



AMERICAN CIVIL WAR SHOOTING ASSOCIATION (“ACWSA”) MICHIGAN REGION

2nd Annual Charity Event
Hosted by 15th Virginia Cavalry



Special Olympics of Michigan

“Let Me Win, But If I Cannot Win, Let Me Be Brave In The Attempt”

When: **August 13th – 14th, 2011**

Where: **Bluewater Sportsman’s Association**

Event Director: **David “Doc” Mandy** djmandy@wideopenwest.com

Last year’s charity event, which raised thousands of dollars for the National Breast Cancer Foundation, was a huge success thanks to the efforts of our members and the families, friends, and co-workers who supported them.

We have decided to continue the charity event again this year and have selected the Special Olympics of Michigan as the charity. Within this invite is a listing of Special Olympics’ facts. As many of you know, our own David “Doc” Mandy (15th Virginia Cavalry) is closely associated with the Special Olympics. He has been a coach for track and field, floor hockey, snowshoeing, and long distance cross country skiing for over 26 years. Three of the Mandy’s children, including Joshua, compete in the Special Olympics and have been very successful at both the State and National levels. Those of you who have shot smoothbore next to Joshua are probably not surprised by his success as he is quite the competitor.

Following suit with last year’s event, we have slightly increased the entry fees for team events. These additional funds, and all other profits from the shoot, will be 100% donated to the Special Olympics of Michigan. In addition to donating our shoot profits, we will be holding a raffle event with miscellaneous prizes for the winners. Also, back by popular demand, from the kids, will be two siege mortar golf ball launches firing up to 80 numbered golf balls at a time. We will also have the Haack Artillery Canister “Deck of Cards” lottery. The mortar and artillery special events will be run on both Saturday and Sunday with the winner of each event receiving a cash prize.

However, what made last year's event so successful were the individual donations made by our members or their family and friends who sponsored them for the shoot. We will be sending out a separate pledge sheet for your use in obtaining donations. If everyone who came to this shoot was able to obtain even a modest amount of donations, we would be well on the way to surpassing last year's total. Please feel free to be creative in your fundraising efforts. For example, we have one member who has challenged his co-workers to raise \$250 in cash donations in exchange for shaving his beard and head. This approach obviously may not work for everyone, but you get the point. As with all aspects of our operations, we encourage thinking outside of the box.

All checks should be made payable to: "**Special Olympics of Michigan**". Cash donations are also acceptable. The Special Olympics is recognized as tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. 100% of donations are tax-deductible.

Finally, this charitable giving is a unique aspect of our unique organization. It is not only good publicity for the ACWSA, it's also something, that as a member, you can take pride in.

We thank you all in advance for your support.

Things to Note (Please Read)

- Team commanders (or adjutants) only: Please email an estimate of the number of teams you expect to enter in each of the team events. Email Doc at djmandy@wideopenwest.com with a copy to acwsa.michigan@gmail.com. Please reply no later than August 5th.
- Range setup will start approximately at noon on Friday. As always, if you are available to help with setup, please come on out and lend a hand.
- All vehicles should be kept in the parking lot. No parking on the range side of the entry road. We would also like to keep the access road, which runs the length of the range, open for vehicles that need to shuttle supplies to our area of operations.
- Camping will be open on Friday and is free. If you will be coming in late at night, please notify us in advance at acwsa.michigan@gmail.com so we can make sure the gate is open for you. As with the vehicles, camping on the range side of the entry road is also prohibited. The grassy area at the back of the parking lot has plenty of available space for campers.
- Pets and children are welcome, but should be kept under control.
- Climbing any of the range berms is strictly prohibited. At any point in time, any of the other firing ranges may be in use. This is particularly tempting for children. Please make sure they understand the safety issue involved and are not climbing these hills.
- No alcohol is allowed on the range side of the entry road.
- No smoking in front of the ready area safety line. If you have to smoke, we ask that do so well behind the safety line at the rear of the spectator area.
- If you are camping, please take all of your trash with you when you leave.

FACTS ABOUT THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS

www.specialolympics.org

Special Olympics Oath

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- The Special Olympics was started by Eunice and Sargent Shriver and originally began in their backyard as a summer camp for mentally challenged individuals.
- The first World Special Olympic games were held in Chicago in 1968. The most recent World Special Olympics were just finished in Greece this July.
- Over 1.5 million athletes compete in a variety of sporting events in over 90 countries.
- Events include track and field, floor hockey, basketball, baseball, snowshoe, cross-country skiing, speed and figure skating, soccer, cycling, bowling, horse shoes, equestrian, swimming and many others.
- It is funded entirely by private donations. They receive no funds from the United Way or State/Federal government.
- Michigan has the World's largest winter games consisting of 1,000 athletes competing in a variety of winter sports every February in Traverse City.
- Volunteers coach and setup all the competitions.
- Special Olympics offers the opportunity for mentally challenged individuals 8 years old and up to do the following:
 - Train for the sports they love to do – training is year-round.
 - Realize a sense of accomplishment.
 - Competition offers them a chance to go and do things just like the other athletes in the world.
 - Train to build strong bodies and keep physically fit.
 - Provides them with a chance for social skill development and networking with new friends at various competitions.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13th, 2011

FOOD AND DRINK AVAILABLE ON THE RANGE
Courtesy of the Richmond Area Historical and Genealogical Society

No individual practice will be held at this shoot; team events only.

8:00 AM	Registration for all team events opens.
9:00 AM	Registration for Revolver Team ends.
9:15 AM	Revolver Team Commander's meeting.
9:30 AM	Revolver match. (4 events, 4 person teams, \$7.00 per person) One relay. Each team needs to supply one timer/safety. Targeting is to be double hung (Events 1 and 2; Events 3 and 4) <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 10 yard – 12 clay pigeons on a backer.2. 10 yard – 8 4"x4" ceramic tiles.3. 15 yard – 8 hanging metal diamonds.4. 15 yard – 8 hanging metal clovers.
10:30 AM	Registration for Smoothbore Team ends.
10:45 AM	Smoothbore Commander's meeting.
11:00 AM	Smoothbore match. (4 events, 3 person teams, \$7.00 per person) One relay. Each team needs to supply one timer/safety. Targeting is to be double hung (Events 1 and 2; Events 3 and 4) <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 25 yard – 9 clay pigeons on a backer.2. 25 yard – 6 4"x4" ceramic tiles.3. 25 yard – 6 pot and pigeon mix (3 each).4. 25 yard – 6 assorted water bottles.
12:00 PM	Registration for Carbine Team ends.
12:30 PM	Carbine Commander's meeting.
12:45 PM	Carbine match. (5 events, 4 person teams, \$8.00 per person) <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 50 yard – 16 clay pigeons on a backer.2. 50 yard – 8 hanging whirlybirds.3. 50 yard – 8 hanging metal stars.4. 50 yard – 8 hanging metal clovers.5. 50 yard – 8 hanging metal diamonds.
3:15 PM	Charity Golf-ball Mortar and Artillery Canister firings.
3:30 PM	Artillery Match (\$15 per piece; 1 hour match; 12 shots max). 1 Paper target (top 5 shots scored). 5 hanging breakables (5 pts. / hit).
4:45 PM (approx.)	Range closed immediately following conclusion of Artillery.

