

SPECIAL OLYMPICS CONNECTICUT CELEBRATE AT DUNKIN DONUTS PARK

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It was a hot and steamy Sunday afternoon on July 8th when Special Olympics Connecticut watched the Hartford Yard Goats Double A baseball team play the Portland Sea Dogs.

It was Special Olympics Connecticut Day at Dunkin Donuts Park. The athletes from Special Olympics Connecticut went on the field before the game and helped to hold the American Flag. One of the athletes led all the athletes in the Athlete Oath. The day was about a celebration of 50 years of Special Olympics in Connecticut. This day brought athletes and volunteers from all over Connecticut together to celebrate.

Dunkin Donuts Park always sells out during the summer time. Dunkin Donuts Park was voted the Best Double A Ballpark in America the second year in a row. Hartford Yard Goat games are fun for all families to go and see all season long packed with a variety of activities for all ages. You can hear the fans cheering and screaming for the Yard Goats.

But again, this particular day at Dunkin Donuts Park was a celebration of Special Olympics. It was important to me because Special Olympics gives me the ability to play sports, which is what I love. Being involved in Special Olympics also helps me build lifetime friendships. I enjoy socializing with others with disabilities even the volunteers all year round. My fellow athletes and I feel like celebrities.

We just want to make a difference in the world like our professional heroes do when they play sports.