



GYAS HANDBOOK

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Dear Global Youth Activation Summit Athletes, Partners and Chaperones:

Congratulations on having been selected as a participant in the 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games – 2011 Global Youth Activation Summit (GYAS). Athens, Greece is ready to welcome you from 23 June to 5 July 2011. This will be a memorable, enjoyable and safe experience.

The 2011 GYAS builds on previous youth summits since 2001, with an enhanced focus on an agenda that supports our global movement's 2011-2015 Strategic Plan for Youth Activation. Special Olympics Project UNIFY Youth Activation Committee, members of our Global Youth Activation Council and selected alumni of past GYAS have designed and will facilitate the various GYAS programs and sessions. Your participation and leadership be the final ingredient for success. In addition, several guest speakers have been invited to join us for specific sessions to add some additional insight and experiences.

This Manual provides specific information on the 2011 World Games and the 2011 GYAS. It provides a clear picture of the events, activities, responsibilities and anticipated outcomes during the 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games.

It is important for you to read the information and to share it with your families, teachers, coaches, and anyone else having an interest in your experience.

We really appreciate your commitment to the Special Olympics movement. Your active participation at the 2011 Special Olympics World Games provides a great springboard to your continuing commitment to ensure youth with and without intellectual disabilities are full participants in your schools and communities.

In organizing the GYAS, we want you to use this world forum to express your ideas, opinions and examples from your homes about how together we can bring about a world where there is a clearer understanding, respect and acceptance of everyone's gifts.

We look forward to seeing you in June and wish you well in your preparations.

Very best wishes,

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Global Youth Activation Summit Team

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Chapter 1: Special Olympics World Summer Games ATHENS 2011

1.1 The SOWSG ATHENS 2011 Games

With the support of the Greek State, Athens was successful in winning the bid to organize and host the Special Olympics World Summer Games, which will be held in Athens from June 20 to July 4, 2011.

Some years ago, in 2004, Greece hosted the Olympic and Paralympic Games with great success. By being offered the opportunity to host the 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Greece will be one of the four countries that will have organized the entire range of great Athletic Multiple-sport events. Moreover, the legacy of a widespread international recognition of the successful organization and wonderful presentation of the Athens 2004 Olympic and Paralympic Games has created a unique platform for organizing the most successful Games ever in the Special Olympics' history, thus uplifting the Special Olympics' vision and legacy to a superior level.

7,500 athletes with intellectual disabilities from over 180 countries, 2,500 coaches, 3,000 officials and 25,000 volunteers will participate in the Games, while it is estimated that 40,000 athletes' family members will come to Greece, from every corner of the world, to participate in the celebration of the triumph of the spirit and will-power of our special athletes, who have made tremendous efforts to be part of the sports that, taking place in an atmosphere of respect and general acceptance, will make them happy and proud of their accomplishment. It is estimated that 3,000 media representatives, from all over the world, will be accredited to cover and record the moments of triumph after the effort, and promote the skills and accomplishments of our special athletes.

Apart from the competition, a range of special non-sport events, whose aim is to educate the youth and make the general public aware of issues related to the integration of the "different" in the daily activities of our society, will also be organized. High-profile personalities and celebrities from around the world will contribute to the success of these special events. 22 Heralds of Volunteerism and 13 Goodwill Ambassadors from the communications' world have already committed themselves to promote the message of the Games. This special campaign has been granted the auspices of H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic, Dr. Karolos Papoulias.

SOWSG ATHENS 2011 in Numbers

Host Town Program	June 20-24, 2011
Opening Ceremony	June 25, Kallimarmaron Panathinaikon Stadium
Closing Ceremony	July 4, Kallimarmaron Panathinaikon Stadium
Sports	22
Venues	30
Athletes	7.500
Coaches	2.500
Technical Officials/Referees	3.000
Volunteers	25.000
Special Olympics Families	40.000
Media Representatives	3.000
Special Olympics Villages	Aghios Andreas, Nea Makri, Marathonas South Coast Hotels

The Emblem

The Emblem of the Special Olympics World Summer Games ATHENS 2011 is a radiant sun; the source of life that underlines the excellence and power of the athlete that takes part in the Games. Excellence is depicted in the olive branch and power in the spiral form in the center of the sun. The colors reflect the Greek landscape and portray emotions like passion for life in the warm red, optimism in the orange, determination in the blue, freedom in the light blue and hope in the green.



The Official Mascot



The Sun is the symbol of optimism, joy and glory. Its light and warmth are considered a source of life and happiness. Greece, widely known for its long-lasting sunshine has, since ancient times, worshiped the Sun as God.

Its selection as the Mascot of the Special Olympics World Summer Games ATHENS 2011, aims to convey the message of joy and optimism towards all athletes and welcome them to Greece with a big warm hug.

In the Olympic Games, Apollon, as the god of the Sun, is present only in the Torch lighting ceremony after being called by the High Priestess. In the Special Olympics of Athens, Apollon will be present, spreading its light to all our athletes, while they are competing in the sports fields, by keeping the Flame of Hope alight.

The Slogan



The slogan “I’m in” (Ime mésa) delivers a dynamic message, which reflects the significance of participation. It is an inspiration, an incentive, an impulse for all of us, volunteers, athletes and guests, as well as the general public, to endorse the values of the Special Olympics Movement.

At the same time, the slogan invites us all to embrace these, truly unique, Games that constitute the biggest international humanitarian, sporting event, hosted by our country in the year 2011.

The slogan is in perfect harmony with the Hellenic philosophy and culture, as we Greeks, as a nation, always rally round for a greater common cause.

1.2 Greece and Athens

Greece is located in south-eastern Europe. It has a population of 11,262,000 people. Greece, a Presidential, Parliamentary Democracy, acceded to the European Union in 1981. Athens is located in the Attica prefecture, in particular in the Attica basin, which is encompassed by Mount Aegaleo, Mount Parnitha, Mount Penteli and Mount Hymettos. Athens, its suburbs and the neighboring town of Piraeus constitute an urban entity (greater urban complex of the capital) with a population of about four million residents.

1.2.1 General Information about the Country and the Host City

Athens, having been inhabited since the Neolithic age, is considered to be Europe’s historical capital. During its long, everlasting and fascinating history the city reached its zenith in the 5th century B.C (the “Golden Age of Pericles”), when its values and civilization acquired a universal significance and glory. Political thought, the arts, theatre, philosophy, science, architecture, among other forms of intellectual thought, reached an epic acme, in a period of intellectual flourishing unique in world history.

Athens undoubtedly constituted the cradle of Western Civilization. A host of Greek words and ideas, such as democracy, harmony, music, drama, art, mathematics, gastronomy, architecture, logic, Eros, euphoria and many others, enriched a multitude of languages, and inspired civilizations.

Throughout the ages, various conquerors occupied the city and erected splendid monuments of great significance, thus creating a rare historical palimpsest.

Endowed with the legacy of its glorious classical past, Athens became the capital of the modern Greek state in 1834. In the next nearly two hundred years, the city developed into an attractive, modern metropolis with unrivalled charm and great archaeological interest.

Today, it offers visitors a unique experience. A “journey” in its 6,000-year history, offers the chance to see renowned monuments and masterpieces of art from antiquity and the Middle Ages, as well as the architectural heritage of the 19th and 20th centuries. Lingering under the brilliant light of the Attica sky to survey the magnificent landscape of either mountainous country or rocky zig-zag coastline in the city environs, you cannot help being in silent awe. The modern infrastructure of the city and the unique verve of its inhabitants are also things to enjoy.

Year-round visitors are fascinated by Athens, one of the most attractive capitals of Europe with its charm lying in the evocation of its sharp contrasts.

1.2.2 Language

Greek, an independent branch of the Indo-European family of languages is the official language. Native to the southern Balkans, it has the longest documented history of any Indo-European language, spanning 34 centuries of written records. Its writing system for the majority of its history, has been the Greek alphabet (though other systems, such as Linear B and the Cypriot syllabary, were previously used). The alphabet arose from the Phoenician script, and was in turn the basis of the Latin, Cyrillic, Coptic, and many other writing systems.

The Greek language holds an important place in the histories of Europe, the more loosely defined "Western" world, and Christianity; the canon of ancient Greek literature includes works of monumental importance and influence for the future Western canon, such as the epic poems *Iliad* and *Odyssey*. Greek was also the language in which many of the foundational texts of Western philosophy, such as the Platonic dialogues and the works of Aristotle, were composed. The New Testament of the Christian Bible was written in Koiné Greek and the liturgy continues to be celebrated in the language in various Christian denominations (particularly the

Eastern Orthodox and the Greek Rite of the Catholic Church). Together with the Latin texts and traditions of the Roman world (which was profoundly influenced by ancient Greek society), the study of the Greek texts and society of antiquity constitutes the discipline of Classics.

1.2.3 Weather

- Athens has a mild climate, with sunshine more than 260 days a year. The average highest temperature in June/July is 33 °C (91 °F).

1.2.4 Currency

The national currency of Greece since March 1st, 2002, is the **euro (€)**. Private currency exchange as well as bank exchange locations are available at the Athens International Airport and the GYAS hotel as well as surrounding banks.

You can find out what your currency is compared to the Euro here:

<http://www.oanda.com/currency/converter/>

1.2.5 Religion

The Greek population is composed of 97% of Christian Orthodox and the rest of the population is Muslim, Roman Catholic and Jewish.

1.2.6 Electric Current

The standard electric current in Greece is 220V (50Hz) alternating current. You may need an adapter like the one pictured here:



1.2.7 Dialing Code

The international dialing code of Greece is ++30.

1.2.8 Time Zone

Athens time is seven hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time, two hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+2:00), and one hour ahead of Central European Time.

To find out what your local time is compared to Greece, use this site:

<http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/>

1.2.9 Tourist Information and Useful Websites

Greek National Tourism Organisation (E.O.T.)

Central Office: 7, Tsoha Str

115 21 Athens, tel. (+30) 210 8707000, (+30) 210 8708088

email: info@gnto.gr

website: www.visitgreece.gr

Athens International Airport “Eleftherios Venizelos”

Information center:

tel. (+30) 210 3530445-447, fax: (+30) 210 3532334

email: venizelos@gnto.gr

website: www.aia.gr

Tourist Police

A department of the Hellenic Police (EL.AS), manned by specially trained men and women, provides information and assistance to tourists. The Tourist Police are authorized to settle minor disputes between tourists and tourist businesses. Tourist Police speak foreign languages. Officers wear the insignia “Tourist Police” on the shoulder.

For tourist information dial 171 any time and day, at any location in the country.

Athens Tourist Police Station:

43-45, Veikou Str, Koukaki

tel. (+30) 210 9200724-26-27-29-30-32

Piraeus Tourist Police Station:

Xaveriou Str

tel. (+30) 210 4290664-5

USEFUL WEBSITES

GREEK NATIONAL TOURISM ORGANIZATION (E.O.T): www.visitgreece.gr

ATHENS MUNICIPALITY: www.cityofathens.gr

OFFICIAL TOURIST PORTAL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ATHENS:

www.breathtakingathens.com

MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND TOURISM: Information on archaeological sites and historical monuments: www.culture.gr

MODERN ARCHITECTURE IN ATHENS-ATTICA: www.culture2000.tee.gr

ATHENS ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES UNIFICATION COMPANY (E.A.X.A.): www.astynet.gr

ATHENS CONVENTION BUREAU (ACB): www.athensconventionbureau.gr

ATHENS NEWS AGENCY: www.ana-mpa.gr

SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD SUMMER GAMES - ATHENS 2011: www.athens2011.org

1.2.10 Maps of Greece and Attica Prefecture



1.2.11 Acronyms and Abbreviations

AIA: Athens International Airport

ΑΤΟ: Greek National Tourism Organization

ELTA: Hellenic Post Office

GYAS: Global Youth Activation Summit

GHQ: Games Headquarters
GOC: Games' Organizing Committee
KTEL: Inter-urban domestic buses
LETR: Law Enforcement Torch Run
MedOC: Medical Operations Center
MMC: Main Media Center
OAKA: Athens Olympic Sports Complex
OASA: Athens Urban Transport Organization
OSE: Hellenic Railways Organization
OTE: Hellenic Telecommunications Organization
SEF: Peace and Friendship Stadium
SOI: Special Olympics International
SOWSG: Special Olympics World Summer Games
USE: Unity Sports Events

1.2.12 Key Dates

<i>Date</i>	<i>Subject / Action</i>
March 2010	Formal Invitation to SOWSG ATHENS 2011 by the President of the Organizing Committee
9 June 2011	The lighting of the "Hope of Flame" in Pnyx, Athens
9-25 June 2011	Torch Run
25 June 2011	Opening Ceremony of the SOWSG ATHENS 2011
26 June-3 July 2011	Competition
4 July 2011	Closing Ceremony of the SOWSG ATHENS 2011

Chapter 2: Pre-Departure Information

2.1 Useful Travel Tips

- ✓ Do not forget to put your identification tag on the outside of your baggage. You can use tags provided by the airlines when you check your baggage at the airport. Baggage should be marked with the name of the owner and home address.

