MILITARY ADAPTIVE SPORTS RESOURCES





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DISABLED SPORTS



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ABOUT WARFIGHTER SPORTS

Warfighter Sports, a program of Disabled Sports USA, offers sports rehabilitation for wounded warriors with permanent physical disabilities in military hospitals and communities across the U.S. in partnership with a nationwide network of over 125 community-based chapters. Since 1967, Disabled Sports USA has proudly served wounded warriors, including those injured in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, offering over 50 winter and summer sports at more than 100 events each year. Warfighter Sports rebuilds lives through sports by improving selfconfidence, promoting independence and uniting families through shared healthy activities.

Contributions cover all expenses for participation of the warrior and a family member, including individualized adaptive instruction and adaptive sports equipment. Since 2003, more than 12,000 of the most severely wounded and their families have been served, including those with amputations, traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, visual impairments, and significant nerve and muscle damage. For more information, visit **warfightersports.org**.

CHALLENGE MAGAZINE

Challenge Magazine is a publication of Disabled Sports USA, providing adaptive sports information to adults and children with disabilities, including those who are visually impaired, amputees, spinal cord injured (paraplegic and quadriplegic), and those who have multiple sclerosis, head injury, cerebral palsy, autism and other related intellectual disabilities. From those learning adaptive sports for the first time to dsiabled athletes on the US Paralympic team, Challenge Magazine encourages anyone with a disability to participate in sports!

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HAVE QUESTIONS?

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SPORTS OFFERED

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Air Rifle Alpine Ski Archery Basketball **Biathlon** Boccia Bowling Canoeing Climbing **Cross-Country Skiing** Curling Cycling Dance Disc Golf **Downhill Skiing Dragon Boating** Equestrian Fishing Fly Fishing Goalball Golf Hand Cycling Hiking Hunting Kayak Fishing Kayaking Lacrosse Martial Arts Mountain Biking Nordic Ski Paddleboarding Power Soccer

Rafting **Rock Climbing** Rowing Rugby Running Sailing Scuba Skateboarding **Sled Hockey** Snowboarding Snowshoeing Soccer Stand-Up (Amputee) Hockey Strength Training Surfing Swimming **Table Tennis** Tai Chi Tennis Track & Field Triathlon Volleyball Water Aerobics Water Skiing Wheelchair Basketball Wheelchair Curling Wheelchair Fencing Wheelchair Racing Wheelchair Rugby Wheelchair Softball Whitewater Rafting Yoga

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NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The following national organizations offer programming or adapted sport resources in multiple locations or services for disabled Veterans & Members of the Armed Forces living across the US.

Disabled Sports USA (Warfighter Sports) *Multisport* warfightersports.org

1touch Project *1Touch Self-Defense Workshops* 1touchproject.com/veteranspage.html

Achilles International Handcycling, Running achillesinternational.org

Adaptive Golf Academy Golf adaptivegolfacademy.com

Adaptive Canoe Association Canoeing, Kayaking americancanoe.org

Adaptive Sports USA Running, Triathlon adaptivesportsusa.org

Blinded Veterans Association Ice Skating bva.org/BVA/

Carlisle Academy Integrative Equine Therapy & Sports Para-Dressage, Para-Driving, Coach Development carlisleacademymaine.com/veterans/

Challenged Athletes Foundation *Archery, Cycling, Surfing, Triathlon* operationrebound.org **Freedom Hunters** *Hunting Trips* freedomhunters.org

Heroes On the Water Kayak Fishing heroesonthewater.org

Hope for the Warriors Outdoor Adventure Activities, Races hopeforthewarriors.org

Mission Redefined: VA Adaptive Sports Program Multisport va.gov/adaptivesports

National Amputee Golf Association Golf nagagolf.org

National Wheelchair Basketball Association Wheelchair Basketball nwba.org

Oscar Mike Foundation *Multisport* oscarmike.org

Paradox Sports Climbing paradoxsports.org

Paralyzed Veterans of America Multisport pva.org Path International Equine pathintl.org

