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Special Olympics Program seeking softball gloves

COLUMBIA, MO (June 8, 2005) -- The Columbia Parks and Recreation Department's Special Olympics Program is in immediate need of used softball gloves.

The program needs between 20-25 gloves by June 22 for the athletes' first tournament. About 60 athletes will be playing in the tournament, and only 10 gloves are available to be shared among four teams.

Both youth and adult gloves are needed. People who would like to donate gloves may drop them by the ARC (Activity and Recreation Center) at 1701 West Ash.

The Special Olympics program frequently collects used sports equipment for athletes to use. Other items that are needed include left-handed golf clubs, golf putters, bowling balls (8, 10 and 12 pounds), bowling ball bags, soccer equipment, tennis rackets and basketballs.