- ✓ You could also put tape over the closure to prevent tampering by baggage handlers. Do not put your valuables in baggage you check; e.g. cameras, watches. Remove old airline destination tags.
- ✓ Use your home or business address on your baggage tags. It is also useful to include a telephone number as well.
- ✓ It is recommended that GYAS members have a carry-on bag that can fit into overhead bins with essential documents/medications, computer, etc.
- ✓ Never leave your baggage unattended in public areas especially in airports and never accept packages from strangers. Do not handle or stand close to unattended bags or items.
- ✓ Never accept gifts or packages from unknown parties to carry out of the country and deliver or mail to someone they know.
- ✓ **Make sure you have a signed, valid passport (and any visas, if required) along with any other valid travel documents indicated by your airline.**
- ✓ Make two copies of your passport identification page. This will facilitate replacement if your passport is lost or stolen. Leave one copy at home with friends or relatives. Carry the other with you in a separate place from your passport. Chaperones should carry with them a copy of all GYAS team members' passport.
- ✓ Wherever you travel it is always worthwhile making a note of where your local embassy or consulate is located. You can find all the information about Embassies here:

<http://www.mfa.gr/www.mfa.gr/en-US/Services/Directory/Foreign+Authorities+in+Greece/>

2.2 Baggage and Carry-on Items

Customs control of articles carried in accompanying baggage takes place at the first Customs Entry Point into the country. In case of Greece kindly be reminded that Customs control will take place at the first Customs Entry Point into the European Union. For those coming directly to Greece from a non-EU origin, Customs Control will take place at the first Customs Control Point in Greece.

- 1) On entry into Greece, personal items of the traveler intended for personal use and due to be re-exported upon departing the country, are eligible for temporary import status and are exempt from applicable duty and tax.
- 2) Articles for the personal use of the traveler or of a member of their family, or to be given as presents, the value of which does not exceed €175, may be imported duty and tax-free. The articles listed below may also be imported tax-free provided they do not exceed the permitted individual quantities per passenger:
 - a) 50 grams of perfume; 0.25 litres of eau-de-cologne
 - b) Medicines in a quantity corresponding to the personal needs of the traveler for as long as he or she remains in the country. A prescription or doctor's letter must accompany these.
- 3) Products not fulfilling the conditions of eligibility for temporary import or for duty-free delivery must be declared on entry and the appropriate duties and taxes must be paid.

Specifically, in the framework of the preferential agreements for products that are not imported by way of trade, it is not required to submit a certificate of origin, either for the products which are sent as small packages between private persons, or for goods which are included in the travelers' personal baggage.

2.3 Importation of Pharmaceuticals and Drugs

The Hellenic National Pharmaceutical Organization (EOF) permits visitors to carry medicines required for their own use or consumption for as long as they are in Greece. Only the quantity of medicinal dosage required while in Greece may be imported.

The medicine details, i.e. the name of the person using the product, and the dosage must all be written in English. Permission from EOF is required for importation of quantities in excess of those that may reasonably be brought by an individual. If Hellenic Customs do not agree with the quantity of medicines being imported, the consignment may be subject to refusal, delay or confiscation.

2.4 Insurance

General Liability

Liability Insurance offers financial protection against any lawsuits brought against the GOC, which may result from persons being injured or their property being damaged

through the negligent acts of the GOC.

The insured parties are the officially credentialed participants.

The policy will provide coverage for suits filed anywhere in Greece. General liability coverage will be in place from the first date of operation through to the dissolution of the games.

Participant's Accidents Coverage

GOC, in conjunction with the relevant government agencies, has agreed for the provision of free hospital care and treatment, equivalent to that which would be given to a public patient in a public hospital, to the Special Olympics accredited members in a hospital that is part of the designated Special Olympics Hospital Network. Free outpatient services and free medication are also to be provided during the hospital stay. The coverage is valid throughout the duration of the Games.

The insured parties are the officially credentialed participants.

A Covered Event is any scheduled activity authorized, organized and supervised by the Named Insured including traveling to/from and/or participating in any Games activities (including those in the GYAS teams accommodations). 24-hour coverage is required while at the Games, including-- but not limited to--traveling to/from the event.

Chapter 3: Arriving in Athens

3.1 Arrival at the Athens International Airport "El. Venizelos"

The GOC expects that the majority of the GYAS teams will arrive in Athens through the Athens International Airport (AIA) "Eleftherios Venizelos".

Athens International Airport is the only International Airport covering Athens and the greater Attica Area. For more information please visit: www.aia.gr and review the included Airport maps and related information for travelers.

3.2 Airport Meet and Greet

On arrival at the Athens International Airport, the GOC staff and volunteers will meet and greet GYAS team members right after their disembarkation from Passport Control and will escort/direct them to the proper transportation system to our Hotel.

Look for a sign with the GYAS logo. There will be no cost for transportation to the hotel.

3.3 Passport Control

Any passenger arriving in a Schengen¹ country from a non-Schengen is subject to Immigration and passport control. This procedure happens at the first point of entry in the countries covered by the Schengen Treaty (http://europa.eu/legislation_summaries/justice_freedom_security/free_movement_of_persons_asylum_immigration/l33020_en.htm).

Athens International Airport has two main arrival halls, the one servicing flights arriving from within the Schengen area (Intra Schengen flights), the other servicing flights arriving from outside the Schengen area (Extra Schengen flights).

Those GYAS teams arriving on Extra Schengen flights will proceed to the Immigration Clearance before they retrieve their baggage.

3.4 Baggage Claim

Airlines and their respective ground-handling agents are responsible for baggage handling and delivery at Athens International Airport (AIA).

GYAS participants are kindly asked to limit their baggage to one large bag per person. You should also have a carry-on bag that can fit into an overhead storage bin.

GYAS participants must recover their baggage directly from the carousel at the baggage claim area on the ground level of the Passenger Terminal. It is recommended that the Chaperone be responsible for the count of the bags of his/her GYAS team.

3.5 Lost and Found

In the event of mishandled, damaged baggage or lost/undelivered baggage, GYAS teams will follow their airline process, lodging paperwork. In case of lost/undelivered

¹ The Schengen area and cooperation are founded on the Schengen Agreement of 1985. The Schengen area represents a territory where the free movement of persons is guaranteed. The signatory states to the agreement have abolished all internal borders in lieu of a single external border. Here common rules and procedures are applied with regard to visas for short stays, asylum requests and border controls.

baggage, please bear in mind that it is the responsibility of the Chaperone to follow-up the case with the appropriate handling agent. The undelivered baggage will be delivered to the Hotel by the airlines.

For items lost in the Terminal areas, please contact Airport Lost Property, operated by the Hellenic Police. The office is located at the Arrivals Level (public area) next to the Post Office and operates on a 24-hour basis.

Chapter 4: GYAS Services

4.1 Hotel Accommodation

4.1.1 Accommodation Assignments

During Games time, GYAS teams will be accommodated in the

Stratos Vassilikos Hotel
105 Michalakopoulou str.
115-27 Athens, Greece
Tel: +210-7706611; Fax: +210-7708137
<http://stratosvassilikoshotel.com/>

The hotel selected is in an area that is safe, with convenient access to venues, transportation and offers adequate and clean quarters for all GYAS teams.

Housing is based on a number of factors. For the most part, all rooms are double occupancy each with two separate beds. Specifically, males and females will be allocated in separate rooms. Whenever possible, GYAS athlete and partner will be housed together. Chaperones will be housed in double rooms also.

4.1.2 Housing List of Youth Leaders and Chaperones (as of 15 May – See Appendix A)

4.1.3 Accommodation Arrangements

Accommodation will be available free-of-charge to GYAS teams from **June 23rd, 2011, until July 5th, 2011**, one-day after the Closing ceremony (some exceptions are made for teams needing to depart a day later due to travel schedules). Any accommodation requirements outside of these dates will be at the expense of the

GYAS participants and should be made directly with the hotel. Please note, permission to travel without the other members of your GYAS must be approved in advance by family and Ron Vederman, SOI.

All accommodations will be open 24 hours a day for persons with appropriate credentials only. Access control, security staff shall be on duty at all times.

Each room will have a bed(s), chair, drawers, overhead light, trash/garbage receptacle and clothes hanging space. Air-conditioning units will be available.

4.1.3.1 Bathrooms and Showers

One bathroom with one shower, one sink and one toilet per two (2) GYAS team members will be available. There may be one larger triple room for a select group due to gender make-up.

General Bathrooms Guidelines:

Please ensure that everyone brings their own toothbrushes and toothpaste. Soap, towels, shampoo are provided by the hotel.

- Always turn on the cold water tap first to avoid scalding.
- It is okay to drink the tap water.
- Determine a time for taking turns in the shower in order to be on time for scheduled meals and activities.

4.1.3.2 Linens and towels

Every bed will have a clean mattress and a set of linen. A linen package will include a flat sheet, fitted sheet, pillow case and pillow. The linen will be changed regularly by Hotel staff. Every person will have two towels available. Towels will be changed as needed. Extra towels will be available from the Front Desk on a one-for-one exchange basis.

4.1.3.3 Housekeeping

A cleaning of the bedrooms, bathrooms and common areas will take place daily. Trash will be removed daily.

4.1.3.4 Television and Mini-Bar

We have requested that all TV “Pay-per-View” options be disconnected during the entire stay at Stratos Vassilikos Hotel. This will insure that you do not accidentally use this option and view inappropriate content or be charged for watching TV.

Additionally, we have requested that mini-bars be emptied by the hotel to avoid any charges for food or beverage that might be consumed. SOI will not be responsible for any payment of “Pay-per-View” TV or mini-bar charges.

4.1.3.5 Security and Access Control

Our hotel will be open to the public. There is 24 hour security at the front desk. Non-GYAS visitors will not be permitted in GYAS rooms at any time.

4.1.3.6 Telephone in the room

SOI is presently looking into providing each GYAS member with a phone card that will permit you to phone home upon arrival. Personal use of the phones are permitted, however, the GYAS member will be responsible for any charges. SOI will not cover phone costs.

4.1.3.7 Dining Facilities and Meals

SOI will provide free-of-charge nutritious meals, beverages, and refreshments on a regular basis, in each accommodation venue.

Three free meals a day will be provided in our hotel, in the community or at a World Games venue. Breakfast will normally be served between 6:30 – 8:00 am in the hotel restaurant. Lunch between 12:00 – 1:00 PM depending on the daily schedule (this might include a “box lunch” if we are traveling on occasion). Dinner between 6:00 – 7:30 PM, again depending on scheduled activities. In some cases, these times may change to suit GYAS schedules, or other Games related activities.

During the days when meals are in the community, you will be provided with a “per-diem” fund to cover any meals that are “on our own” and not a part of a large group dining activity.

4.1.3.8 Medical Services

The Medical Services team will provide professional and prompt first aid and medical care at all accommodation sites.

Their task will be to provide emergency medical services to Athletes, other Delegation members, Special Olympics International representatives, and other people involved in the Games.

The Medical Operation Center (MedOC) will operate on a 24-hour basis directly addressing issues such as emergency transfers to a hospital.

4.1.3.9 Access to Banks, Merchandise Vendors, etc.

There are several banks in close walking distance to our hotel. They take ATM cards, but be aware there will be surcharges associated with their use. You will have easy access to Games merchandise vendors, and some bank services from several competition venues. Postal service can be arranged as needed.

If possible, it would be helpful if the Chaperone could have a recognized major credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, etc.) for use in emergency situations.

4.1.3.10 Check-in, Credentials and Key Distribution

Upon arrival to the Stratos Vassilikos Hotel on 23 June, you can leave your luggage in the main lobby then proceed down one level to the Olympia Ballroom. There you will receive your GYAS "Goodie Bag" that will include a backpack, water bottle, polo shirt, USB flash drive and official GYAS pins for trading.

