

BlazeSports
America

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Tampa, FL

TODAY'S PRESENTATION



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TODAY'S PRESENTATION

- Introduce BlazeSports America
- Introduce our athletes and sports
- Review our programs and services
- Review technical assistance resources
- Question and answers

At BlazeSports America, our mission is...



to advance the
Lives of youth
and adults
with physical
disability through
sport and
healthy lifestyles



Who We Serve



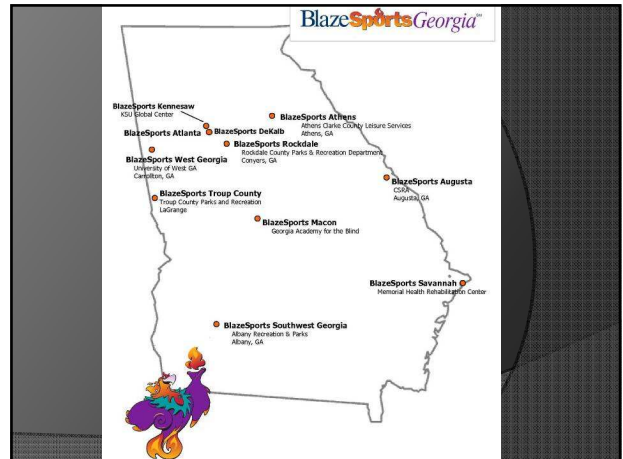


- Children and adults with physical disability who:
 - have a spinal cord injury
 - have an amputation
 - have visual impairment or blindness
 - have a neurological or mobility impairment (e.g. cerebral palsy or brain injury)
- Military
 - recently disabled American soldiers in military hospitals and rehab facilities



BlazeSports
AMERICA
Clubs

2008



Opportunities

- Non Disabled
 - Abundant opportunities exist in all local communities throughout America
 - Recreation agencies, schools, churches and sports leagues assure that these opportunities abound
- Mental Disability
 - Special Olympics provides an extensive network of both recreational and competitive sport for cognitively disabled

Good health opens the door to employment and education for persons with disabilities, just as it does for persons who do not have disabilities.

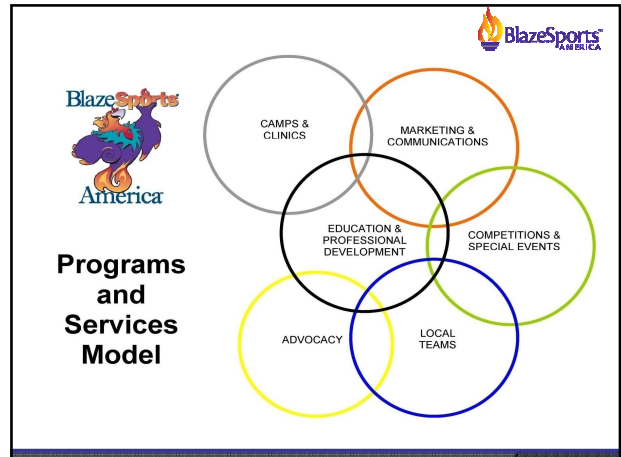
US Surgeon General
Call to Action for Improve the Health and Wellness of Persons with Disabilities, 2005

- ### BlazeSports America Offices
- BlazeSports America National Office
Atlanta, Georgia
 - BlazeSports America Office of Sport Policy and Advocacy
Washington, DC

BlazeSports America Staff



- Leadership Team - 4 staff with 25+ years each in Paralympic sport
- Staff Expertise
 - Adapted Physical Education
 - Sports science
 - Therapeutic Recreation
 - Public health
 - Nutrition
 - Sports psychology
 - Park and Recreation management
 - Coaching
 - Research and evaluation



Our target audience:



Parents and Caregivers of youth with and without a physical disability
Children and adults with and without a physical disability
Professionals (teachers, park and recreation staff, coaches, etc)
Policymakers (state and local)
Local advocates

OUR ATHLETES ...



Spinal Cord Injured



Visual impairments



Cerebral Palsy



- Head Injured and Stroke survivors

Amputee



Les Autres

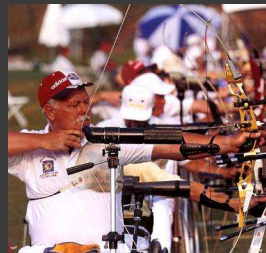


- French for "the others"
- MD, MS, OI, etc

OUR SPORTS ...