Project Healing Waters *Fly Fishing* projecthealingwaters.org

Ride 2 Recovery *Cycling* ride2recovery.com

Salute Military Golf Association Golf smga.org

Semper Fi Fund Multisport semperfifund.org

Military Warriors Support Foundation *Golf, Hunting, Outdoor Recreation* militarywarriors.org/skills4life

Team Red, White & Blue *Running, Triathlon* teamrwb.org

Team River Runner *Canoeing, Kayaking* teamriverrunner.org

Tee It Up for the Troops *Golf* teeitupforthetroops.org

United States Association of Blind Athletes Multisport usaba.org

United States Curling Association, Inc. *Wheelchair Curling* usacurl.org

United States Tennis Association Tennis usta.com/en.home/play.html University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Adaptive Tai Chi Chuan adaptivetaichi.org/classes

US Biathlon *Biathlon, Nordic Skiing* teamusa.org/us-biathlon

US Paraequestrian Association *Equestrian* uspea.org

US Paralympics (Local Paralympic Sport Clubs) *Multisport* teamusa.org/US-Paralympics/find-a-club

US Quad Rugby Rugby quadrugby.com

US Rowing Rowing usrowing.org/domesticrowing/adaptiverowing

US Sailing *Sailing* ussailing.org

USA Archery *Archery* teamusa.org/USA-Archery/Programs/Adaptive-Archery

USA Badminton *Para-badminton* teamusa.org/USA-Badminton/Para/Schedule

USA Boccia *Boccia* usaboccia.org

USA Fencing Wheelchair Fencing usfencing.org

USA Hockey *Sled Hockey, Stand-Up (Amputee) Hockey* usahockey.com/sledhockey **USA Shooting** *Target Shooting* usashooting.org/about/paralympicshooting

USA Swimming Swimming usaswimming.org

USA Table Tennis *Table Tennis (Ping Pong)* teamusa.org/usa-table-tennis

USA Triathlon *Paratriathlon* usatriathlon.org

USA Volleyball *Sitting Volleyball* teamusa.org/usa-volleyball/usa-teams/sittingvolleyball

VET Sports Multisport vetsports.org

Wheelchair Lacrosse USA Lacrosse wheelchairlacrosse.com

Wheelchair Sports Federation Multisport wheelchairsportsfederation.org

World T.E.A.M. Sports Bike Rides

worldteamsports.org

Wounded Warrior Project

Multisport woundedwarriorproject.org

Wounded Warriors in Action Foundation

Fishing, Hunting wwiaf.org

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

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All organizations denoted with an asterisk are members of Disabled Sports USA's chapter network.

ALABAMA

Lakeshore Foundation* lakeshore.org Birmingham, AL

University of Alabama Adaptive Athletics alabamaadapted.com Tuscaloosa, AL

ALASKA

Challenge Alaska* challengealaska.org Anchorage, AK

Southeast Alaska Independent Living* sailinc.org Juneau, AK

ARIZONA

Ability360 ability360.org/sports Phoenix, AZ

Arizona Disabled Sports* arizonadisabledsports.com Mesa, AZ

Southern Arizona Adaptive Sports* soazadaptivesports.org Tucscon, AZ

CALIFORNIA

Achieve Tahoe* achievetahoe.org Truckee, CA

Adaptive Sports & Recreation Association* adaptivesportsandrec.org San Diego, CA

Amazing Surf Adventures* amazingsurfadventures.org San Luis Obispo, CA

Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program* borp.org Berkeley, CA

Break the Barriers, Inc. breakthebarriers.org Fresno, CA

Central California Adaptive Sports Center* centralcaladaptive.org Shaver Lake, CA

Disabled Sports USA Eastern Sierra* disabledsportseasternsierra.org Mammoth Lakes, CA