GYAS Teams will receive their official Games photo credential upon check-in. You will need to wear your credential at all times whenever outside of your Hotel room. This acts as your "ticket" to all events and transportation (with exception of the Opening and Closing Ceremony when you will be given a souvenir ticket for those events).

Your room key will be provided at check-in. Once you have your room key, return to the lobby for your luggage and move into your rooms. Please, do not lose this or there will be a charge. SOI will not be responsible for charges associated with lost room keys.

When keys have been issued to a GYAS member at check-in, they will remain in your possession for the duration of their stay until check-out.

4.1.3.11 Hotel Accommodation Venue Policies

- Alcohol and tobacco are strictly prohibited in all accommodation venues.
- Perishable food items are prohibited in bedrooms.
- Tampering with a fire alarm is prohibited.
- Please keep the accommodation venues quiet and clean. We will have a "quiet time" after 10:00 pm each evening.
- Family members will not be allowed access to accommodation venues. There will be no designated common areas to meet athletes in accommodation

venues. Any family member visits must be approved by the Chaperone and SOI.

- GYAS teams will be liable for covering the cost of any damage to property of the accommodation venues caused by their members.
- Although the hotel has no pool and/or beach nearby, access to any pools and/or beaches are prohibited for all GYAS members.

A note regarding Stratos Vassilikos Hotel elevators: There are two elevators for guest use. Both are very small and can only accommodate about 4 people at a time, fewer if carrying bags. Fortunately, our hotel has only 5 floors and steps are easy to navigate. Be ready to use the stairs often so that you can get to activities on time.

4.1.3.12 Check Out

Check out will take place on **5 July 2011 for all GYAS teams**. Exceptions to this check-out date must be approved in advance by SOI.

Keys will be returned to the Hotel front desk.

GYAS teams will be liable to cover the cost of any damage to property of the accommodation venue caused by any of their GYAS members. An inspection of all rooms may take place by the GOC or SOI representative before check-out is completed.

Departure from Accommodation

GYAS teams will receive a schedule for departure time from the hotel several days prior to departure. Transportation to the airport will be provided at no cost.

All baggage must be bound safely and carry tags displaying clearly the name of the GYAS member and home address.

If bags are left behind in the venue, the GYAS team member will incur the cost of transport to the airport or any additional flight costs.

4.2 Games Transportation

The GOC will provide all credentialed participants of the SOWSG ATHENS 2011 with transportation services, according to their respective Transport entitlement. These services are designed to meet each participant's essential needs with the highest efficiency, safety and convenience.

4.2.1 Transport Policies

All transportation services that GYAS teams will be provided with, by the GOC and SOI during the SOWSG ATHENS 2011 will be exclusively available only to GYAS team members, or invited guests, with the appropriate transport privilege in their credential.

No other Games participants will have access to the Exclusive GYAS team Transport Services.

4.2.1.1 Public Transport

Free of charge access to public transport has been arranged for all Games Credential holders with the appropriate transport privilege in their credentials.

This includes all ground public transportation Network of Athens, consisting of Metro, public buses, Tram, Trolleys and suburban rail to/from the Athens International Airport, which are under the umbrella of the Athens Urban Transport Organization (OASA).



For more information please visit: www.oasa.gr

Athens Public Transportation Network



- **Competition Venues:** Shuttle services operating according to a schedule, will link Accommodation sites with all Sports Venues. These services will be conducted by OASA buses – the Athens public bus company that operates a modern fleet of buses throughout Athens.

Daily schedules will be in accordance with the competition schedule of each venue. The specific service schedules, lines, terminals and Venue load zones details will be announced at a later stage.

- **Inter Venue Shuttle:** A connecting shuttle service will be available between the Athens Olympic Sports Complex (OAKA), Hellinikon Olympic Complex and the Peace and Friendship Stadium (SEF) on a daily basis, during competition hours, throughout the Games period.

The frequency of this service and the locations for embarkation /disembarkation will be announced at a later stage. This service will be available to all credential holders.

- **Opening and Closing Ceremonies:** On the days of the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, transportation will be arranged to transfer all GYAS teams from/to their respective accommodation sites and the Opening/Closing Ceremony Stadium.

Detailed information and final transport arrangements will be announced at a later stage.

4.3 Credentialing

The official identification for the SOWSG ATHENS 2011 is a valid credential, which will display information on the entitlements and zone access allowed to everyone attending the Games. The credential is only valid for its assigned bearer and must not be given away or transferred to other individuals.

Access to a venue or zone will only be granted to those wearing the correct credentialing pass. Access Control Monitors will be in operation at all venues where there is a change of zone and the GOC will notify persons concerned.

GYAS teams will receive by post their official Games credentials upon arrival to the hotel. The GOC kindly asks all GYAS teams to wear their credentials when they arrive in Athens for the Games.

4.3.1 Credentialing Policies

4.3.1.1 Displaying Credentials

All credentialed Games participants must wear and clearly display their credentials at all times. Access to zoned areas of any venue will be denied to those not displaying the correct access rights.

4.3.1.2 Legend on Credentials

Special Olympics Programs categories and functions:

Aa	Athletes
Aa	MATP Athletes
Au	Unified Partners
Ah	HOD and A-HOD
AHc	Head Coach
Ac	Coach
Ay	Young Athletes
MVP	Program Guest (Program Board Members, Program CEO/President, Program Donors, Sponsors, Dignitaries and Celebrities)
PRO	Program Staff, Volunteer
FAM	Families

4.4.1.3 Revoking Credentials

In the event of a breach of the Games' policies or a violation of the laws and regulations of Greece, a credential can be revoked at the discretion of the GOC.

4.4.2 Access Control

Signage of access control entitlements will be placed in visible positions at the entry points of all venues and specific areas displaying the right entitlements to enter. Access to venues and specific areas within venues will be controlled by venue codes and zone colors on the credential. To gain entry to a particular location the information on the bearer's pass must match the requirements for that location.

4.4.2.1 Venue Access

As an established practice, each SOWSG ATHENS 2011 venue will be identified by a three letter code. The relevant venue codes will appear on the credential to reflect the access requirement for that individual. Three universal codes are in use for the

SOWSG ATHENS 2011:

1. C = All competition venues
2. O = All other venues (except Main Media Center)
3. A = All accommodation venues

To ensure the safety of all delegates these codes are highly restricted and will be allocated on an as needed basis at the discretion of the GOC.

4.4.2.2 Zone Access

The GOC will divide each competition venue into different colored zones for the security and smooth operation of the Games.

- White Zone

The White Zone is the zone available to the general public. Credentials are not required for access, but some groups will be required to produce credentials to access reserved seating areas.

- Red Zone

The Red Zone is defined as the 'back of house' or operational area of the venue. This area will be off limits to anyone not in possession of valid credentials. The general public will not have access to this area.

- Blue Zone

The Blue Zone is the athletes' area of the venue and will be restricted to delegates in possession of valid credentials. The general public and the majority of volunteers and staff will not have access to this area.

Please note: Blue Zone access implies that they also have access to the Red and White Zones.

- Zone 5

Zone 5 is the media work area, with restricted access to media.

- Zone 6

Zone 6 is the Family Lounge.

- Zone 7

Zone 7 is the Guest Lounge.

4.5 Safety and Security

The Crisis Management Directorate of the Hellenic Police is working very closely with

the GOC's Games Services' Division in order to develop and implement an integrated plan so as to guarantee a safe and secure environment for the SOWSG ATHENS 2011.

At this stage the Hellenic Police have already issued, and the GOC has agreed with, the Operational Games Plan, the Strategic Plan for the Games and, following that, comes an exhaustive study of the security of all venues which will be conducted by experienced officials of the Hellenic Police (Venue Commanders), in close collaboration with the GOC's appointed staff (Venue Managers).

4.5.1 Transportation Safety

Traffic policemen will patrol and inspect the designated routes, and will manage the traffic flow when necessary, so as to ensure the safety of the Games Transportation Services. Before the Games begin, transportation services providers will be urged to conduct a safety inspection of their fleet, to ensure that all vehicles are in good condition during the Games and that their drivers drive safely.

4.5.2 Important Notices

Chaperones of each GYAS team are primarily considered responsible for the safety and security of their GYAS teams and should also ensure that all GYAS members do not violate laws and regulations during their stay in Greece. Furthermore, they should ensure at all times that:

- All personal belongings, including you backpacks, are kept in secure places and are not left unattended in public areas.
- GYAS Members must wear their credentials at all times. All incidents of lost credentials are to be reported immediately to the GOC and GYAS.
- GYAS members should be seated when using the exclusive shuttles.
- GYAS members should report emergency issues or incidents to the Chaperone or venue manager of the respective competition or non-competition venue.
- Make sure your delegation always let someone know where members are going and when they expect to return.
- Please report all suspicious persons and incidents to GYAS staff.

Chapter 5: GYAS Responsibilities and Interactions

5.1 GYAS Code of Conduct

2011 GLOBAL YOUTH ACTIVATION SUMMIT CHAPERONE CODE OF CONDUCT

I will comply with the following conduct guidelines:

1. Treat Special Olympics Athletes, Summit partners, staff, officials, and volunteers with respect and communicate in a courteous manner.
2. Provide at all times for the general welfare, health, and safety of the Special Olympics Athlete and Summit Partner in my charge during the 2011 Global Youth Activation Summit.
3. Dress and act at all times in a manner which is appropriate to my assigned responsibilities and a credit to myself, the athletes and Special Olympics.
4. Report any emergencies to 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games authorities after first taking immediate action to ensure the health and safety of the participants.
5. Refrain from consuming alcoholic beverages and non-prescribed controlled substances during the entire course of assigned duties. Refrain from smoking or using chewing tobacco at Summit and competition sites.
6. Refrain from engaging in any type of sexual activity, physical abuse or other inappropriate behavior with either Special Olympics Athletes, Summit Partners, staff, officials or other volunteers.
7. Be thoroughly familiar with information in the 2011 Global Youth Activation Summit Handbook (available May 2011).
8. Ensure that athletes and partners are at the designated meetings, sessions, scheduled events, meals, and other activities on time.
9. Respect the property of the hotel, eating facilities, competition venues, and activity sites. Follow any rules established by these facilities for the safety and welfare of the 2011 Global Youth Activation Summit participants.
10. Familiarize yourself with the available medical history of athletes and partners for whom you are responsible.
11. Be sure that athletes, partners, and you are wearing proper credentials and clothing to comply with the elements.
12. Supervise travel to and from Greece and manage clothing and luggage for athletes and partners.

2011 GLOBAL YOUTH ACTIVATION SUMMIT
SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETE and SUMMIT PARTNER
CODE OF CONDUCT

I will comply with the following conduct guidelines:

1. Dress and act, at all times, in a responsible manner that will be a credit to Special Olympics and your Program. Profanity, taunting and other forms of poor sportsmanship and uncooperative behavior are subject to disciplinary measures that may include an early return to your state or country of origin.
2. Respect all residential sites, meeting sites, dining facilities, competition venues, and other activity areas.
3. Treat other 2011 Global Youth Summit participants, 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers with respect and communicate in a courteous manner.
4. Do not drink or use alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and/or non-prescription drugs.
5. Agree not to engage in any inappropriate contact or relationship with Special Olympics Athletes, Summit Partners, Summit Chaperones, staff, officials, or volunteers.
6. Ensure that you are at the designated meetings, sessions, scheduled events, meals, and other activities on time.
7. Be certain to wear proper credentials and appropriate clothing suitable for the weather.
8. Follow the directions of your chaperone while traveling to and from Greece and all the time you are attending the 2011 Global Youth Activation Summit.

5.2 Daily Chaperone Meetings

We will make every attempt to connect in some way each day of the GYAS. This may be to review the previous day's activities, discuss the coming day's activities, answer questions, etc.

These daily meetings will take place at time and place that are convenient for all. Arrangements for supervision of GYAS youth leaders will be made as needed to insure their safety and security while meetings are in session.

Chapter 6: Technology

The Special Olympics World Summer Games ATHENS 2011 Technology department is responsible for all IT, Telecom, Power and HVAC facilities for all competition and non-competition venues.

6.1 Public Telephones:

Public telephones are to be found in most locations. Most of the public phones are operated with a calling card available at every kiosk around Athens.

Public telephones will also be provided in both accommodation and competition sites.