Archery








Athletics



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Basketball




Boccia

Cycling



Cycling



Equestrian



Fencing



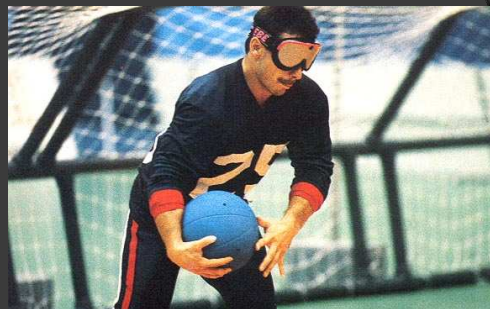
Football (Soccer)



Football (5-a-side)



Goalball



Goalball



Judo



Powerlifting



Rowing



Rugby



Sailing



Shooting



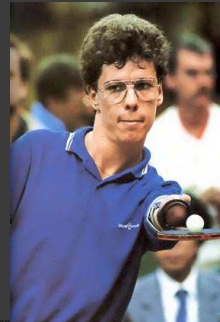
Swimming



Table Tennis



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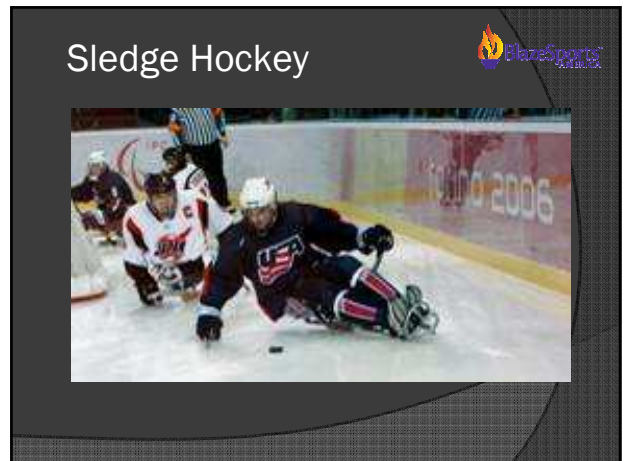
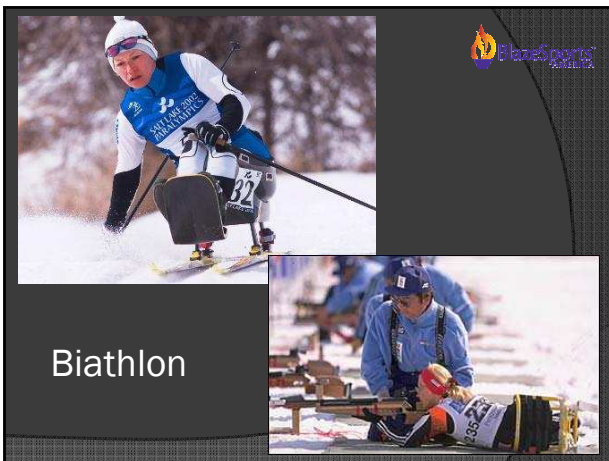
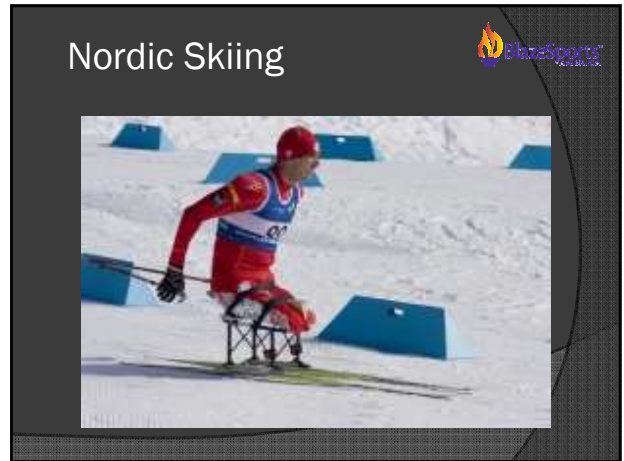
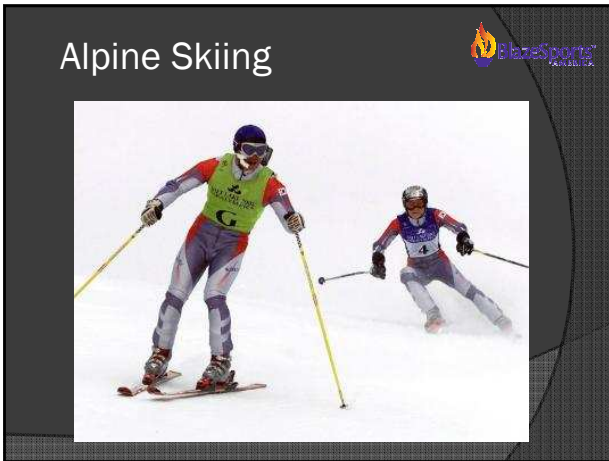
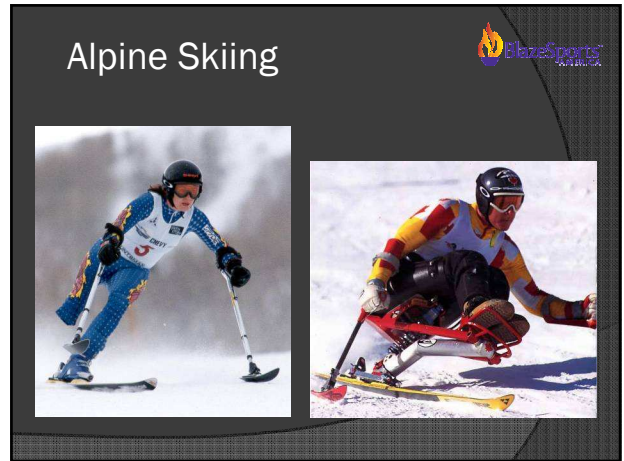


