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**Special Olympics Texas Athletes Travel to China
for World Games This Month**

Bryan/College Station Athletes to Join Team USA for International Competition

BRYAN/COLLEGE STATION - Special Olympics Texas athletes, **Angela Simmons of Bryan and Ross Clubb of College Station**, are about to embark on an international adventure – competing at the 2007 Special Olympics World Games in Shanghai, the People’s Republic of China. Along with 58 other Special Olympics Texas athletes, Simmons and Clubb are proud to represent Texas at the World Games as a part of Team USA.

On September 26, Simmons, Clubb and the other Texas athletes will depart for Los Angeles. There, they will join with the rest of Team USA and on September 27, the athletes will leave Los Angeles for China. The World Games competition will be held October 2-11. This Games is the largest international sporting event to happen in 2007, bringing together nearly 7,500 athletes from 160 countries with support from tens of thousands of volunteers, family members and spectators. **The athletes will return home to Texas on October 13.**

Simmons has a lot of horse sense. She looks forward to reigning in a gold medal at World Games. Simmons has competed in Special Olympics for 11 years; she says it has been fun and exciting. A team player, Simmons gets along great with others, especially her four-legged friends. When she’d not in the saddle, she works at Junction Five-O-Five rolling bags for recycling. She has a strong work ethic and was even named Employee of the Month. Simmons enjoys horseback riding, watching TV and doing crossword puzzles.

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Clubb has been a part of Special Olympics since 1992. Clubb is excited to compete in soccer at World Games. A talented athlete, Clubb also participates in volleyball, aquatics and bowling. A true leader, he has headed many of his teams as a captain over the years and he was named the Houston Area Athlete of the Year in 2003. Clubb competed in the 2003 World Games in Ireland and the 2006 National Games in Iowa. Off the field, Clubb was a member of his high school's student council and served as president. He completed countless hours of volunteer work with his church and the Texas Heart Institute in Houston.

About Special Olympics Texas

Special Olympics Texas is a privately funded non-profit organization, providing year-round sports training and athletic competition for 25,841 children and adults with intellectual disabilities [mental retardation] in the Lone Star State. For more information, visit www.specialolympicstexas.org or call 1.800.876.JOIN.

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