Dialing Instructions:

<u>Local calls:</u>	Dial directly the local number
<u>Local calls to mobile phones:</u>	Dial directly mobile phone number
<u>International calls:</u>	Dial 00 – Country Code – local number <i>e.g. for SOI offices: 00-1-202-6283630</i>

6.2 Mobile Phones:

It is not expected that GYAS members bring a cell phone to Athens. The GOC or SOI will not be responsible for personal mobile phone costs. Arrangements are being made by the GOC for some GYAS staff to have a mobile phone, but at the time of this publication, details are still being worked out. You will be informed of the main mobile numbers once more information is available.

6.3 Internet Access and Usage:

The Stratos Vassilikos Hotel will have free Wi-Fi throughout the hotel, including guest rooms and meeting rooms.

It is GOC's intention to provide Delegation members with free internet access at all competition and non-competition venues. All GOC wireless internet access spots will be indicated as "Wi-Fi Hotspot Areas". All accredited Delegation members will be able to use the wireless network, (wherever available), free of charge using their personal devices (laptop, notebooks, etc.).

Internet access to certain untrustworthy websites will be blocked for security

reasons. Websites consuming high bandwidth might also be blocked at certain locations, depending on the pipe used at these locations.

6.4 Laptops, iPads, etc.:

GYAS teams are encouraged to bring their personal laptops to use during the GYAS. Personal laptops can be used at all venues. All personal devices must handle 220V of electricity before being plugged into a Greek outlet. If these devices are not provided with the ability to handle different voltage (manuals specify if a device has a transformer that allows it to adjust to a different voltage or if the device must be switched manually from 120V to 220V electricity), then an electrical adaptor is required to make sure all equipment will work.



Personal laptops will not be allowed access to the Games Private Network.

For assistance you may contact all IT support staff, who will be available at all locations.

<http://www.athens2011.org> – **The Games Website:**

The GOC's website has been online since September 2007. It is constantly updated with the most recent news, competition schedules, etc.

The website is bilingual: Greek and English.

At www.athens2011.org, one can find information regarding:

Pre Games time:

- Accommodation
- Delegation services
- Games schedules
- Delegation updates
- Host Town information
- All other Games related important information

During Games time:

- Press releases will be uploaded once they are published

- Photos and Videos
- Games Results will be uploaded at the end of each competition day
- Important Games Services information will be available at all times

Chapter 7: Medical Services

The Medical Services will provide professional health care and public health related services to Delegation Members, all credentialed participants, spectators and staff attending ATHENS 2011 Games and manage all medical incidents through the medical services system. The Services will be provided in the best interest of the individual and will be based on an effective and feasible three-tier system of care.

7.1 Objectives of Medical Services

The main objectives of Medical Services are to provide:

- On-site medical care to all associated with ATHENS 2011 Games
- Referral to the National Health System Medical Centers and hospitals medical/surgical incidents for further consultation and treatment
- Tracking and monitoring all medical encounters throughout the medical services system
- Public Health related services during Host Town Program and the Games
- Assistance in disaster/emergency situations

7.2 Medical Services System

Medical Services have developed a three-tier system of care that consists of 1st Level on-site medical care, 2nd Level care at Venue Medical Centers and 3rd Level health care at designated Medical Centers and hospitals.

The First Aid and Medical Center of the National Airport will provide health services during the arrival and departure of GYAS teams.

A Medical Center will also operate on a 24-hours basis at the Delegation Welcome Center.

During the Host Town Program, health services will be provided by the Local Health Authorities (Medical Centers and Hospitals). The Medical Operation Center (MedOC) of the GOC ATHENS 2011 will be informed of all medical incidents and help coordinate any major medical incidents.

At the Competition and Non-Competition venues the Medical Centers will operate 60' minutes before the arrival of the GYAS teams and 60' minutes after their

departure.

At the accommodation venues the Medical Centers will operate on a 24-hour basis.

Key medical staff will be identified by the red sleeves of the ATHENS 2011 working attire.

Designated hospitals have been identified according to the location of accommodation, Sport and Non-Sport Venues as well as the scheduling of sporting events. During the Games, these hospitals will operate on a 24-hour basis.

In addition the MedOC will be responsible for managing all medical encounters on a 24-hour basis and will liaise with the Main Operation Center.

An emergency phone number will be provided to all Heads of GYAS teams upon arrival.

7.3 Important notes

- GYAS member's last medical assessment / examination should have been carried out within the past twelve months before the Games.
- The GOC's Medical Services Department accepts no responsibility for medical care rendered by individuals who are not designated by the medical committee, nor does it authorize any individual or group to render advance care on behalf of the medical committee. Delegation members who are accompanied by licensed professionals such as a medical doctor or registered nurse may receive first aid and their usual medication from these persons. Any care beyond this level can only be provided by a professional licensed in the Hellenic Republic.
- **Routine Vaccinations**
Routine vaccinations for athletes, partners and all members of the GYAS teams to the SOWSG ATHENS 2011 should be up-to-date. Most countries have National Immunizations Schedules that outline the recommended vaccines for children and adults that may serve as guides for all GYAS teams and participants.

Routine vaccines, as they are often called, such as for influenza, chickenpox (or varicella), polio, measles/mumps/rubella (MMR), and diphtheria/pertussis/tetanus (DPT) are given at all stages of life.

Due to ongoing measles and pertussis outbreaks in many countries GOC, strongly recommends the following:

- 1) A current tetanus shot is very important. Up-to-date tetanus status is defined as having received a Td (tetanus-diphtheria) vaccine within the last ten years. It is also important to note that current recommendations stress the importance for young adults of receiving at least one booster vaccine with a tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap) vaccine.
- 2) A completed series of vaccinations for poliomyelitis (polio) which means receiving 4 or 5 doses of the polio vaccine, according to the National Immunizations Schedules.
- 3) It is important that all participants are protected against measles. Make sure that you have evidence of measles immunity through one of the following ways:
 - i) evidence of measles vaccination (usually measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine- 2 doses), OR
 - ii) laboratory evidence of immunity or confirmation of disease, OR
 - iii) having been born before January 1, 1957, as evidence of acquired infection.

If you are not protected against measles through one of these ways the GOC ATHENS 2011 recommends that participants get the MMR vaccine before travelling to Athens.

- **All Chaperones should ensure the following**
 - all Medical forms are accurately completed in their entirety
 - all GYAS participants are vigilant about taking any required medications, the schedule of which should be properly adjusted to new times zones
 - all GYAS participants eat sufficient amounts of nutritious foods
 - all GYAS participants are properly hydrated
 - all GYAS participants use appropriate sunscreen
 - all Chaperones carry a hard copy of the GYAS participants medical form on them.

Chapter 8: Language Services

Greek is the official language of the host country and English is the most commonly used foreign language. Therefore, international visitors can count on receiving general language assistance in public areas in English, and assistance in all other languages will be provided according to availability. Volunteer language assistants will be the primary source of language assistance at all venues.

To access Language Services while at a competition or accommodation venue, please contact the Sports Information Desk. A Multilingual Switchboard (MLSB) will offer

communicative interpretation in every official language (Arabic, English, French, Mandarin Chinese, Russian and Spanish) plus a number of others including several that are less widely spoken. Interpretation will be available over the phone, when no one is around to assist with it. To access the MLSB, please visit the Sports Information Desk in each Competition Venue and the Info Desks at the accommodation venues.

Facilities for written translation will not be available during the Games, except in previously agreed cases.

Chapter 9: Sports and Competition

9.1 Sports and Competition Venues

COMPLEX	VENUE	SPORT - DISCIPLINE
M	OAKA Olympic Stadium	Athletics
	OAKA Olympic Aquatic Center [Indoor Pool]	Aquatics (Swimming)
	OAKA Olympic Indoor Hall [4 courts]	Basketball
	OAKA Olympic Velodrome	Powerlifting
	OAKA Olympic Tennis Center 16 courts, (12 match courts & 4 practice)	OAKA Olympic Tennis Center 16 courts, (12 match courts & 4 practice)
	OAKA Olympic Stadium - Kasimatis Hall [3 courts]	Volleyball
H	Hellinikon Fencing Hall 1 [8 courts]	Badminton
	Hellinikon Olympic Softball Venue	Cycling
	Hellinikon Olympic Indoor Hall	Gymnastics Artistic (AG) Rhythmic (RG)
	Hellinikon Olympic Hockey Venue [6-fields]	Football 5-aside
	Hellinikon Olympic Softball Venue [1 field]	Softball
	Hellinikon Fencing Hall 2 [1 court]	Handball
	Hellinikon Fencing Hall 2	MATP Young ATHLETES
S	SEF Beach Volleyball Venue	**Beach Volleyball
	SEF Sport Training Halls 1 [16 courts]	Bocce
	SEF Main Hall	Roller Skating
	SEF Sport Training Halls 2 [15 tables]	Table Tennis
INDEPENDENT VENUES	Blanos Sports Park - Spata [20 lanes]	Bowling
	Markopoulo Olympic Equestrian Center	Equestrian
	Agios Kosmas Sports Center [7 fields]	Football 7-aside
	"APILION" Panionios Training Center [2 fields]	Football 11-aside
	Glyfada Golf Course [1 course]	Golf
	The American College of Greece - DERE E Gym [2 tatamis]	Judo
	Schinias Olympic Rowing & Canoeing Center	Kayaking
	Schinias Sailing Academy	Aquatics - *Open Water Swimming Sailing

	Panathenaikon Stadium	Athletics (Marathon)
		Opening & Closing Ceremony
OAKA	Athens Olympic Sport Complex	
SEF	Peace & Friendship Stadium	
* / **	Demonstration Sports / Exhibition Sport	

9.2 Unified Sport Activities

Unified Sports enable people with intellectual disabilities (“athletes”) and without intellectual disabilities (“partners”) to train and compete on integrated sports teams. A Unified Sports team shall consist of athletes with intellectual disabilities and of athletes without intellectual disabilities of similar age and athletic ability.

Registered coaches at the SOWSG ATHENS 2011 and professional athletes from participating countries/regions are not allowed to participate as a Unified Sport Partner. A Unified Partner must not have an overwhelming advantage over SO athletes, must not dominate or be a threat to the competition.

9.3 Unity Sports Events (USE) / Achieving Personal Best (APB)

Unity Sports Events (USE)

The ATHENS 2011 GOC, in collaboration with SOI, has planned the incorporation of a new program to the Special Olympics World Games. This program consists of a series of individual non-official competition activities and is named Unity Sports Events (USE). Stemming from the Unified Sports program, USE will offer an opportunity for internationally renowned sports and entertainment personalities and fans to be paired up with Special Olympics athletes / coaches in a series of competitive events. These events will be incorporated in most of the official competitions as exhibition activities and help foster a relationship of respect, acceptance and camaraderie among all participants. Unity Sport Events are open to the public.

Achieving Personal Best (APB)

Achieving Personal Best (APB) activities have been added to the daily schedule of activities as a way to provide Special Olympics athletes and coaches with new opportunities to develop their athletic abilities and acquire new skills. APB will also initiate coach-ins conducted by renowned coaches for Special Olympics coaches and introduce newly designed recognition programs for athletes and coaches. Achieving Personal Best activities are not open to the public.

As it can be seen in the competition schedule, most of the sports have added USE & APB activities in order to fulfill the aims of the program (USE/APB). The detailed program will be announced on the official website of ATHENS 2011 under the sports

section. (The program is subject to change).

9.4 Football Fun Park

A special Unity Sport Event (USE) activity, sponsored by the 'UEFA we care' program, will operate at Hellinikon Olympic Complex adjacent to the Olympic Hockey Venue (Football 5-aside). The Football Fun Park will be open daily from June 28th to July 2nd from 10:00 to 14:00 and teams, fans and celebrities can meet qualified football coaches and take part in football fun & learn activities.

9.5 Motor Activity Training Program (MATP)



Be a Fan of Courage!

1. Events Offered

Adapted Motor Activities for male and female

2. Divisioning

There is no divisioning in MATP. Athletes will participate in 6 different groups' activities doing their best according to their functional level.

3. Participation Instructions

- Only Greek Athletes
- Athletes from Special Schools and Centers of Attica
- Head coaches have already been certified as MATP Coach through a Special Olympics Hellas MATP Seminar.
- Ratio athletes/coaches 1:1.
- Participation medals, gifts and diplomas will be given to all participants.