Disabled Sports USA Los Angeles* unrecables.com Los Angeles, CA

Disabled Sports USA Orange County* theachievers.org Irvine, CA

Discovery Blind Sports* discoveryblindsports.org Pioneer, CA Far West Wheelchair Athletic Association fwwaa.org

San Jose, CA

Jimmy Miller Memorial Foundation jimmymillerfoundation.org Manhattan Beach, CA

Loma Linda University teampossabilities.org Loma Linda, CA

Northern California PGA Foundation ncpgafoundation.org Vacaville, CA

Riekes Center for Human Enhancement riekes.org Menlo Park, CA

San Diego District Tennis Association sandiegotennis.org San Diego, CA

San Diego Rowing Club sandiegorowing.org San Diego, CA

Shared Adventures sharedadventures.org Santa Cruz, CA

Shasta Disabled Sports USA* shastadsusa.org Mount Shasta, CA

Timpany Center sjsu.edu/timpany San Jose, CA

Triumph Foundation triumph-foundation.org Santa Clarita, CA

US Adaptive Recreation Center* usarc.org Big Bear Lake, CA **US Driving for the Disabled*** usdfd.org Arroyo Grande, CA

Wheels to Water* wheelstowater.com Cambria, CA

COLORADO

Adaptive Action Sports* adacs.org Copper Mountain, CO

Adaptive Adventures* adaptiveadventures.org Lakewood, CO

Adaptive Athletics Specialists teamaas.org Steamboat Springs, CO

Adaptive Sports Association* asadurango.org Durango, CO

Adaptive Sports Center of Crested Butte* adaptivesports.org Crested Butte, CO

Aspen Camp (Deaf & Hard of Hearing)* aspencamp.org Aspen, CO

Aspen Valley Ski/Snowboard Club teamavsc.org Aspen, CO

Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center* boec.org Breckenridge, CO

Challenge Aspen* challengeaspen.org Snowmass Village, CO

City of Boulder Parks and Recreation

bouldercolorado.gov/parks-rec/sports Boulder, CO

City of Colorado Springs coloradosprings.gov/parks Colorado Springs, CO

Colorado Discover Ability* cdagj.org Grand Junction, CO

Foresight Ski Guides, Inc.* foresightskiguides.org Denver, CO

Golf 4 The Disabled* golf4thedisabled.org Denver, CO

Ignite Adaptive Sports* igniteadaptivesports.org Boulder, CO

National Sports Center for the Disabled* nscd.org Denver, CO

Steamboat Adaptive Recreational Sports* steamboatstars.com Steamboat Springs, CO

Telluride Adaptive Sports Program* tellurideadaptivesports.org Telluride, CO

United States Association of Blind Athletes usaba.org Colorado Springs, CO

Visually Impaired & Blind Skiers* coloradovibes.org Colorado Springs, CO

CONNECTICUT

Chapter 126 Sports & Fitness* chapter126.com Bristol, CT

Leaps of Faith Adaptive Skiers* lofadaptiveskiers.org Sandy Hook, CT

Sports Association of Gaylord Hospital* gaylord.org/sports Wallingford, CT

FLORIDA

Brooks Rehabilitation brooksadaptivesportsandrecreation.com Jacksonville, FL

Florida Disabled Outdoors Association* fdoa.org Tallahassee, FL

Miami-Dade County miamidade.gov/parks/ Miami-Dade, FL

Team Paradise Sailing teamparadise.org Miami, FL

Veterans Ocean Adventures, Inc. vetssailing.org Cutler Bay, FL

GEORGIA

Athens Inclusive Recreation & Sports (AIRS)* airs-ga.org Athens, GA BlazeSports America* blazesports.org

Norcross, GA

City of Roswell roswellgov.com/government/departments/ recreation-and-parks/programs Roswell, GA

