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Volunteers sought for this summer?s Special Olympics in?York

York Regional Police is seeking volunteers to support the 2013 Special Olympics Summer Games.

The event, scheduled from July 11 to 14, will be the largest provincial summer games ever held. More than 1,000 athletes, coaches and staff from across Ontario will come to York Region to compete in soccer, softball, golf, rhythmic gymnastics and track and field.

Competitions and special events will be held in each of our nine regional municipalities. Volunteers are needed to fill positions including team ambassadors for each sport, marshals for opening and closing ceremonies, time keepers, golf caddies and track and field timers.

Volunteers are asked to commit at least 16 hours of their time to this worthwhile cause. You must be a minimum of 14 years old to apply and a police background check is required.

Special Olympics Ontario is a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities to become physically fit by offering year-round training and competition in 18 core sports.

More than 18,000 athletes in 1,700 clubs across the province reap the benefits of participating in Special Olympics, which include improved fitness levels, self-confidence, an opportunity to experience and succeed in sport and understand teamwork and leadership.

For further information on this event, please contact York Regional Police Games Manager Karen Richards at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7774. To learn more about the 2013 Special Olympics Summer Games, please visit www.specialolympics2013games.com.