4. Sport Uniform

Athletes and coaches will be dressed in the Special Olympics Hellas (SOH) official MATP uniform (polo t-shirt and long pants) with SOH logos on them.

5. Points of emphasis- Rules Conditions

All athletes and coaches will pass through 5 stations in a rotation style, taking part (doing their best) in special selected motor activities.

9.6 Young Athletes



Be a Fan of Fun!

1. Events Offered

Basic Sport Activities for young boys and girls

2. Divisioning

There is no divisioning in YOUNG ATHLETES. All young athletes who will participate in the «Young Athletes» activities will be split in 4 different groups according their gender, age and functional level.

3. Participation Instructions

Only Greek Athletes from Special Olympics Hellas Young Athletes Program of Attica. Participation ribbons, gifts and diplomas will be given to all participants. Ratio athletes/escorts 1:1.

4. Sport Uniform

Athletes and escorts will be dressed in the Special Olympics Hellas official Young Athletes uniform (polo t-shirt and short pants) with SOH logos on them.

5. Points of emphasis- Rules Conditions

All athletes and coaches will pass through the 4 station activities in a rotation.

Chapter 10: Non-Sports Programs and Events

10.1 Opening and Closing Ceremonies

The Ceremonies Department will stage two events that frame the Games in an appropriate style of celebration, recognition and communication – the Opening Ceremony and the Closing Ceremony.

More than 7,000 athletes from nearly 180 countries will parade into Kallimarmaron Panathenaikon Stadium on June 25th and on July 4th for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, and proclaim to the whole world: **“Let me win! But if I cannot win let me be brave in the attempt”**.

The Creative Director of the Opening and Closing Ceremonies is **Fokas Evangelinos**, who was appointed to develop the main concept of the Ceremonies together with his creative team consisting of a mix of artists of international standing and with extensive professional experience in the organization of mega events, such as the composer **Stefanos Korkolis**, production designer **Elias Ledakis**, costume designer **Ellie Papageorgakopoulou** and script-writer **Theodore Grigoriadis**. Additionally, production consultants for the Ceremonies are **Simon Graveling** and **Andrew Walsh**, whose vast experience includes memorable events such as the ATHENS 2004 Olympic Games.

10.1.1 Venue

The Ceremonies of the Special Olympics World Summer Games ATHENS 2011 will be held in the Kallimarmaron Panathenaikon Stadium in Athens. This breathtakingly beautiful marble stadium was built during the classical period for the Panathenaic Games in honor of the Goddess Athena. It was remade in marble by the Archon Lycurgus in 329 BC and enlarged and renovated by Herodes Atticus in 140 AD. The remnants of the ancient structure were excavated and refurbished, for the revival of

the Olympic Games and hosted the first Modern Olympics in 1896. The capacity of the stadium for the Special Olympics World Summer Games ATHENS 2011 is 46,000 spectators.

10.1.2 The Opening Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony, a three-hour (3) exciting and entertaining spectacle, will honor the athletes and celebrate the values and traditions of the Special Olympics World Games. The Opening Ceremony will take place on the 25th of June and it is planned to begin at 20:00 (20:00 – 20:30 Pre-Show and from 20:30 Live Broadcast). The concept of the show is based on Greek mythology and will be performed with the participation of hundreds of volunteers with intellectual disabilities and well-known celebrities from Greece and abroad. In addition, the following key elements will be incorporated:

- Parade of Athletes
- Speeches
- Creative Segments
- Official Opening of the Games
- Raising of the Special Olympics Flag
- Official Oaths
- Lighting of the Cauldron

10.1.2.1 Transport to/ from the Opening Ceremony

GYAS teams will be brought to the holding area by bus, directly from our hotel. At the end of the ceremony, GYAS teams will be escorted back to the buses that will take us back to our hotel.

- GYAS team will be permitted to carry cameras.
- National flags, banners and signs are not permitted, with the exception of the official Delegation placard supplied by the GOC.

Unavoidably (given the vast numbers of accommodation locations and sheer number of athletes participating) there will be a significant waiting time at the holding area prior to the parade commencing, whilst everyone arrives and is guided to their Delegation program group. GYAS teams are reminded of the importance of ensuring that any regular medications required by participants should be carried with their group to cover the period until their return to their accommodation late that evening.

10.1.3 The Closing Ceremony

The Closing Ceremony of the Special Olympics World Summer Games ATHENS 2011

will be an event to celebrate the accomplishments of the athletes, together with officials and spectators. It will be held on July 4th 2011 with a starting time of 20:30 (20:30 – 21:00 Pre-Show and from 21:00 Live Broadcast) at the Kallimarmaron Panathenaikon Stadium. A number of key elements will be a part of this, including the following:

- The Official Closing of the Special Olympics World Summer Games ATHENS 2011.
- Extinguishing the Cauldron.
- The handover of the Games to the next Organizing Committee.
- Dance for the athletes.

10.1.3.1 Transport to/from the Closing Ceremony

GYAS teams will be transported directly by bus from our hotel to Panathenaikon Stadium. Staging will not be required, although volunteers will be on hand to direct delegates to their reserved seating blocks.

At the end of the Closing ceremony, GYAS teams will be transported directly by bus from around the grounds of Zappeion to our hotel. No transport service will be available for GYAS teams to travel to airports, train stations or ferries directly from the Panathenaikon Stadium, regardless of whether they attempt to leave the Ceremony early or not. Any Delegation that plans to leave Greece that evening will not be able to attend the Closing Ceremony. All transport to the airport will be operated from accommodation venues only.

10.2 The Healthy Athletes Program

The mission of the Healthy Athletes Program is to improve every athlete's health and fitness in order to enhance their ability to train and compete in the Special Olympics. During the Games all official delegation athletes (not GYAS) will have access to a range of health care professionals who will screen and educate them on a number of topics in each respective discipline.

From June 26th through July 4th, 2011, health screenings will be conducted in a welcoming and fun environment at HELEXPO PALACE, located in close proximity to the OAKA complex in Maroussi (39 Kifissias avenue). Numerous medical professionals and medical students will receive professional standardized clinical training for this initiative. Consequently, more medical professionals will come to understand the health needs and abilities of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and provide appropriate care in the future.

The Healthy Athletes Program at the SOWSG ATHENS 2011 will comprise of six disciplines:

Vision Care (Opening Eyes®)

The mission of Opening Eyes® is to improve the quality of life for millions of individuals diagnosed with intellectual disabilities by optimizing their vision, eye health and visual skills through quality eye care. At Opening Eyes events, Special Olympics athletes receive extensive vision and eye health tests; refraction for those requiring further screening; prescription eyeglasses, if needed; designer sunglasses; prescription protective sports eyewear, if appropriate; and referral for follow-up care.



Dentistry (Special Smiles®)

Special Smiles® uses dental screenings to increase awareness of the state of athletes' oral health for the athletes themselves, as well as their parents and/or caregivers. At a Special Smiles event, dental professionals provide oral screenings; oral health education and personal prevention products; and individually fitted sports mouth guards, if needed, for those athletes competing in contact or high-risk sports.



Audiology (Healthy Hearing)

Healthy Hearing provides a screening for the athletes and notifies them and their coaches if follow-up care is needed. This program also provides corrective (hearing aids) and preventative (custom swim earplugs) services, where possible, and studies the prevalence of hearing loss in athletes competing in Special Olympics events.



Physiotherapy (FUN Fitness)

During a FUNfitness screening, volunteer physical therapists, assistants, and students assess the flexibility and functional strength of Special Olympics athletes' muscles as well as overall balance. The program also provides "take-away" educational materials for Special Olympics athletes and information for families and coaches about the importance of and methods to improve flexibility, functional strength and balance in sports performance and activities of daily living.



Health Promotion

Health Promotion focuses on educating athletes about healthy lifestyles and the facilitation of healthy choices. It offers guidelines on nutrition and exercise, as well as bone health, stopping smoking and sun safety, using interactive educational activities and motivational information to encourage behavior change.



Podiatry (Fit Feet)

Many Special Olympics athletes suffer from foot and ankle pain or deformities that impair their performance.

Fit Feet will evaluate and screen foot and ankle deformities of athletes and provide education in proper footwear and care of the feet and toes.



10.3 Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) Final Leg

The Law Enforcement Torch Run Final Leg Team, serving as Guardians of the Flame, will carry the Flame of Hope throughout Greece as well as participating in runs and ceremonies in Constantinople (Istanbul) and Cyprus until they arrive at the Opening Ceremony for the Special Olympics World Summer Games. In total, the team of 145 individuals consists of 100 police officers, who represent their respective Special Olympics and Torch Run Programs, 10 Special Olympics athletes (3 of whom are Greeks), and support team members.

The Lighting of the Flame of the Special Olympics will take place at the Holy Rock of Pnyx, opposite the Acropolis of Athens, in Greece on the 9th of June 2011 at 11:00, presided over by the President of the Hellenic Republic and many officials. In keeping with the tradition, the Flame will be lit by the rays of the sun and the entire ceremony will take place along the lines of the original Torch Lighting of the Olympic Games.

Then, the symbolic flame protected by miner's lamps will travel to two important centers of Hellenism which are connected with the history and culture of Greece.

The torch, designed by Zolotas jewellery house, is inspired by ancient motifs and represents a collector's item.

On the 24th of June, the entire Final Leg Team will be reunited back in Athens and will run in front of all the host centers for Athletes where Welcome Ceremonies will take place. At 18:30 the Flame will reach the Acropolis where it will remain overnight, in front of the Erechtheion with the honorary contingent of the Presidential Guard.

On the 25th of June, the day of the Opening Ceremony of the Games, the Torch Runners will visit the Mayor of Athens for a Welcome Ceremony in front of the Mayor's office attended by the Mayor and the Town Council members. Passing through the main streets of Athens, the Flame will finally reach the Kallimarmaron Panathenaikon Stadium for the Opening Ceremony of the Games.

10.4 2011 Special Olympics Global Youth Activation Summit & Youth Rally

10.4.1 2011 Special Olympics Global Youth Activation Summit

25 June – 4 July, Athens, Greece

Overview:

The 2011 Special Olympics Global Youth Activation Summit is a gathering for more than 100 young people, with and without intellectual disabilities, from around the world, who are committed to making a difference in their schools and communities through Special Olympics.

The youth participants, aged 12-17, represent 30 countries from the Special Olympics' seven regions and come from various educational levels, including middle/intermediate school and secondary/high school. The students are paired - one Special Olympics athlete and a partner without an intellectual disability - from the same community, state or country.

During the summit, participants will attend youth-led leadership training programs and have interactive sports experiences. They will also act as journalists reporting on the World Games, publishing their stories and photos daily on the Special Olympics and Special Olympics World Summer Games ATHENS 2011 Web sites and social network sites.

The summit will also include a Global Youth Rally, gathering thousands of young people from the Athens area and around the world for an exciting, motivational, multi-media event to address key issues, which young people face regarding intellectual disabilities and society.

Fast Facts:

- ✓ The 2011 Global Youth Activation Summit represents the sixth such event. The inaugural summit took place in 2001 at the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Alaska.
- ✓ Since 2001, there have been 48 youth summits at the national, regional and global levels, involving representatives from nearly 140 Special Olympics Programs and 2,700 young leaders.
- ✓ Special Olympics sent “Get Into It” kits and the book “The Wonderful Winning World” to hundreds of schools and libraries throughout Greece, as part of the School Enrichment Program. Each kit contains lesson plans, videos and fundraising ideas on diversity and acceptance.
- ✓ Special Olympics believe that through sports, young people can make a difference in friendships, schools and communities. The Global Youth Activation Summit is one of several Special Olympics programs reaching more than 3.5 million young people with and without intellectual disability in 170 programs in all Regions of the world. Other programs and initiatives include:
 - Project UNIFY http://www.specialolympics.org/project_unify.aspx
 - Get Into It® www.specialolympics.org/getintoit
 - Unified Sports® http://www.specialolympics.org/unified_sports.aspx
 - “R” word campaign www.r-word.org
 - Young Athletes™
http://www.specialolympics.org/young_athletes.aspx
- ✓ To learn more about the Global Youth Summit, Special Olympics and other ways young leaders can get involved, please visit the following website:
http://resources.specialolympics.org/Sections/Schools_and_Youth.aspx

Summit Goals:

The summit will provide a forum where youth participants will acquire and enhance their knowledge and the skills needed to lead themselves, their peers, their schools and their communities forward in promoting effective and safe environments for creating and sustaining positive changes, by volunteering and contributing to the improvement of their communities.