Tennis



Volleyball (sitting)



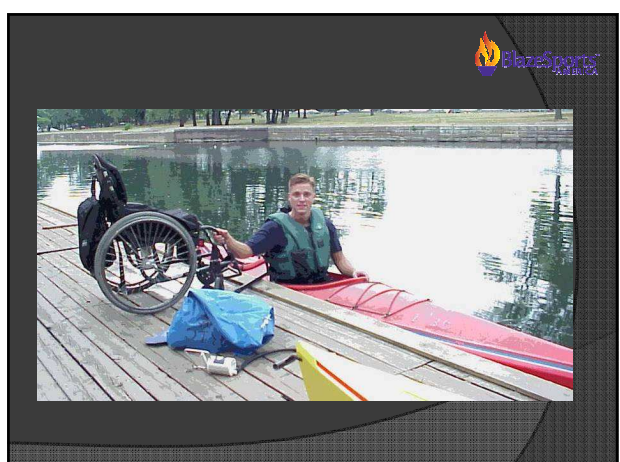
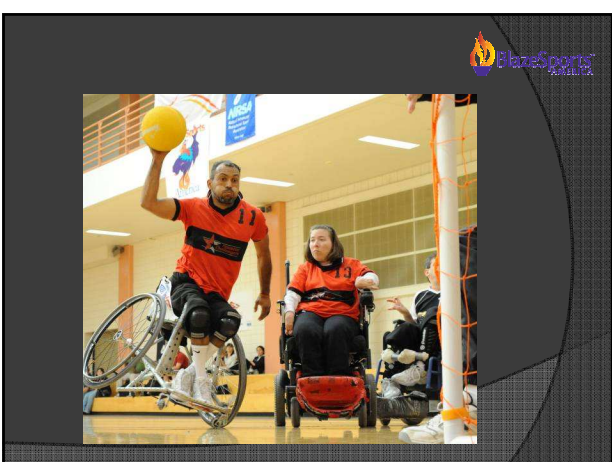
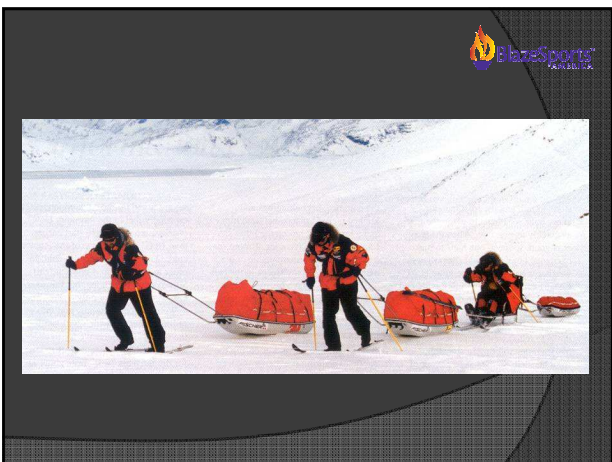
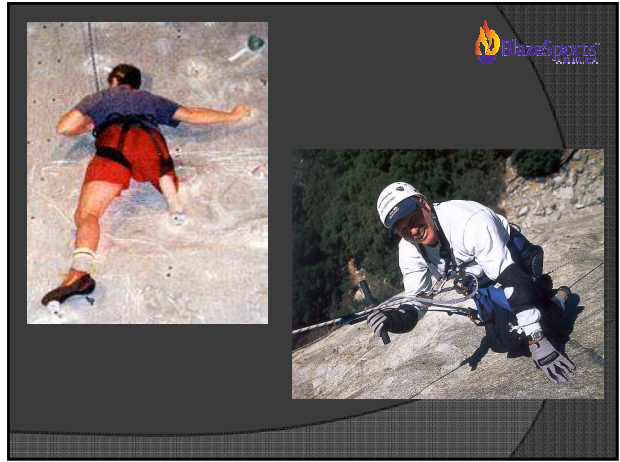