HAWAII

AccesSurf Hawaii, Inc. accessurf.org Honolulu, HI

IDAHO

Adaptive Wilderness Sports of McCall* awesomemccall.org McCall, ID

AquAbility* aquability.org Boise, ID

Disabled Veterans Sports Association indvsa.org Coeur D'Alene, ID

Higher Ground Sun Valley* highergroundusa.org Ketchum, ID

Recreation Unlimited* recreation-unlimited.org Boise, ID

Treasure Valley Family YMCA ymcatvidaho.org Boise, ID

Wood River Ability Program woodriverabilityprogram.org Sun Valley, ID

ILLINOIS

Adaptive Adventures* adaptiveadventures.org Wilmette, IL

Chicago Park District chicagoparkdistrict.com/programs-memberships Chicago, IL

Dare2tri* dare2tri.org Chicago, IL

Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association* glasa.org Lake Forest, IL

Shirley Ryan Ability Lab* sralab.org Chicago, IL

World Sport Chicago worldsportchicago.org Chicago, IL

INDIANA

Indiana University facebook.com/AdaptiveSportsatIU Bloomington, IN

Special Outdoor Leisure Opportunities* skisolomichiana.org South Bend, IN

Turnstone Center for Disabled Children & Adults, Inc* turnstone.org Fort Wayne, IN

IOWA

Adaptive Sports Association facebook.com/QCA-Adaptive-Sports-Association-116749518349377/ Davenport, IA

Adaptive Sports Iowa* adaptivesportsiowa.org Ames, IA

Sport Ability of Iowa sportabilityofiowa.org Cedar Rapids, IA

KANSAS

Wheelchair Sports, Inc.* wcsports.org Wichita, KS

KENTUCKY

U.S. Driving for the Disabled* usdfd.org Georgetown, KY

LOUISIANA

Samaritan Acts of New Orleans samaritanactsneworleans.org New Orleans, LA

MAINE

Adaptive Outdoor Education Center adaptiveoutdooreducationcenter.org Carrabassett Valley, ME

Central Maine Adaptive Sports*

centralmaineadaptivesports.org Auburn, ME **Maine Adaptive Sports & Recreation*** maineadaptive.org Newry, ME

New England Nordic Ski Association nensa.net New Glucester, ME

Pineland Farms, Inc. pinelandfarms.org/recreation/vast New Glucester, ME

MARYLAND

Baltimore Adaptive Recreation & Sports* barsinfo.org Parkton, MD

Bennett Institute Physically Challenged Sports Program of Kennedy Krieger* kennedykrieger.org Baltimore, MD

Blue Ridge Adaptive Snow Sports* brasski.org Severna Park, MD

Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating* crabsailing.org Annapolis, MD

Patriot Point patriotpoint.org Taylor's Island, MD

St. Mary's County Recreation and Parks www.co.saint-marys.md.us/recreate/recreation Leonard Town, MD

Team River Runner, Inc.* teamriverrunner.org Rockville, MD

MASSACHUSETTS

AccesSportAmerica* accessportamerica.org Acton, MA

All Out Adventures alloutadventures.org Northampton, MA

Community Rowing, Inc. communityrowing.org Brighton, MA

Holyoke Rows, Inc. holyokerows.org Holyoke, MA

Piers Park Sailing Center piersparksailing.org Boston, MA

MICHIGAN

Cannonsburg Challenged Ski Association* skiccsa.org Ada, MI

Michigan Adaptive Sports* michiganadaptivesports.org West Bloomfied, MI

Michigan Sports Unlimited misportsunlimited.net Essexville, MI

Operation Injured Soldiers injuredsoldiers.org South Lyon, MI

Reining Liberty Ranch reininglibertyranch.org Traverse City, MI

MINNESOTA

Capable Partners capablepartners.org Golden Valley, MN

Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute* allinahealth.org/adaptivesports Minneapolis, MN

