

Checklist for Conducting a Successful Flag Relay Program

Step I. Planning:

- Mark your Calendar**
Check the scheduled dates for the flag being in your District. Each District will have a flag for a period of one week. The relay starts on January 4, 2016 and runs through to mid-May. This culminates with the six flags arriving at the Opening Ceremony of the Special Olympics Provincial School Championships, which will be held in Durham Region from June 1 to 3, 2016.
- Contact Your Councils**
Inform your Councils as to when the Special Olympics flag will be in the District. Invite them to participate in the program. You may also wish to invite the Fourth Degree and Squires to assist you with your program.
- Contact the local Special Olympics**
Special Olympics in your area would be willing to both participate and assist you with your District Flag Relay program.
- Plan Your Activities**
During the week that the Special Olympics flag is in your District, there a number of possibilities as to what you can do.
 - You could have a simple photo-op with the flag, inviting members of your Councils, the Fourth Degree Honour Guard, the athletes from Special Olympics in your area, and others to be a part of this.
 - You may want to have a flag raising event, such as raising the flag up a flag pole at the local school, police station, city hall or anywhere.
 - You could organize an event for the local Special Olympians, such as a Free Throw Competition, an Indoor Soccer Challenge, etc.
 - You could organize a fundraiser during this period of time, such as selling K of C Raffle tickets, conducting a Bottle Drive for Special Olympics, etc.
 - Members of your Councils could volunteer at a local Special Olympics event.

The main goal of the Flag Relay is to raise public awareness of Special Olympics and the involvement and support that the Knights have for this worthwhile cause.

We are also inviting Councils in the Districts to consider including a fundraising component to their program so as to assist the Special Olympics athletes, from schools within their area, with some of the funds necessary to cover the costs they incur in participating in local, regional and provincial competitions.

When conducting your program, please remember to take plenty of pictures of your activities and email them, along with pictures taken of past Special Olympics activities in your District, to Special Olympics Ontario at KOCFlagRelay@specialolympicsontario.com

These photos will be posted on social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) using the hashtag #KOCFlagRelay promoting your activities locally, provincially and around the world.

More information will be available on our website at kofcflagrelay.com