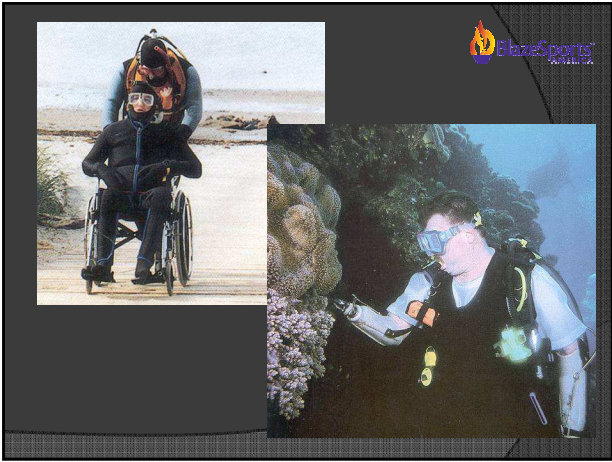


Wheelchair Curling

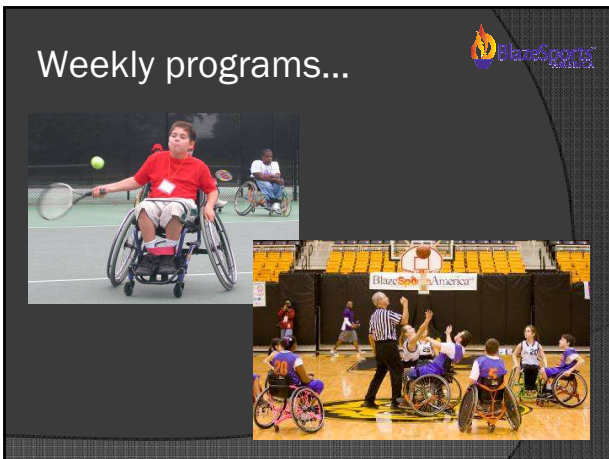
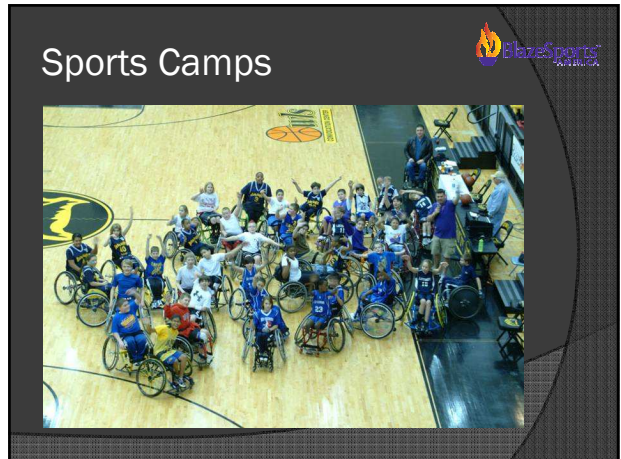
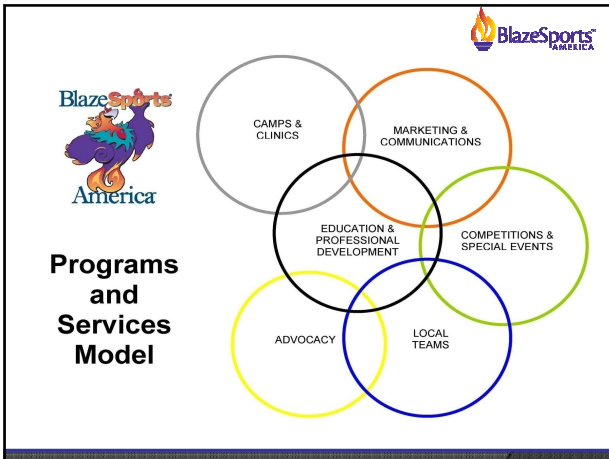


