

Champion Athletes of the Ozarks

Champion Athletes of the Ozarks serves children and adults with disabilities living in the Ozarks area. Through education, sports training and competition we are building self-esteem, self-confidence and social skills. We are creating a positive atmosphere while teaching decision-making skills, team skills, appropriate behaviors and the feeling of success. Champion Athletes of the Ozarks has a main focus on Life Skills. We are offering classes in reading, basic money, math, storm preparedness and a fitness program. All of these skills are necessary for every individual to be successful in work and school and to be a more productive citizen in our community.

The experiences and skills gained through Champion Athletes of the Ozarks help build the skills necessary for each of our individuals to progress towards normal living. These skills are a valuable resource, in everyday life each one of us must adapt to change, interruptions and upsets. Champion Athletes of the Ozarks teaches each person to be flexible and to cope with the stress that changes can bring. Our individuals must work with different authority figures; accept a win as graciously as a defeat and build on each other's successes.

Champion Athletes of the Ozarks was formed in March of 2002. This organization was established to enhance our individuals' lives, build successful individuals and to expand their opportunities through sports training and competition and new activities.

Champion Athletes of the Ozarks is a local organization; all donations of time and money provide sports programs and opportunities for children and adults with disabilities living in the Ozarks area. All programs are offered to our individuals at no cost.

Champion Athletes of the Ozarks is an athlete driven program. Each athlete is treated with respect, encouraged to work with a high level of self-esteem and personal success, therefore adopting these skills into their everyday lives.

Mission statement – To build self-esteem, self-confidence and everyday life skills therefore enhancing the lives of children and adults with disabilities through education, sports competition and new opportunities.