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ALETR: Team Alabama Leaves for 2018 USA Games

The Birmingham Police Department reports that on Saturday, June 30, 2018, **Team Alabama** leaves for the 2018 USA Games in Seattle, Washington. The Special Olympics USA Games is a national sports competition that showcases the power and joy of sports at the highest levels.

The Special Olympics USA Games showcase the abilities of athletes with intellectual disabilities, promotes the ideals of acceptance and inclusion through sport, and celebrates the transformative power of Special Olympics. The BPD and surrounding Law Enforcement agencies ask that the community join us as we send the athletes on a chartered Southwest flight to the games. We will meet the athletes near the Southwest Airlines gate at the Birmingham-Shuttlesworth Airport beginning at 8:00 a.m. and cheer them on as they prepare to depart.

You can follow **Team Alabama** at www.specialolympicsusagames.org for any updates of all the competitions and results throughout the week. Be sure to tune-in to LIVE coverage of the Opening Ceremony on ABC July 1, 2018 at 2:30 CST. Daily coverage of the events will air on ESPN2 at 5pm (4pm on July 4), and LIVE daily coverage from swimming on ESPN3.

For additional information pertaining to this event, please contact Bob Copus, Torch Run Liaison for Special Olympics Alabama, at (205)586-2038 or bob.copus@gmail.com.