

*Special Olympics Northern California hosted the 2025 Summer Games—our largest annual tentpole event—from Friday, June 27th to Sunday, June 29th in Santa Clara. The event welcomed more than 1,000 athletes and coaches from 35 counties to compete in track & field at Santa Clara High School and swimming, bocce and tennis at Santa Clara University. Along with intense competition, the weekend included free health screenings for athletes, a resource fair, activities for children, and more.*

*Summer Games kicked off with a festive Opening Ceremony featuring Olympians Kerri Walsh Jennings (a Santa Clara native) and Ruthie Bolton, remarks from State Treasurer Fiona Ma and Assemblymember Stephanie Nguyen, and a performance from local band Wonder Bread 5. The event was a high-visibility, multi-day affair that showcased the talent, determination, kindness, and joy of our Special Olympics NorCal community in Santa Clara.*

*During Summer Games, Special Olympics NorCal also partnered with two organizations—Voyager Craft Coffee and Parents Helping Parents—to greatly enhance the experience for the Santa Clara community. These partnerships drove investment in the local economy and provided much-needed resources to Santa Clara families:*

- To celebrate and support the Special Olympics community and the power of sport to change lives, Voyager Craft Coffee is partnering with SO NorCal by offering two products—the specialty Americola drink and Brewed 2 Belong coffee blend—during the summer season, with proceeds going towards SO NorCal. During Summer Games weekend, 100% of the proceeds from all Americola drinks and B2B coffee blends sold went to SO NorCal, driving customers to the Alameda Voyager Craft Coffee located near Santa Clara University.*
- Special Olympics Northern California partnered with Parents Helping Parents, a sister organization that provides various forms of support to families with children who have intellectual disabilities, to organize the first-ever Resource Fair at the 2025 Summer Games. On Saturday, June 28th, the Resource Fair welcomed over 60 vendors and more than 500 attendees, providing critical resources to local families and expanding Summer Games to more members of the Santa Clara community.*

*In addition to these broader partnerships, we housed staff and community members in The Embassy Suites by Hilton, located in the City of Santa Clara.*

*We are deeply grateful for the incredible outpouring of support we received for Summer Games from the greater NorCal community. We sincerely express our heartfelt gratitude to the City of Santa Clara for awarding Special Olympics Northern California a grant through its Community Grant Program, which reflects the city's commitment to supporting nonprofit organizations in the name of inclusion and positive community impact.*