Through this experience they will act as agents of change – fostering acceptance, respect, dignity and advocacy for all people throughout the world.

The three goals of the summit in Greece are:

1. **EDUCATE - Awareness:** Provide young people with opportunities to understand the priorities set out by youth leaders with regards to the Special Olympics 2011-

2015 Strategic Plan and UN Conventions as they serve, as active agents for change in their local, national and global Special Olympics Programs and communities. Awareness is one part, the other is skill development – we need to make sure youth are **aware** of the strategies to be effective change agents and **skilled** to take action in effective ways.

2. **MOTIVATE - Attitude:** Energize young people by showing them how their efforts to build communities that **accept, respect and advocate** with and for persons with intellectual disabilities come together to form a force for change that will be felt and remembered for generations to come.

3. **ACTIVATE - Action:** Stimulate new approaches for **sharing** experiences, **engaging** in Special Olympics Programs and community **action** and policy change.

Global Youth Activation Summit Highlights:

1. **Young People DO Change the World sessions:** GYAS participants and selected others participate in a variety of training sessions that will focus on important topics relevant to youth EDUCATE, MOTIVATE and ACTIVATE themes and aligned with SOI's 2015 Strategic Plan. Participants will rely on subject matter experts, as well as on one another, to present information from school and home communities in order to share their best practices, ultimately planning their course for the next 2 years of SOI Strategic Plan activation leading up to the 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games and GYAS in Seoul, Korea.

2. **Global Youth Rally:** Youth leaders will take center stage in this educational, motivational and activation oriented event. Showcasing the event will be young people addressing key issues along with Special Olympics athletes and entertainers. The Rally will be fast-paced with multimedia content designed to connect with youth, discussing the R-Word pledge, sharing stories/experiences and getting involved.

3. **Photo and Blogging session:** GYAS will receive a brief training from experienced peers and other media experts in the art of conducting interviews, taking photographs and then formulating Special Olympics messaging around compelling and inspirational stories of athletes, family members, volunteers and others. These stories and images taken during the World Games, are shared via assorted technology and traditional media sources. Experiences serve as an example of how to continue this practice upon returning home.

4. **School Enrichment Exchange:** GYAS participants will spend some time in activities with local Greek school students who have been involved with the School Enrichment Program these past 9 months. Local students will plan activities that will demonstrate their involvement with Special Olympics, reflect on the highlights and

impact on local, state, national, regional or global athletes. This also serves to recognize these outstanding school programs and student leaders. GYAS will have an opportunity to share their ideas with local youth and create activities to collaborate on following the Games.

5. Webinars: GYAS and selected others have an opportunity to engage in a real-time discussion and sharing of information and calls to action with other youth around the state, country and the world. Using a basic webcam and a desktop PC, a free interactive platform is used to connect everyone to this learning experience.

10.4.1.2 GYAS Agenda as of 15 May 2011 (See Appendix B)

Important Reminder: Each GYAS team (not person) should bring 110-115 small items unique to their home country or state to exchange with one another on Sunday, 3 July.

10.4.1.3 Packing for the GYAS: What to bring and what NOT to bring to Greece:

Temperature in Athens will be HOT, HOT, HOT...did I mention the weather will be HOT! So, pack accordingly. Here's a few suggestions:

Packing List to Bring

Comfortable shoes (i.e. tennis shoes/sneakers, sandals)

Casual attire for the heat: Shorts, blue jeans, tees, polo's, etc.

One nice pair of khaki or navy slacks, or a nice skirt (for the Parliament session – You'll have a GYAS polo shirt provided so ladies, think about an appropriate skirt or slacks to wear with a "butter" colored shirt)

Workout attire

Medications

Copy of your Release forms, Medical form, Passport information

Digital camera, or iPod, or Lap top and charger, if you have one

Toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo/conditioner, etc.)

Hat

Sunglasses

Sunscreen

Things to show & share with your fellow GYAS teams (newsletters, etc.)

Gift exchange item

Stuff NOT to bring:

Large books

Your pets

Fruits, vegetables, or other food from home and with soil

Table Games (deck of cards OK)

Radios, Xbox, or any large electronic entertainment device

Fireworks

Knives or other types of weapons that would be confiscated at the airport
Formal attire like jacket, tie, dress
Fancy or valuable pieces jewellery
Smelly colognes or perfumes (roommates or others may have sensitive allergies)
A ton of money (see below)

10.4.1.4 Spending Money to Bring:

This tends to be a very personal decision for each GYAS team member. We know that you'll want to pick up a few souvenirs and we'll have time for shopping, but remember that whatever you buy in Athens, you'll need to bring home. So be aware of the size of the item. Some airlines are rather strict about allowing just 1 carry-on item and if you're bringing your lap top, that will need to be in your carryon bag and not checked luggage.

From my experience in Athens, there are typical souvenirs that cost about 10 to 15 Euros like tee shirts, coffee mugs, simple art work, etc. There is really no "bargaining" with vendors for reduced prices, as in some countries. Depending on the number of items you want to purchase for yourself, family or friends, then I might suggest not more than the equivalent of 100 Euros. Again, this is a very personal decision.

All of your basic food will be covered, but we know that some of you may want a few additional snacks. So, again, plan accordingly, but know that Athens is on the expensive side in terms of food and beverage items. There are a few small food/grocery stores within 100 meters of the hotel. They will have typical snacks you may enjoy. Soft drinks, chips, etc. might be about 1 to 1.50 Euros. Simple sandwiches and Gyros will be about 4.50 to 6 Euros.

10.4.1.5 Laundry

Yes, you will get sweaty & stinky during the GYAS. Regular hygiene is important to us (and those sitting and living close to you). Therefore, we will make attempts to provide some type of laundry service either through the hotel, or with a local cleaning vendor. Details are not available at the time of this publication. Please do pack enough basic clothes to see you through as much of the 14 days as possible.

10.4.1.6 Emergency Procedure and Information:

SOI and the GOC of 2011 Special Olympics GYAS always puts the safety of participating GYAS members at the top of its agenda. During Games time, whether in the hotel, competition venue, or other community location, some participating members are likely to encounter various types of unexpected incidents, such as a traffic accident, physical injury, illness, becoming lost, a shuttle bus missing, etc. To address all these incidents, the GOC has formulated an emergency plan. We will

provide an updated plan and contact information for all of you upon arrival to Athens.

If a volunteer, coach or chaperone becomes aware of or suspects that an athlete or youth partner in his/her care is being abused; he/she has a duty to deal with the situation in such a way that the welfare of the athlete or individual in question is protected and report the abuse to the GOC immediately. All delegation members should be aware of the laws and customs of the United States.

Note about the streets by our hotel: In my experiences staying at the Stratos Vassilikos Hotel, the streets are VERY busy. We are located on a 4 lane road that is a major artery for both cars and motor cycles (there are LOTS of motorcycles in Athens). Crossing the street MUST be at designated cross walks with timed "walk" lights. These walk lights are not on for long so it may only be possible for 10 or fewer people to cross the street at one time. Don't take chances because again, from my experiences, autos and motor cycles WILL move ahead when the light is green.

10.4.2 2011 Special Olympics Global Youth Rally

The Global Youth Rally will gather thousands of young people with and without intellectual disabilities from the Athens area and around the world. Youth Leaders will take center stage in this educational, motivational and activation oriented event. Showcasing the event will be young people addressing key issues along with Special Olympics athletes and entertainers. The Rally will be fast-paced with multi-media interactive content designed to connect with youth including the R-word pledge, sharing stories/experiences, getting involved and making commitments for activation and promotion of the goals of Project UNIFY in their own communities. It will be hosted by Celebrity supporters and will last approximately 2 hours.

Rally Goals:

- Generate awareness among youth about Special Olympics and people with intellectual disabilities.
- Present important issues in an entertaining and engaging way.
- Create a call to action for young people relating to Special Olympics and advocating on behalf of respect, dignity and inclusion for all.

Facts:

- WHEN: Friday, July 1st, 2011
- WHERE: OAKA
- TIME: 21:00

10.5 Special Olympics Festival

10.5.1 Special Olympics Festival

Overview:

The main purpose of the Special Olympics Festival is to offer education oriented and recreational extracurricular activities for athletes, coaches and delegations. Furthermore, it aims to showcase the support of all sponsors and provide them with the opportunity to participate in the Games. While public involvement will be encouraged, there will still be activities that are for delegation members only. GOC will encourage the public and all Games constituents to visit the Special Olympics Festival.

Location:

The Special Olympics Festival will be located at Common Domain, an easily accessible, central location in the Olympic Athletic Center of Athens (O.A.K.A.). OAKA

is a sports facilities complex located in Maroussi, a northern suburb of Athens (9 km from the city center, 22 km from the airport). OAKA is one of the largest Sports complexes, where the following sports competitions will take place: Athletics, Aquatics (swimming), Basketball, Powerlifting, Tennis and Volleyball.

Period - Operation Hours:

The Special Olympics Festival will be operational throughout the Games week (26/6-3/7/11). The program will be dedicated to the Special Olympics' seven regions: Africa, Asia Pacific, East Asia, Europe & Eurasia, Latin America, Middle East & North Africa and North America, as shown on the chart below.

Daily Program 10:00 – 19:00

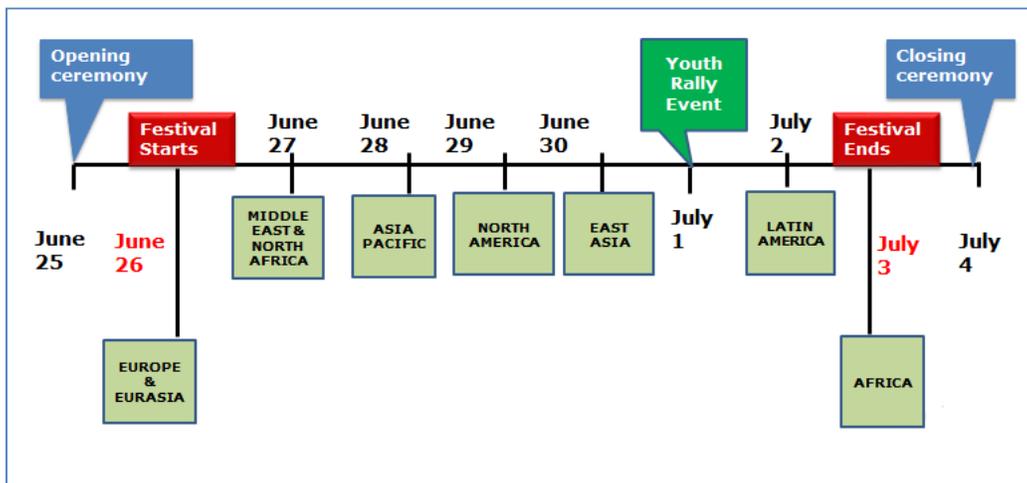
The Festival’s tagline “Dreams and Teams” is addressed to athletes, coaches, Heads of GYAS teams, public and other Games constituents like volunteers, sponsors, media representatives, Honored Guests and General Public. It includes the following activities:

- * Arts & crafts
- * Carnival booths
- * Arts Events (Dancing groups, Orchestras, Street Theatre, Interactive Puppetry, Theater Performances, Live Music & Entertainment , Youth groups Concerts)
- * Magicians
- * Stilt Walkers
- * Animators
- * Visual & Photo Exhibitions
- * Arcade games
- * Cooperation with Host Towns
- * Cooperation with the Embassies and Municipalities
- * Sponsors Actions
- * Sports Days
- * Games Park Stands – Booths
- * Signature Wall
- * Merchandising Area

Evening Program 21:00 – 24:00

The evening program of the Festival will include Cultural events for the general public and all Games constituents.

Timeline



Common Domain areas:

- Sponsors' Area

Booth Areas for sponsors, global partners, official supporters, cities participating in the "Host Town Program", Embassies, Public Institutions.

- Entertainment Areas

Marquee Area with electronic game corner, Internet access, educational programs, like TRAIN & YOUNG ATHLETES program, and creative activities.

- Fun Park – Play area

Multi-use games area, sports courts, ball courts, vitality trails, play panels, multi-play areas.

