

**DATE:** July 20, 2015

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**Special Olympics Washington World Games Send Off**

**Five Washington Athletes Represent Special Olympics USA**

Special Olympics Washington is partnering with Alaska Airlines to host a “Celebration Send Off” for the 5 athletes (Special Olympics USA) competing in the Special Olympics 2015 World Games in Los Angeles, Tuesday, July 21, 5:15 a.m. at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (Alaska Airlines Check-in Area).

**Send Off Details**

**Date:** July 21, 2015

**Time:**  5:15 a.m.: Alaska Airlines employees & Special Olympics supporters gather to welcome the athletes in the Alaska Airlines check-in area

 5:15 a.m.-5:45 a.m.: Athletes & coaches are available for interviews prior to security

 6:30 a.m.: Begin boarding process (Flight 238).

 6:45 a.m. Flight 238 Departs for San Diego

**Location:** Sea-Tac Airport (Alaska Airlines Check-in Area)

**Who:** Special Olympics Washington five World Games Athletes. **Special Note:** Media wishing to follow the athletes through security and to the gate should contact Dan Wartelle.

**World Games Athletes:**

* Conrad Ackerman, Clarkston WA, Aquatics
* Kamilah Williamson, Nine Mile Falls WA, Aquatics
* Jamie Hopper, Yakima WA, Cycling
* Jordan Broderson, Wenatchee WA, Golf
* James Walker, Burlington WA, Cycling

Special Olympics Washington athletes qualified for World Games in Los Angeles by winning gold at the 2014 Washington State Summer Games on Joint Base Lewis McChord. More Information via website: **SpecialOlympicsWashington.org**.

**About the World Games 2015**

With 6,500 athletes and 2,000 coaches representing 165 countries, along with 30,000 volunteers and an anticipated 500,000 spectators, the 2015 Special Olympics World Games – being staged in Los Angeles July 25-August 2, 2015 – will be the largest sports and humanitarian event anywhere in the world in 2015, and the single biggest event in Los Angeles since the 1984 Olympic Games. The 2015 Special Olympics World Games, with the unparalleled spirit, enthusiasm, teamwork, joy and displays of courage and skill that are hallmarks of all Special Olympics events, will feature 25 Olympic-style sports in venues throughout the Los Angeles region. The Opening Ceremony, to be held July 25, 2015 in the historic Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, site of the 1932 and 1984 Olympic Games, is expected to attract 80,000 spectators.

**It’s also easy to follow the World Games:**

= Facebook: [www.Facebook.com/LA2015](http://www.Facebook.com/LA2015)

= Instagram: @LA2015

= Twitter: @LA2015

**=** Type "SOUSA2015" to search for the app in either iTunes or Google Play.

**ESPN Coverage**

**Broadcast Schedule (US):**

**DATE                          SHOW                                                TIME                                       NETWORK**

Thurs., July 23            Countdown to the Special

                                    Olympics World Games with

                                    Robin Roberts                                     6PM PT/9PM ET                    ESPN

Sat., July 25                Countdown to the Special

                                    LIVE: Opening Ceremony                  6 PM PT/9PM ET                   ESPN\*

Sun. July 26                Daily LA2015 Show                            4 PM PT/7PM ET                   ESPN2

Mon. July 27               Daily LA2015 Show                            4 PM PT/7PM ET                  ESPN

Tues. July 28              Daily LA2015 Show                            4 PM PT/7PM ET                   ESPN

Wed. July 29               Daily LA2015 Show                            4 PM PT/7PM ET                   ESPN

Thu. July 30                Daily LA2015 Show                            4 PM PT/7PM ET                   ESPN

Fri. July 31                  Daily LA2015 Show                            4 PM PT/7PM ET                   ESPN

Sat. August 1              Daily LA2015 Show                            1PM PT/4PM ET                    ABC

Sat. August 1              Daily LA2015 Show                            4 PM PT/7PM ET                   ESPN

Fri. August 7                Best of LA2015 Show

                                    (Includes Closing Ceremony)             4 PM PT/7PM ET                   ESPN

Sat. August 8              ABC Sports Saturday:

                                    Best of LA2015 Show                         1 PM PT/4PM ET                   ABC

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