



**2005 Special Olympics Global Youth Summit  
 Nagano, Japan  
 Fact Sheet**

**DESCRIPTION:**

This 2005 Global Youth Summit will focus on four important tasks:

- Share their ideas with Special Olympics about ways to reverse stereotypical attitudes about people with disabilities,
- Report on the athletes who are competing at the 2005 World Winter Games and transmit these stories back to their schools and communities electronically,
- Discuss ways that organizers of Special Olympics can meet the needs of today's athletes, volunteers, coaches, and family members,
- Upon returning to their nations, expand on the opportunities for youth to become involved with Special Olympics in the school and community

**REACH:**

We will bring together 28 young people and 14 adult chaperones for the entire Games. They will represent every Region in the Special Olympics movement. A pair of students from a middle/intermediate school or high/secondary school (ages 12-17) will consist of one Special Olympics athlete and a typical peer. Each will be chaperoned by a Program-approved adult.

Beyond the 2005 World Winter Games, these youth will serve SOI as the "Global Youth Advisory Council" for approximately two years until the 2007 World Summer Games. Ways we will enlist their service may include: presenting at conferences/workshops, email communications, conference calls, progress reports, writing stories for the "Get Into It Gazette" online newsletters, website ideas, etc.

**SELECTION QUOTA PER REGION**

<b>REGION</b>	<b>NUMBER OF ATHLETES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF PARTNERS</b>	<b>NUMBER OF CHAPERONES</b>	<b>TOTAL PARTICIPANTS</b>
AFRICA	2	2	2	6
ASIA-PACIFIC	2	2	2	6
E. ASIA-CHINA	2	2	2	6
EUROPE-EURASIA	2	2	2	6
LATIN AMERICA	2	2	2	6
MENA	2	2	2	6
NORTH AMERICA	2	2	2	6
<b>TOTALS =</b>	<b><u>14</u></b>	<b><u>14</u></b>	<b><u>14</u></b>	<b><u>42</u></b>



**DATES:**

This event will be held in conjunction with the 2005 World Winter Games in Nagano from 26 February through 5 March 2005.

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Participants establish an agenda through preliminary “meetings” with one another using the Special Olympics Web site discussion board, e-mails and conference calls.
- Each team of student reporters will publish their stories daily during the World Games on the Special Olympics and 2005 World Games Web sites.
- Media and celebrity resources will focus on multiple aspects of the Youth Summit
- Webcasts hosted by the Global Youth Summit participants will be broadcasted to youth around the world during the summit.

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