AGE 7

Special Olympics Young Athletes Soccer Program introduces the sport of soccer to children in Kindergarten through age 7. The focus is on teaching basic soccer skills (dribbling, passing, shooting) through fun activities and games that also develop motor skills and hand-eye coordination. Young Athletes learn new skills and have plenty of fun in the process. At the end of the season, the Young Athletes demonstrate what they've learned at the Special Olympics Delaware Fall Festival with every child receiving a medal for his/her efforts.

Benefits of BOTH Young Athletes Programs

- Helps improve motor skills, and social, emotional, and communication development.
- Helps children build physical strength and social skills.
- Includes children with and without disabilities. Similar-aged siblings are welcome to attend. This builds greater understanding and teaches diversity and acceptance for those with differences, creating a stronger community.
- Opportunity for parents to network.
- Programs meet once a week for an hour in September and October.
- No cost to participate!

How to sign up

Contact Brenda Zullo at bzullo@udel.edu or 302-831-3479 to find out more information about the Young Athletes program in your Area.