- Concert Stage for live concerts and performing arts

- Café & Chill Out Area

Content & Policy:

In accordance to the spirit of the Special Olympics, the Special Olympics Festival focuses on the participation and involvement both of the athletes and the general public, aiming to break down existing barriers and result in acceptance and understanding. Athletes will be given priority in all activities at the Special Olympics Festival. If there is a queue, athletes will be escorted to the front of it.

A Special Olympics Festival guide and schedule will be developed by the Special Olympics Festival team and be made available to all Games constituents.

Chapter 11: Media Operations

11.1 Main Media Center (MMC)

MMC is the most sophisticated, non-competition media facility created for any major sporting or news event. A key non-competition venue in its own right, the Main Media Center will be established within the Olympic Stadium in the Athens Olympic Sports Complex (located at Marousi, northeast Athens), the heart of the XXVIII Olympic Games of Athens 2004, as well as one of the main Competition Venues.

Covering a total area of 700 m², the MMC support facilities and services will include a Media Workroom with carefully planned workstations equipped with computers with free Internet and Wi-Fi internet access, copy/printing/fax facilities and results distribution points, located in viewing areas; a media Conference Area; a Photo Area;

a Break Area; as well as a Welcome Area to serve as help and information desk. Dedicated parking spaces, located in direct proximity to the entrance of the Main Media Workroom, will also be available to the media.

Chapter 12: ATHENS 2011 Volunteers' Program

The ATHENS 2011 Volunteers Program coordinates all the necessary recruitment, allocation to positions, training, retention and recognition activities for the thousands of people who will offer their volunteer services to the Special Olympics World Summer Games ATHENS 2011. The ATHENS 2011 Volunteers Program aims to offer an unforgettable, life changing and rewarding experience of understanding and acceptance of people with intellectual disabilities and to create a legacy in the Special Olympics Movement in Greece, Europe and on a global scale.

It is worth mentioning that the first Application Form of the ATHENS 2011 Volunteer Program was signed by H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic, Mr. Karolos Papoulias and that His All Holiness the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and His Beatitude Ieronymos II, Archbishop of Athens and All Greece, have also declared their support to the SOWSG ATHENS 2011. Moreover members of the Greek Parliament, Olympic Gold Medalists, representatives from the fields of sport, science and business as well as from the community service and local civil society have applied to participate and deployed themselves by our side.

A team of 25.000 inspired, well trained and enthusiastic volunteers will offer high quality services to the Special Olympics athletes, delegation members and all Games participants. The ATHENS 2011 Volunteers will offer their services to the Special Olympics athletes, the members of the GYAS teams, the VIP guests, the journalists and the athletes' families and will also undertake tasks and offer services in a number of Functional Areas in Competition and Non-Competition Venues.

Chapter 13: 2011 GYAS Sponsors

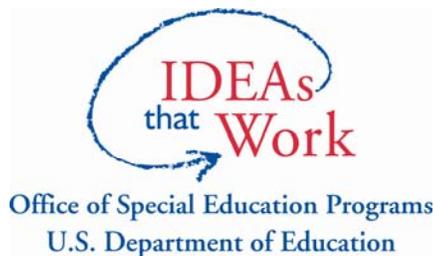
The GYAS would not be possible without support from these devoted sponsors. We proudly recognize our sponsors for the 2011 GYAS.

Wherever and whenever you have the opportunity to meet with any of these sponsors, please take a moment to introduce yourself and to thank them for their commitment to Special Olympics young people around the world.

All participants are supported by Special Olympics Global Partner for youth activation:



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APPENDIX A

GYAS Housing List (As of 15 May)

Region	Applicant Type	First Name	Last Name	Age	Gender	State / Country	Youth Leader Room #	Chaperone Room #
AFR	Athlete	Seani	Mulamu	15	F	South Africa	1	
AFR	Partner	Mutshidzi	Mufamadi	12	F	South Africa	1	
AFR	Chaperone	Violet	Thulare	40	F	South Africa		1
AFR	Athlete	Ramadhani Msumai	Msofe	14	M	Tanzania	2	
AFR	Partner	Kelvin Robert	Mwise	17	M	Tanzania	2	
AFR	Chaperone	Gurishaeli Walter	Nkamba	26	M	Tanzania		2
AFR	Athlete	Teddy	Namakula	16	F	Uganda	33	
AFR	Partner	Thelma	Amo Nyapidi	14	F	Uganda	33	
AFR	Chaperone	Genevieve	Bamwidhukire	34	F	Uganda		13
AP	Athlete	Siddhant	Nath	16	M	India	3	
AP	Partner	Varun	Datta	17	M	India	3	
AP	Chaperone	Anil Kumar	Darpalli	36	M	India		2
AP	Athlete	Yofan	Aditia	16	F	Indonesia	4	
AP	Partner	Nadira	Kusaeni	16	F	Indonesia	4	
AP	Chaperone	Herlin	Suherlan	35	F	Indonesia		1
AP	Athlete	Robin Andrew	Conanan	16	M	Philippines	5	
AP	Partner	Luigi	Moreno	13	M	Philippines	5	
AP	Chaperone	Baltazar	Avelino	34	M	Philippines		3
AP	Athlete	Saba	Ilyas	16	F	Pakistan	6	
AP	Partner	Hasnat	Hashwani	16	F	Pakistan	6	
AP	Chaperone	Sarah	Alam	27	F	Pakistan		5

EACP	Athlete	Seng Hin	Ho	17	M	Macau, China	7	
EACP	Partner	Ka Chon	Tam	16	M	Macau, China	7	
EACP	Chaperone	Un Chi	Vong	22	F	Macau, China		4
EACP	Athlete	Baoxin	Liang	15	F	Guangzhou, China	8	
EACP	Partner	Xiyan	Huang	15	F	Guangzhou, China	8	
EACP	Chaperone	Fei	Han	31	F	Guangzhou, China		5
EACP	Athlete	Wai Yi	Lee	16	F	HK, China	9	
EACP	Partner	Wai Tsun	Law	15	F	HK, China	9	
EACP	Chaperone	Siu Kei Angela	Tong	56	F	HK, China		4
EACP	Athlete	Yoo Na	Kim	17	F	Republic of Korea	10	
EACP	Partner	Hyun Jo	Kim	13	M	Republic of Korea	11	
EACP	Partner	Yang Hyun	Cho	12	F	Republic of Korea	10	
EACP	Partner	Jae Mo	Koo	16	M	Republic of Korea	11	
EACP	Chaperone	Hyun Shin	Na	39	F	Republic of Korea		6
EACP	Athlete	Chen	Po-Shun	17	M	Taiwan (R.O.C.)	12	
EACP	Partner	Shu-Yi	Lee	16	F	Taiwan (R.O.C.)	13	
EACP	Chaperone	Ying-Hui	Wei	32	F	Taiwan (R.O.C.)		6
EEA	Athlete	Georg	Diemat	15	M	Austria	14	
EEA	Partner	Rene	Tippl	15	M	Austria	14	
EEA	Chaperone	Robert	Baerenthaler	35	M	Austria		3
EEA	Athlete	George	Holt	15	M	United Kingdom	15	
EEA	Partner	Keven	Shard	13	M	United Kingdom	15	

EEA	Chaperone	Christopher	Holleran	60	M	United Kingdom		7
EEA	Athlete	Dennis	Kutzner	17	M	Germany	12	
EEA	Partner	Bettina	Lehmann	17	F	Germany	13	
EEA	Chaperone	Raphael	Staebler	24	M	Germany		7
EEA	Athlete	Luca	Cadari	14	M	Italy	1 - Triple	
EEA	Partner	Federica	Paparella	16	F	Italy	17	
EEA	Chaperone	Silvia	Villata	31	F	Italy		8
EEA	Athlete	Kaniet	Nurbekov	17	M	Kyrgyz Republic	18	
EEA	Partner	Aman	Alymkanov	17	M	Kyrgyz Republic	18	
EEA	Chaperone	Dmitry	Voloskov	25	M	Russia		9
EEA	Athlete	Andrei Alexandru	Cocan	16	M	Romania	19	
EEA	Partner	Alexandru	Zamfir	16	M	Romania	19	
EEA	Chaperone	Nicoleta	Cojoianu	24	F	Romania		8
EEA	Athlete	Filip	Paunovic	17	M	Serbia	20	
EEA	Partner	Luka	Kurcubic	14	M	Serbia	20	
EEA	Chaperone	Nemanja	Stanojevic	20	M	Serbia		9
LA	Athlete	Diego	Arenas Ruiz	16	M	Bolivia	16	
LA	Partner	Valentina	Millares Vargas	16	F	Bolivia	17	
LA	Chaperone	Claudia	Mac Lean	45	F	Bolivia		10
LA	Athlete	Michell Judith	Martinez Valdes	15	F	Panama	21	
LA	Partner	Keren	Cedeño	14	F	Panama	21	
LA	Chaperone	Katherine	Barreto	23	F	Panama		10
LA	Athlete	Alvaro	Delacruz	14	M	Paraguay	16	
LA	Partner	Marina	Cabrera	14	F	Paraguay	23	
LA	Chaperone	Cristina	Souto	41	F	Paraguay		11

LA	Athlete	Madeleine	Pãrez Ibarra	16	F	Venezuela	24	
LA	Partner	Michelle	Guiralt Zingg	17	F	Venezuela	24	
LA	Chaperone	Concepcion	Abreu Gomez	52	F	Venezuela		11
MENA	Athlete	Areen	Abusweilem	17	F	Jordan	25	
MENA	Partner	Raya	Al halaby	16	F	Jordan	25	
MENA	Chaperone	Deemah	Wafa	27	F	Jordan		12
MENA	Athlete	Mehdi	Ould-Nana	15	M	Morocco	26	
MENA	Partner	Abdellah	Jamali	12	M	Morocco	26	
MENA	Chaperone	Fatima	Bendriouech	62	F	Morocco		12
MENA	Athlete	Wafa	Zollit	13	F	Tunisia	27	
MENA	Partner	Olfa	Hechri	14	F	Tunisia	27	
MENA	Chaperone	Ghalia	Zouaghi	32	F	Tunisia		13
NA	Athlete	Dillon	Cato	15	M	Trinidad & Tobago	34	
NA	Partner	Kenrick	Baksh	16	M	Trinidad & Tobago	34	
NA	Chaperone	Lystra	Joseph	52	F	Trinidad & Tobago		16
NA	Athlete	Jordan	Schubert	17	M	Illinois	28	
NA	Partner	Allison	Thomas	16	F	Illinois	31	
NA	Chaperone	Kimberly	Pehlke	30	F	Illinois		16
NA	Athlete	William	Sullivan	15	M	Oregon	29	
NA	Partner	Skyler	Sharp	16	M	Oregon	29	
NA	Chaperone	Jill	Hertel	34	F	Oregon		14
NA	Athlete	Curtis	Rogers	17	M	Nebraska	30	
NA	Partner	Tyler	Calabrese	17	M	Nebraska	30	
NA	Chaperone	Laura	Strathe	46	F	Nebraska		14
NA	Athlete	Joseph	Stewart	16	M	North Carolina	28	
NA	Partner	Sarah	Holleman	15	F	North	23	

						Carolina		
NA	Chaperone	A'Lisa	Tello	48	F	North Carolina		15
NA	Athlete	Benjamin	Barnhart	16	M	Colorado	1 -Triple	
NA	Partner	Sarah	Barnhart	15	F	Colorado	31	
NA	Chaperone	Mandi	DeWitt		F	Colorado		15
EEA	Youth Facilitator	Agnieszka	Krukowska		F	Poland	32	
NA	Youth Facilitator	Daniel	Fink		M	Alaska, USA	2 -Triple	
NA	Youth Facilitator	Tanealya	Hueth		F	Montana, USA	32	
EEA	Youth Facilitator	Stratis	Voukidis		M	Greece	2 -Triple	
NA	Chaperone	Tammy	Peterson		F	Montana, USA		17
EEA	Youth Facilitator	George			M	Greece	2 -Triple	
SOI	SOI Support	Clint	Armistead		M	USA / Ecuador Peace Corps	1 -Triple	
NA	Project UNIFY	Jenny	Zhong		F	USA		17

