**VOLUNTEER TITLE: SPECIAL OLYMPICS SWIMMING COACH**

**REPORTS TO:** Program & Athletic Manager

**Practice Dates:** Tuesdays March 19 – June 16 6:00-7:00 p.m. **(in-service March 12)**

**Competitions:** Sunday, April 28 (times all day); June 15 & 16 (all day)

**VOLUNTEER RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. *Complete the required Special Olympics online training and background check*
2. Complete Level I Special Olympics training online (and Level II as appropriate)
3. Complete Special Olympics background check electronically
4. Review Special Olympics policies and rules for bowling practices and competitions
5. *Work with athletes at practices to develop skills necessary for athletes to compete and succeed at regional/area and state competitions*
6. Give feedback on athlete’s skills and areas for improvement
7. Continually provide positive reinforcement to athletes regarding efforts
8. Assist with keeping athletes on task during practices
9. Communicate with LEEP staff and other coaches on an ongoing basis
10. Coach to the Special Olympics standards and rules for competitions
11. Report any concerns or issues with the Program & Athletic Manager as soon as possible
12. *Oversight of athletes*
13. Supervise athletes to ensure their safety and wellbeing at practices and competitions
14. Ensure LEEP policies/rules and facility rules are being followed
15. Learn how best to communicate, motivate and coach individual athlete
16. Respectfully communicate with staff, guardians and family members of participants any concerns
17. Respect facilities, keeping practice and competition areas clean and tidy
18. *Provide the opportunity for success for all athletes.*
19. Complete swim assessments, teach basic strokes, turns, dives, goal-setting
20. Lead drills to teach skills
21. Manage behaviors through re-direction, utilizing strategies to deescalate situations
22. Provide positive feedback on an ongoing basis
23. Encourage positive social interaction among all LEEP athletes and coaches

**DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

* *A genuine interest in and enthusiasm for working with people with varying ability levels*
* *Must be highly motivated and energetic*
* *Ability to effectively communicate with athletes, families, LEEP staff and facility staff*
* *Ability to make adaptations as needed and generally be flexible is required*
* *Must be responsible, show up at assigned times, notify the Program & Athletic Manager of any conflicts in advance if possible, and commit to the full season of swimming including weekend competitions*