



**Special Olympics**  
*Massachusetts*

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**Boston, MA, May 13, 2008** - Special Olympics Massachusetts has announced 10 local athletes will join Team USA for the 2009 World Winter Games. With approximately 3,000 athletes, 9,000 additional guests and media, and 6,000 volunteers representing 85 countries, this will be the largest multi-day winter sports competition in the U.S. Special Olympics Massachusetts is pleased to announce its delegation of athletes that will represent the organization as part of Team USA:

**ALPINE SKIING**

Jessica MacDonald – Cohasset  
Donald Russell – Groton

**NORDIC SKIING**

Jenna Montgomery – North Adams  
James Cowell – Pittsfield

**FIGURE SKATING**

Cathy Rahilly – Westfield  
Elizabeth McCourt---Boxford  
Michael Finlay – Malden  
William Holbrook – Everett

**SPEED SKATING**

Rebecca Zimmerman – Stoughton  
Patrick Adams – Longmeadow

The 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games will take place in and around Boise, Idaho, on February 6-13, 2009 at the following locations:

- Alpine Skiing – Bogus Basin Ski Resort, Boise
- Cross-Country Skiing – Sun Valley Resort, Sun Valley
- Figure Skating – Qwest Arena, Boise
- Floor Hockey – Site TBC, Idaho
- Snowboarding – Tamarack Resort, Tamarack
- Snowshoeing – Sun Valley Resort, Sun Valley
- Speed Skating – Idaho IceWorld, Boise

For more information on the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, please stay tuned to this site or visit [www.2009sworldgames.org](http://www.2009sworldgames.org) or visit [www.SpecialOlympicsMA.org](http://www.SpecialOlympicsMA.org).

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