OUR RECREATION ...











EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM













BlazeDays









BlazeDays Disability Awareness



Special Event Promotion





PE or APE Curriculum Development



Georgia House Bill 1184



- Collegiate Sports for Student-Athletes with Disabilities
- Scholarships for as many as 50 student-athletes from Georgia attending either Kennesaw State University or University of West Georgia

BlazeSports Institute for Applied Science



A division of BlazeSports America - Includes education and professional development services that promote best practice; monitor new and emerging trends in the Paralympic Sport, physical activity and health promotion; and translate science into evidence-based practice

BlazeSports Institute for Applied Science



Key Features:

- BlazeSports Annual National Conference (10th year)
- Manuals and toolkits
- Hands-on Workshops and Clinics
- Sport specific officials training
- Sport classifier training
- Curbside consulting
- Launching Webinars and distance learning

Education and Training



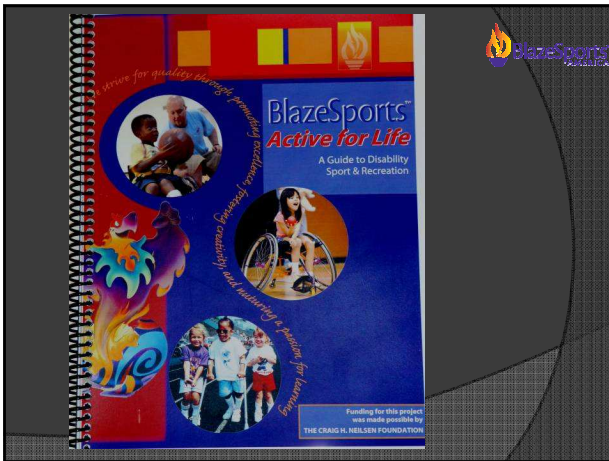
Education and Training



Technical Assistance and Support

- Quarterly newsletters – updates network
- Monthly TA newsletters – sharing best practices and resources
- Phone, e-mail technical assistance consultations
 - Clubs
 - Athletes, parents, service providers, others
- Fields inquiries from new organizations and programs

Active for Life Tool Kit





BlazeSports Public Policy and Advocacy

BlazeSports America's policy and advocacy work focuses on expanding access and opportunities in sports and physical activity for people with disabilities at the local, state and national levels.

Key Features:

- Partnerships
- Collaboration with disability, sports, health sectors
- Mobilize the BlazeSports America Club network

Scholastic athletic opportunities

Georgia Residents can support BlazeSports through a special License Tag

Show your support for our mission through the purchase of a special BlazeSports license tag. A portion of the proceeds go to BlazeSports America.

QUESTIONS?

BlazeSports is ...

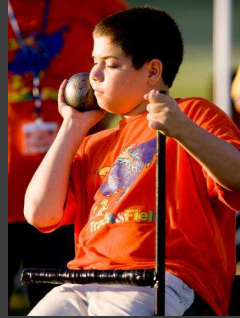
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enriching lives,
building minds and
bodies, developing
leaders and
changing attitudes
and perceptions

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filling the void in
communities for
persons
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