

# Contribute to a healthier world!

**IN 2021 SWEDEN WILL HOST THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD WINTER GAMES** – the world's biggest international sports event with a focus on people with intellectual disabilities (ID). 2000 athletes from over 100 different countries will come to Åre and Östersund to participate in a once in a lifetime sporting experience. This event provides a unique opportunity to put a focus on how to create improved health outcomes for people with intellectual disabilities and create healthy and sustainable communities around the world.

**2,000 athletes from more than 100 countries**



**7 different sports**



**1,000 coaches and leaders  
3,000 family members  
2,500 volunteers**



Alpine Skiing

ÅRE  
Duved Ski Resort



Cross-Country Skiing

ÖSTERSUND  
Östersunds Ski Stadium



Figure Skating

ÖSTERSUND  
Östersunds Arena



Floorball

ÖSTERSUND  
Östersunds Sports Hall



Short Track Speed Skating

ÖSTERSUND  
Östersunds Arena



Snowshoeing

ÅRE  
Duved Ski Resort



Snowboarding

ÅRE  
Duved Ski Resort



## 7 sports in 5 venues

**ÖSTERSUND** will be the center for floorball, cross-country skiing, figure skating and short track speed skating. Staging these sports in the one location will ensure a positive and exciting atmosphere for the local population and visitors. The short distances in Östersund makes it easy to create accessibility for all.

Duved Ski Resort is located a few kilometers west of **ÅRE** and has its very own ski system. The slopes are a paradise for ski enthusiasts and the ski bus takes visitors to Åre and the snowshoeing in 10 minutes.

There will be a  
grand Opening and  
Closing Ceremony



**THE HEALTHY ATHLETES PROGRAM** will provide free health screenings for all of the athletes competing in the World Winter Games. The health screenings program and health education runs throughout the Games with health screenings conducted by volunteer medical professionals within the following areas:



- **Fit Feet** (podiatry)
- **FUNfitness** (physical therapy)
- **Health Promotion** (better health and well-being)
- **Healthy Hearing** (audiology)
- **Special Olympics-Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes** (vision)
- **Special Smiles** (dentistry)
- **Strong Minds** (emotional well-being)



**HOST TOWN** The Host Town programme will take place within a 4 hour distance from Åre and Östersund. During two program days (three nights), the athletes will get to experience the local culture, take part in sports activities and get to know the host country by interacting with the locals before heading to Åre and Östersund for the Opening Ceremony of the Games.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN®** In the days leading up to the Games, *The Special Olympics Flame of hope®* will tour close to 50 cities around Sweden, before arriving at the Opening Ceremony of the World Winter Games. Members of law enforcement from all over the world will come together with Special Olympics athletes to light the way for inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities. This will provide us with great opportunities in breaking new ground for the Special Olympics movement.



**LEGACY** Special Olympics World Winter Games 2021 aims to create better long term conditions for people with ID. By arranging a world class event, we're raising awareness and putting the spotlight on the challenges people with ID face every day. With a long term strategy for improved health for all, the World Winter Games will contribute to a healthier world.

## BECOME A VOLUNTEER

More than 2500 volunteers will be needed to make the World Winter Games a success. If you speak a foreign language, have a special skill that can help us, or simply just want to help the athletes and their families have the best possible experience, please visit [www.sweden2021.org](http://www.sweden2021.org) and sign up.



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