



## Hardwood Palace to Host Special Olympics

**Rocklin, CA— March 27 & 28, 2010** — More than 82 teams and 800 athletes will be competing in the Special Olympics Northern California's two-day Regional Basketball Competition at Hardwood Palace in Rocklin, CA. Volunteer registration begins at 8am, and competition begins at 9am each day. Also, an individual skills contest will commence at 10am on Saturday, March 27, allowing approximately 50 athletes to showcase their talents. Opening ceremonies proceed at noon Saturday, March 27 and at 11:45am Sunday, March 28.

"We are proud to host these athletes and their families at our basketball facility," said Royce Browning, General Manager of Hardwood Palace. "This is also a great way for the community to show their support for Special Olympics."

The first International Special Olympics games were held in Chicago in 1968 with 1,000 athletes competing. Since then, the numbers have multiplied, with the Special Olympics providing year-round sports training and competition for children and adults with developmental disabilities. Each year, Special Olympics Northern California trains more than 13,000 individuals in a variety of Olympic-type sports. The Special Olympics' motto is that every athlete, no matter what their ability, can enjoy sports.

“Watching these athletes perform is inspiring ,” says Browning. For a full schedule of events, log onto [www.sonc.org](http://www.sonc.org) and click on Calendar of Events.

Hardwood Palace is a state-of-the-art 70,000 square-foot sports facility that hosts large-scale basketball, volleyball, and futsal tournaments year-round.

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