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SPECIAL OLYMPICS SPRING GAMES TO BE HELD AT WEST POINT – April 11, 2016

WEST POINT, N.Y. – More than 825 athletes from Orange, Rockland, Sullivan, Dutchess, Westchester, Putnam and Ulster counties, and more than 650 cadet and community volunteers will gather for the 32nd Annual Hudson Valley Region Spring Special Olympics at West Point, April 23.

The competition kicks off at 10 a.m. with opening ceremonies and a parade of athletes at Shea Stadium. Events will continue through 4 p.m. at the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center, Gillis Field House, and the North Athletic Field. Competitive events featured are Track & Field, Swimming, Power Lifting and Adaptive Games.

Local school districts sending teams to compete include, Monroe-Woodbury, Newburgh, Washingtonville, Valley Central, New Rochelle, Woodlands and West Point.

Omicron Delta Kappa, the Leadership Honor Society at West Point, hosts the event. The U.S. Corps of Cadets Color Guard and the West Point Parachute Team are among those scheduled to participate during the day's activities.

Prior to the day's events, a Torch Run for the 2016 Special Olympics will begin from the Highland Falls Rite Aid parking lot at 9:20 a.m., incorporating a contingent of cadets, community support from the local fire and police departments as well as a motorcycle escort. They will proceed through Highland Falls to Thayer Gate and then to Shea Stadium for the event. Community members are encouraged to line Main Street to cheer on the runners.

The event is free and open to the public. Attendees should enter through Thayer or Stony Lonesome gates. Proper identification will be required upon entering academy grounds and all vehicles are subject to search. Concessions will be available throughout the day.

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