

## **World's Largest Truck Convoy Oct. 1 for Special Olympics at National Sports Center**

Truckers from Minnesota and surrounding states will be at the Schwan Event Center in Blaine for the World's Largest Truck Convoy.

The event is an international two-day celebration presented by the Law Enforcement Torch Run to raise funds and increase awareness of the trucking industry's support of Special Olympics athletes.

The 2011 World's Largest Truck Convoy of Minnesota will start and finish at the National Sports Center.

The public is invited to meet the truck drivers and the athletes of Special Olympics Minnesota, along with local law enforcement, who will lead the convoy in its 30-mile journey.

Truck drivers will begin registering for the event Friday, Sept. 30. Stage performances will be 6-10 p.m. that evening.

On Saturday, Oct. 1, a brief drivers meeting will begin at 9 a.m., with opening ceremonies beginning at 9:30 a.m. The convoy will begin at 10 a.m.

The celebration continues with an awards ceremony for Best Looking Truck, Nicest Truck Driver and Company with Most Participating Trucks, as voted on by Special Olympics Minnesota athletes.

The Laura Baker Choir will perform at noon on Saturday. The choir members are people with disabilities, including many Special Olympics Minnesota athletes.

The Schwan Center, part of the National Sports Center, is at 1700 105th Ave. N.E. in Blaine.

For more information, visit [northland300.org](http://northland300.org) or [specialolympicsminnesota.org](http://specialolympicsminnesota.org), or contact Kathy Karkula at 612-604-1272 or [karkulak@somn.org](mailto:karkulak@somn.org).

