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Peotone's Nick Lorenz Chosen Ambassador For Rubber Ducky Derby

A 'Decade of Ducks' will benefit Special Olympics Illinois, with Peotone's Nick Lorenz serving as Ambassador

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Peotone's own Nick Lorenz, 20, has been chosen to serve in the prestigious role of Duck Ambassador for the 2015 Special Olympics Windy City Rubber Ducky Derby.

Last year was his first time as a member of the Darling Ducklings sales team for the Windy City Rubber Ducky Derby, but you'd never know it by his results. He sold an astounding 2,090 ducks - a record-setting number for an individual on any team.

The son of Pam and Scott Lorenz, Nick has been a Special Olympics Illinois athlete for 12 years, competing in bowling, bocce, swimming, track, softball and basketball. He's an avid Chicago sports fan - always cheering on the Bulls, Blackhawks, White Sox, Cubs and Wolves.

When he's not competing, Nick volunteers at his church, helps his uncle at a food pantry, and assists at LWSRA, the special recreation association where he competes.

Nick will represent Special Olympics Illinois at the Duck Kick-Off Party, Summer Games and other events throughout the summer. He's also featured in the adoption papers, as well as on SOI Duck Derby website.

He still will be an active member of the Darling Ducklings, trying to beat his record from last year.

"Scott and I are very proud that he was chosen from the many deserving Global Messengers in Illinois," Pam Lorenz said.

"It is something that Nick has talked about for many years.

"We asked Nick how he felt about being the Ambassador this year, and he said he is excited and honored to be the duck Ambassador. He said it is a dream come true for him.

"Nick has worked very hard this past year for Special Olympics," she added.

"As a Global Messenger and a member of the Darling Ducklings team, Nick has sold more than 2,000 ducks for the Windy City Rubber Ducky Derby, presented five public speeches, and worked side-by-side with various police departments doing fundraising for the Law Enforcement Torch Run initiative.

"As Nick's parents, we cannot be more appreciative of Special Olympics for the recognition this award has brought to our son."

The Rubber Ducky Derby will take place on August 6. Thousands of spectators are expected to watch 60,000 rubber ducks splash into the Chicago River from the Columbus Drive Bridge and race towards the finish line. Race Day kicks off at 10 a.m., at 400 N. Michigan Avenue (the Wrigley Building), with entertainment for the entire family - including appearances by several sports team mascots.

Splashdown for the Duck Derby is at 1 p.m. Ducks will be sold at the event until 12:30 p.m.

Funds raised will help support year-round sports training and competition in 19 sports for nearly 22,000 Special Olympics athletes and nearly 21,000 young athletes (ages two - seven) throughout Illinois.

To support Nick's goal, search Windy City Rubber Ducky Derby and click on "Darling Ducklings," then again on "Nick L."

Adopt a duck for \$5, a Quack Pack (six ducks for \$25), a Flock of Ducks (24 ducks for \$100) or, new this year, a Decade of Ducks Donor package (240 ducks for \$1,000) for your chance to win one of the Windy City Rubber Ducky Derby's great prizes, including a brand new 2015 Chevy Trax or an all-inclusive Apple Vacation. Join the conversation on Race Day using #chiduckyderby.

Duck adoption sales teams are forming throughout the area, and they compete for bragging rights and great prizes. To form a sales team, download a registration form at duckrace.com/Chicago. If groups or companies would like more information about getting involved, contact Shelley Chenoweth at schenoweth@soill.org or call 630-942-5619.

The Windy City Rubber Ducky Derby is presented by Jewel Osco. SOI sends thanks to TD Ameritrade, Amplivox, Blue Cross Blue Shield Association, Durham School Services, Dunkin Donuts, Lake Shore Recycling Systems, Fox 32 Chicago, IlliniCare Health Plan, KIND, Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana Chevy Dealers, Apple Vacations, Chicagoland Speedway, Coca Cola, Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel, Fashion Outlets of Chicago, Chicago Sun-Times, KISS FM, BIG 95.5, iFly, The Wrigley Building, Shoreline Sightseeing, Chicago Water Taxi, Zeller Realty Group, Veolia Environmental Services, Wendella, Kings Rosemont, Skinny Pop, and the Village of Bridgeview for sponsoring the event.

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