APPENDIX B

GYAS Agenda as of 17 May

THURSDAY 23 JUNE			Location
Arrivals	All day		
Shuttle bus from airport to accommodations	All day	All day	
Accommodation registration & check in (front desk then to designated GYAS registration room)	all day		Stratos Vassilikos, Olympia Meeting room lobby, lower level
Informal dinner at Stratos Hotel for GYAS on-site; general orientation / overview to World Games	6:00 PM	8:30 PM	Stratos Vassilikos, Olympia Meeting room
FRIDAY 24 JUNE			
Breakfast	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	Stratos Vassilikos, Restaurant
Youth DO Change the World Session 1: EDUCATE-MOTIVATE-ACTIVATE Welcome by IGM; Ice breakers; SO Mission, agreements and expectations for both Youth and SOI GYAS. Serves as a primary session to offer information on the World Games and logistics surrounding the week's activities such as housing, transportation, attire, Games schedule and to reinforce Code of Conduct.	9:00 AM	10:45 AM	Stratos Vassilikos, Aegean & Lemnos (Mezzanine Floor double meeting room)
Refreshment Break	10:45 AM	10:55 AM	Same
SO Mission and Inclusive Community Initiatives	10:55 AM	11:45 AM	Same
Lunch	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Same
Youth DO Change the World Session 2: EDUCATE: 2011-2015 SO Strategic Plan Building Communities and the Youth Role in it	1:30 PM	3:30 PM	Same
Depart for Hilton Hotel – walking	5:45 PM	6:15 PM	
Welcome Dinner with Guest Speaker (tbd celebrity youth ambassador and youth reaction panel and SOI Board at Hilton)	6:30 PM	8:00 PM	Hilton Hotel
“Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon” film showing with star, Guest, Zhang Ziyi and SOI International Board Member at The Hilton Hotel	8:00 pm	10:30 pm	Same
SATURDAY 25 JUNE			

Breakfast	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	Stratos Vassilikos, Restaurant
Youth DO Change the World Session 3: Writing for blogs, social networks and Photo training session; Internet safety – Train the trainers. Guest, Lia Komninou from Microsoft Hellas	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	Stratos Vassilikos, Aegean & Lemnos (Mezzanine Floor double meeting room)
Break	10:30 AM	10:45 AM	Same
Youth DO Change the World Session 4: EDUCATE: United Nations Convention/UNICEF blueprint for action. Guest, Noala Skinner from UNICEF	10:45 AM	12:00 PM	Same
Lunch	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Same
Youth DO Change the World Session 5: EDUCATE/MOTIVATE/ACTIVATE: What does Social Justice and Inclusion look like? In SO and in Communities? How do YOUTH make it happen?	1:15 PM	3:00 PM	Stratos Vassilikos, Aegean & Lemnos (Mezzanine Floor double meeting room)
Break – Refreshments	3:00 PM	3:30 PM	Same
Travel to Opening Ceremony	TBD	TBD	Kallimarmaron Panathinaiko Stadium
Opening Ceremony: GYAS pre-show video/march in	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Same
Youth interviews SO Athletes at selected OC venue (TBC)			Same
SUNDAY 26 JUNE			
Breakfast	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Stratos Vassilikos Restaurant
Depart for school visit	10:15 AM	11:00 AM	Geitonias School, Attica
Youth DO Change the World Session 6: EDUCATE/MOTIVATE/ACTIVATE: Empowering change; Speaking up against the R-word; Changing attitudes for Respect – Guest, Andrew Rzepa from Gallup Organization	11:00 AM	12:30 PM	Same
Lunch	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Same
Greek School Enrichment student exchange with Global Youth Activation Summit – Unified sports, watch a movie, discuss issues like awareness, friendship, how can we improve the life of people with ID (TBD)	2:00 PM	5:30 PM	Same
Dinner	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Same
Return to Stratos Vassilikos Hotel	6:00 PM	6:45 PM	

Evening Activity: Cultural sharing experiences – songs, Character Education video, dance, Wii, PlayStation, etc. Kid Corps guests (30)	8:00 PM	10:30 PM	Stratos Vassilikos, Aegean & Lemnos (Mezzanine Floor double meeting room)
MONDAY 27 JUNE			
Breakfast	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	Stratos Vassilikos Restaurant
Depart for Parliament on Metro	9:15 AM		Metro
Hellenic Parliament for GYAS and local Greek Youth Leaders: Proclamation signing	11:00 AM	12:30 PM	Greek Parliament
Lunch – TBD with Parliament	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	
TBD - UNICEF proclamation signing with 2-3 GYAS teams	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	TBD
Athens Tour activity with Greek Youth to Acropolis/Parthenon and Plaka	1:30 PM	4:00 PM	Acropolis/Parthenon in Plaka
Return to Stratos Vassilikos to drop off items and change clothes	4:00 PM	4:15 PM	Metro
Depart for Village Mall Bowling on Metro	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Metro
Dinner and Unified Bowling Night and arcade with 50 Team Mattel volunteers. Guest Hosts, Deidre Lind and Deborah Dicochea, Team Mattel	6:00 PM	9:30 PM	Village Mall Bowling
TUESDAY 28 JUNE			
Breakfast	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	Stratos Vassilikos Restaurant
Depart for Microsoft offices	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Metro
Youth DO Change the World Session 7: MOTIVATE/ACTIVATE: Going forward; working with SO Program, UNICEF and other community resources to make our goals a reality. Guest, Sonia Parayre, Council of Europe	10:15 AM	12:00 PM	Microsoft offices
Global Youth: Conduct 1 st Global Webinar (small representative group from Regions: Target Europe, Middle East, Africa and IGM)	11:30 AM	12:30PM	Microsoft Offices
Depart Microsoft for OAKA	12:00 PM	12:30 PM	Metro
Lunch with athletes at OAKA	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	OAKA
Global Youth reporting, writing & posting to websites, blogs, hometown / school, etc. FaceBook, SO Fan Community, Twitter, YouTube, etc. OAKA & Festival Village	2:00 PM	5:00 PM	OAKA sports: Aquatics, Athletics, Tennis, Basketball, Powerlifting, Cycling, Gymnastics,

			Football, Handball; Festival Village
Depart for Village Mall	5:00 PM	5:30 PM	Metro
Dinner and Youth Rally promotion activity	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Village Mall
Team Mattel Meeting with some selected GYAS teams	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	OAKA Festival Village Mattel sponsor tent
Depart Village Mall	8:00 PM	8:45 PM	Metro
Global Youth: Conduct 2 nd Global Webinar (small representative group from Regions: Target Europe, Middle East, Africa, North America, Latin America and IGM)	9:30 PM	10:30 PM	Stratos Vassilikos Hotel, Myrina meeting room
WEDNESDAY 29 JUNE			
Breakfast	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	Stratos Vassilikos, Restaurant
Global Youth: Conduct 3 rd Global Webinar (small representative group from Regions: Target Asia-Pacific, East Asia and IGM)	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	Stratos Vassilikos Hotel, Myrina meeting room
Youth DO Change the World Session 8: ACTIVATE: GIVE: How to donate or raise funds. Guest, Adrienne Regan, SO Europe Eurasia "Red Laces" promotion	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	Stratos Vassilikos, Olympia Meeting Room
Lunch	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Same
Youth DO Change the World Session 9: ACTIVATE: Being heard on SO or other Community Boards with families and committees (SOI Board rep in attendance)	1:30 PM	2:30 PM	Same
Break	2:30 PM	2:45 PM	Same
Youth DO Change the World Session 10: Social network sharing: FaceBook, Twitter, etc. other locally popular sites (songs, video other media to share from your countries) Guest, Jennifer Corriero founder of Taking IT Global	2:45 PM	5:00 PM	Same
Global Youth: Conduct 4th Global Webinar (small representative group from Regions: Target Europe, Middle East, Africa, North America, Latin America and IGM)	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Stratos Vassilikos Hotel, Myrina meeting room
Depart for Dinner at Athlete Village	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	GYAS Bus TBD
Dinner at Athlete Village (Plan A at Plaka via METRO)	6:30 pm	7:30 pm	Kaykeda Beach (Plan A at Plaka)
Sports night: Youth Sports Night, etc. at Olympic Village (Plan B at Plaka)	6:30 PM	9:30 PM	Kaykeda Beach (Plan B at Plaka)

THURSDAY 30 JUNE			
Breakfast	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	Stratos Vassilikos Restaurant
Global Youth: Conduct 5 th Global Webinar (small representative group from Regions: Target Asia-Pacific, East Asia, Europe, Middle East, Africa and IGM)	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Stratos Vassilikos Hotel, Myrina meeting room
Depart for Festival Village	9:15 AM	10:00 AM	Metro or Games Shuttle Bus
Special Olympics Festival Village for interviews – volunteers, athletes, families	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	OAKA
Lunch with athletes	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	OAKA
Tour Healthy Athletes venue	1:30 PM	3:00 PM	Helexpo Haveno at OAKA
Dinner meeting with your Regional & National Leaders and Global Family Leaders	6:30 PM	8:15 PM	Stratos Vassilikos Hotel, Olympia room
“The Ringer” film showing with star, Guest, Eddie Barbanell and SOI International Board Member	9:00 pm	10:30 pm	Stratos Vassilikos Hotel, Aegean & Lemnos Room
FRIDAY 1 JULY			
Depart for Hilton Hotel	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	Hilton Hotel (room TBD)
Youth as Agents of Change - Breakfast meeting with key leaders.	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	Same
Youth DO Change the World Session 11: ACTIVATE: Creating a Eunice Kennedy Shriver Day campaign back home and honoring her legacy (Guest facilitators with EKS family members)	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Stratos Vassilikos Hotel, Olympia room
Youth DO Change the World Session 12: Organizing a SO College branch (possible SKYP call and Guest, Timbo Shriver, Co-Founder, SO College)	11:30 AM	12:30 PM	Same
Lunch	12:30 pm	1:30 PM	Same
GYAS nominations and elections for offices for next 2 years. Guest, Mathew Williams, Chair of the Global Athlete Congress & SOI Board Member & International Global Messenger.	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Same
Global Youth Rally prep time (TBD as needed or Session Make-Up time)	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	Same
Dinner	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Same (TBD)
Youth Buses to Global Youth Rally	6:30 PM	7:00 PM	Festival Village, OAKA
Global Youth Rally at Wall of Nations	8:30 PM	11:30 PM	Festival Village,

			OAKA
SATURDAY 2 JULY			
Breakfast	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Stratos Vassilikos Restaurant
Depart for Hellinikon Campus, Festival Village	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Metro or Games bus
Young Athletes Experience	11:00 PM	1:30 PM	Hellinikon
Lunch with Athletes	1:30 PM	2:00 PM	Hellinikon
Global Youth reporting, writing & posting to websites, blogs, hometown / school, etc. FaceBook, SO Fan Community, Twitter, YouTube, etc. Hellinikon Sports Complex	2:00 PM	4:30 PM	Hellinikon sports: Cycling, Gymnastics, Football, MATP, Handball
Depart for Stratos Vassilikos Hotel	4:30 PM	5:30 PM	Metro or Games Shuttle
Dinner	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Stratos Vassilikos Restaurant (TBD)
Youth DO Change the World Session 13: ACTIVATE: How do you organize a Youth Summit and Rally back home?	7:30 PM	8:30 PM	Stratos Vassilikos Hotel, Olympia room
Youth DO Change the World Session 14: ACTIVATE: Developing YOUR plan of action for when you return home	8:30 PM	9:30 PM	Same
SUNDAY 3 JULY			
Breakfast	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	Stratos Vassilikos Restaurant
Athens Tour and Planetarium (TBD)	9:00 AM	4:00 PM	TBD
Dinner	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	TBD
GYAS Gift exchange in native attire	7:30 PM	10:00 PM	Stratos Vassilikos, Olympia meeting room
MONDAY 4 JULY			
Breakfast	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	Stratos Vassilikos Restaurant
Global Youth reporting, writing & posting to websites, blogs, hometown / school, etc. FaceBook, SO Fan Community, Twitter, YouTube, etc.	9:00 AM	3:00 PM	Stratos Vassilikos Hotel or other location TBD
Dinner – TBD arrangements for Closing Ceremony	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	TBD
Bus to Closing Ceremonies	5:15 PM	6:00 PM	TBD
Closing Ceremonies	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Kallimarmaron Panathinaiko Stadium

Athletes Dance	9:00 PM	11:00 PM	Same
Youth bus from Closing to hotel	11:00 PM	11:45 PM	TBD
TUESDAY 5 JULY			
Breakfast	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	Stratos Vassilikos Restaurant
Departures	all day		

Important Reminder: Each GYAS team (not person) should bring 110-115 small items unique to their home country or state to exchange with one another on Sunday, 3 July.

See you in 37 Days!