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**Endeavor Games presented by The Hartford Scheduled June 10-13**

*22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Competition for Athletes With Disabilities Will Take Place on UCO Campus and Edmond Area*

**Edmond, OK.** The 22nd Annual University of Central Oklahoma Endeavor Games presented by The Hartford, an opportunity for athletes with physical disabilities to participate in various sporting events on a competitive level, will be June 10-13, on Central's campus and throughout the Edmond, Oklahoma, community.

The UCO Endeavor Games presented by The Hartford in partnership with Move United, is one the nation's largest multi-sport, multi-disability events. The 2021 games include 10 sports – archery (indoor and outdoor), air rifle shooting, cycling, powerlifting, sitting volleyball, swimming, table tennis, track and field, wheelchair basketball and wheelchair softball.

The games will open Thursday, June 10, with a day of sports clinics and camps for aspiring athletes. Competition kicks off Friday, June 11, with cycling in the morning; powerlifting, shooting, outdoor archery, basketball and several field events, presented by MidFirst Bank, in the afternoon; and, an evening of swimming at the Edmond Mitch Park YMCA, 2901 Marilyn Williams Drive.

Saturday's events feature track and field, also presented by MidFirst Bank, at Edmond North High School, 215 W. Danforth Road, followed by sitting volleyball on Central's campus. The games conclude Sunday, June 13, with wheelchair softball, indoor archery, and table tennis at the UCO Wellness Center.

On Saturday, The Hartford will be surprising two deserving youth athletes with their own custom-fit adaptive sports equipment. The equipment will be a game changer for both youth in their athletic competitions.

"After hosting the Games in a virtual format in 2020, we're excited to be back in person this year. Our event may look a little different due to COVID protocols, but it's the same Endeavor Games our community has known and loved for 22 years!" said Cassidhe Walker, coordinator for adaptive sports and events at Central.

Central is an official U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Training Site and is the host training site for the U.S. Men's and Women's Sitting Volleyball teams. In addition, Central currently is a training site for USA Taekwondo.

National Partners for the Endeavor Games include presenting sponsor, The Hartford, the University of Central Oklahoma, Turnstone Center, U.S. Paralympics, Move United and Hanger Clinic, as well as local sponsor MidFirst Bank.

Volunteers are needed for a variety of positions, including drivers, track and field, special events and more. Volunteers must register before June 4. For athlete and volunteer information, or to view a complete schedule of events for the 2021 UCO Endeavor Games, visit [www.endeavorgames.com/edmond](http://www.endeavorgames.com/edmond).

For more information about the UCO Endeavor Games presented by The Hartford, contact Cassidhe Walker at [cwalker68@uco.edu](mailto:cwalker68@uco.edu) or 405-974-3411.

### **About The Hartford's Ability Equipped Program**

The Hartford has been an advocate for the adaptive sports movement and sponsor of athletes with disabilities for more than 25 years. As a leading provider of disability insurance, the company has a long-held belief that sports are an important part of physical rehabilitation following a disabling illness or injury. In 2019, the company created its Ability Equipped® program to make adaptive sports and equipment more accessible to youth and adults with disabilities. Since the inception of the program, The Hartford has donated more than 3,000 pieces of adaptive equipment benefitting communities across the country. In 2021, the company [announced](#) an expanded partnership with Move United to create a competition series and OnDemand fitness portal.

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