



UCT inAction

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UCT Winter Hockey Festival celebrates its fifth anniversary by heading back to the Toledo/Bowling Green area!

In 2012 the UCT Winter Hockey Festival for athletes with developmental and intellectual disabilities kicked off in Toledo, Ohio. Since that time the tournament has grown in size and recognition - and is a favorite among the special hockey programs that participate. To celebrate the fifth annual winter hockey festival, the 2016 tournament headed back to the Toledo/Bowling Green-Toledo area Feb. 13-14 as a featured event during Bowling Green's Winterfest 2016.

The festival brought together 23 ASHA (American Special Hockey Association) and SHI (Special Hockey International) teams - some from as close as Bowling Green, Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio, and Detroit, Michigan, and some from as far away as Arlington, Virginia, Laurel, Maryland, and Guelph, Ontario. The festival featured nearly 400 players and two days of friendly competition at Ottawa Park in Toledo and the BGSU Ice Arena in Bowling Green.

Opening Ceremonies, including a medal ceremony for athletes conducted by the BGSU Men's Hockey Team, took place on Feb. 13 at BGSU Ice Arena on the main ice. A social event for teams and families featuring food, drinks, shout-outs, giveaways, and a chance to high-five the Toledo Walleye team as they hit the ice took place at the Toledo Walleye hockey game at the Huntington Center following opening ceremonies.



A BIG thank you to the UCT volunteers who turned out to help make the festival so successful: UCT President Tom Hoffman, first lady Kathleen Hoffman, UCT Chairman of the Board David Burt, Phyllis Burt, UCT Board Member Glenn Suever, Kathy Suever, David Lee, Homer Huprich, and Ron Shively. We appreciate your help!

A big THANK YOU to the UCT local councils that helped sponsor this year's UCT Winter Hockey Festival!

Sudbury, Ontario Council 1051
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Buckeye Council 2000, Columbus, Ohio

Last chance to submit a Volunteer of the Year Award nominations!

Every local council has at least one member who goes the extra mile in providing outstanding volunteer service to his or her council and community each year. You can recognize the efforts of dedicated members by nominating them for UCT's Volunteer of the Year Award!

Nominations are to be based on volunteer service provided during the past year only, and you may consider your council's fiscal year as the past year. Focus areas for nominations are local council support, community service involvement and the ability to mobilize others.

Guidelines and nomination forms are available on the Members' Area of our website under Volunteer of the Year, or by contacting the Public Relations Department at lfisher@uct.org or at 800.848.0123 x130.

The deadline for submissions is APRIL 30. Nominations RECEIVED after this date will not be considered, so get started on your nomination today!

The 2016 UCT convention is coming up soon!

Louisville

Though it might not seem like it's close, the 2016 UCT convention will be here before we know it! This year's convention will take place July 3-6 at the Hyatt Regency Louisville in Louisville, Kentucky. Room rates are as follows and are applicable three days prior and three days following the convention, based on availability:

\$109/night - single/double rooms

\$129/night - triple rooms

\$149/night - quadruple rooms

Reservations must be made by no later than **June 8, 2016**, by calling 502.581.1234. Be sure to tell them you're with UCT. We hope to see you there!

[Click here for online reservations](#)

2016 UCT convention service project to benefit

This year's convention service project will benefit Kosair Kids® Book Blast for kids up to age 12. Based in Louisville, Kosair Charities works to protect the health and well-being of children in Kentucky and Southern Indiana by providing financial support for clinical services, research, pediatric healthcare education, and child advocacy. We're calling on UCT members to help support this worthy cause's reading program by donating 1,500 NEW books to the blast.

UCT's donation will help put books in the hands of children who otherwise might not have books of their own. Books will be distributed throughout the year to Kosair Charities' supported agencies. It's Kosair Charities' goal each year to collect over 500 books - and to reach that goal the organization depends solely on donations. Some great places to shop for books at good prices include Walmart, Meijer, Ollie's Bargain Outlet, and Barnes & Noble, and Half-Price Books.

If you don't plan to attend the convention but would like to donate, feel free to send your donation payable to Kosair Charities to: **UCT, Attn: Jessica Spring, 1801 Watermark Drive, Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43215** by no later than **June 15, 2016**.

Check out this year's convention presentations!

On Tuesday there will be three presentations you won't want to miss! From 8-9 a.m. Community Outreach Manager Keith Ward will talk about the many benefits of UCT membership and Sales Director Justin Hamill will discuss the value of UCT insurance.

From 9-10 a.m. you can catch the "**Member to Member**" panel discussion that will highlight three different UCT local councils and how they have used community service projects, media, and social media to build awareness of and reenergize their councils. Panel members include Jessica Spring from Buckeye Council 2000 in Columbus, Ohio; Sam Adams from Cape Breton Council 883 in Sydney, Nova Scotia; and Dianna Wolfe from Racine, Wisconsin Council 337.

We hope to see you there!



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