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Compete in the Georgia Golden Olympics

If you are competitive, interested in meeting new friends, or just having fun, plan to participate in the 40th annual Georgia Golden Olympics (GGO) scheduled for September 19-23, 2023, in the city of Warner Robins and surrounding areas. The annual competition is open to adults ages 50 and older. Events include tennis, golf, swimming, track and field, cycling, bowling, 5K run and power walk, horseshoes, billiards, wii bowling, cornhole, and much more. **Swimming will be hosted by the Clayton County Parks & Recreation Department at the Steve Lundquist Aquatics Center.** All events are divided into age categories and medals are awarded for each. If you are not interested in competing then join as a volunteer. **Volunteers are always needed.**

A registration fee of \$45.00 allows the participant to enter 3 events. Additional events are \$7.00 each. Bowling, tennis, golf, cycling, archery, and racewalking require an additional fee. Fees are non-refundable. Early registration deadline is August 1. Late fees apply after that date.

The Georgia Golden Olympics is a member in good standing and qualifying site for the National Senior Games Association. In even years the GGO qualifies athletes for the National competition held in odd years. Georgia qualified over 400 athletes for the 2023 National Games scheduled for July 7-18, 2023 in Pittsburgh, PA. This year is not a national qualifying year but the games go on and offer competition, physical activity and fun.

The purpose of the games is to create an awareness of the abilities of older adults, to maintain and improve health and wellness and to promote an interest in lifetime sports, recreation and physical activity. The founding organizations of the event are: Georgia Department of Human Resources, Division of Public Health (presently the Georgia Department of Public Health); Robins Air Force Base, Services Divisions; Georgia Recreation and Park Association; The Georgia Health Care Association; The University of Georgia, J. W. Fanning Institute for Leadership and Community Development and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

For more information go to website: www.georgiagoldenolympics.org or call: **(Local Parks and Recreation/Senior Center/Older adult agency contact-Name and number)** or the Georgia Golden Olympics office at 770-867-3603.