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**Community Unites to Support Special Olympics Nevada Athletes through a
Weekend of Activities**

260 NEVADA ATHLETES TO PARTICIPATE – JUNE 4

STATEWIDE – Some 260 Special Olympics athletes from 10 Nevada delegations will converge on the University of Nevada, Reno Campus on Saturday, June 4 to participate in a remarkable competition and celebration of accomplishment at the 2011 Summer Games. Each athlete has trained long and hard for the opportunity to compete in championship-level play and the 2011 Summer Games mark the first time that Nevada athletes participated in qualifying-level competition in aquatics and track and field.

The traditional Summer Games events have been expanded this year to include two community-oriented and family-friendly events to help raise awareness and much needed funds. **OVER THE EDGE**, a rappelling adventure event is an opportunity for the ordinary to do the extraordinary when 100 people, most with no experience whatsoever, will rappel 27 stories down the side of the Grand Sierra Resort. **COPS n' BURGERS** is a classic car show and shine and barbeque where local law enforcement personnel will work the grills as part of the Law Enforcement Torch Run, a campaign to support Special Olympics Nevada.

OVERVIEW OF WEEKEND EVENTS:

Friday, June 3rd

7:30pm – 9:00pm

Summer Games Opening Ceremonies

(Grand Sierra Resort Silver State Ballroom)

Saturday, June 4th

8:00am – 4:00pm

Track and Field Competition

(UNR, Mackay Stadium)

8:00am – 4:00pm

OVER THE EDGE: www.OverTheEdgeReno.com

(Grand Sierra Resort, Rooftop to Poolside)

11:00am – 4:00pm

Aquatics Competition

(UNR, Lombardi Rec. Center)

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Athlete Dance and Closing Ceremonies

(Grand Sierra Resort Reno Ballroom)

Sunday, June 5th

11am – 4:00pm

BBQ's on and the cars are lined up for the

Fourth Annual Cops n' Burgers Show and Shine

(Grand Sierra Resort Parking Lot #6)

All non-competitive weekend events will take place on property at the Grand Sierra Resort. The Opening Ceremonies and the Summer Games competitions are free and open to the public.

About Special Olympics Nevada

Special Olympics Nevada is a free year-round sports training and competition program for children and adults with developmental disabilities. Nearly 4,000 athletes compete in over 30 competitions throughout the state in 11 sports. Find out how you can be a fan and visit www.sonv.org.