Free-Daptive Divers freedaptive.org Hanover, MN

Let's Go Fishing Igfws.com Willmar, MN

North Star Community Rowing* northstarcommunityrowing.org Minneapolis, MN

Majestic Hills Ranch majestichillsranch.org Lakeville, MN

MidWest School of Diving mwschoolofdiving.com White Bear Lake, MN

Minnesota Warriors Ice Hockey mnwarriors.com South Saint Paul, MN

River Valley Riders rivervalleyriders.org Woodbury, MN

Roll With It rollwithitmn.org St. Cloud, MN

US Electric Wheelchair Hockey Association* powerhockey.com New Hope, MN

MISSISSIPPI

Metro Area Community Empowerment mace-ms.org Jackson, MS

MISSOURI

Disabled Athlete Sports Association (DASA)* dasasports.org St. Charles, MO

Gateway YMCA gwrymca.org/program/inclusion-services Potosi, MO

Life Waters lifewaters.org St. Louis, MO

Midwest Adaptive Sports* midwestadaptivesports.org Dearborn, MO

MONTANA

DREAM Adaptive Recreation* dreamadaptive.org Whitefish, MT

Eagle Mount Billings* eaglemount.us Billings, MT

Eagle Mount Bozeman* eaglemount.org Bozeman, MT

Eagle Mount Great Falls* eaglemount.net Great Falls, MT

Horses Spirits Healing, Inc

facebook.com/pg/horsesspiritshealing/ about/?ref=page_internal Billings, MT

NEBRASKA

All Play allplay.org Omaha, NE

Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital madonna.org/specialized/recreation/overview. html Lincoln, NE

Nebraska Adaptive Sports nebraskaadaptivesports.org Omaha, NE

NEVADA

City of Reno Parks and Recreation

reno.gov/government/departments/parksrecreation-community-services/adaptiverecreation Reno, NV

NEW HAMPSHIRE

AbilityPLUS Inc.* abilityplus.org Manchester, NH

Adaptive Sports Partners North Country adaptivesportspartners.org Franconia, NH Crotched Mountain Accessible Recreation & Sports

crotchedmountain.org/programs-and-services/ accessible-recreation Greenfield, NH

Granite State Adaptive* gsadaptivesports.org Mirror Lake, NH

Lakes Region Disabled Sports at Gunstock* gunstockadaptive.org Gilford, NH

New England Disabled Sports* nedisabledsports.org Lincoln, NH

New England Healing Sports Association* nehsa.org Newbury, NH

Northeast Passage* nepassage.org Durham, NH

Waterville Valley Adaptive Sports* watervilleadaptive.com Waterville Valley, NH

NEW MEXICO

Adaptive Sports Program New Mexico* adaptivesportsprogram.org Santa Fe, NM

Ski Apache Adaptive Sports* skiapacheadaptivesports.com Ruidoso, NM

NEW YORK

Adaptive Sports Foundation* adaptivesportsfoundation.org Windham, NY **18** *Military Adaptive Sports Manual*

Adaptive Sports Program - Helen Hayes Hospital*

helenhayeshospital.org/adapted-sportsrecreation West Haverstraw, NY

Asphalt Green, Inc asphaltgreen.org New York City, NY

ASPIRE, Inc.* aspirenewyork@gmail.com Hartsdale, NY

Cape Ability Outrigger Ohana* adaptivecanoeing.org West Henrietta, NY

Capital Region Nordic Alliance, Inc. capitalregionnordicalliance.org/partnerships/ cma-as-a-us-paralympic-club Albany, NY

GallopNYC* gallopnyc.org Brooklyn, NY

Greek Peak Adaptive Snowsports* gpadaptive.org Vestal, NY

Lounsbury Adaptive Ski Program* lounsburyadaptive.org Ellicottville, NY

Move Along, Inc.* movealonginc.org Oswego, NY

Rochester Accessible Adventures* rochesteraccessibleadventures.org Rochester, NY

STRIDE, Inc.* stride.org Rensselaer, NY

Western New York Adaptive Water Sports* wnyadaptivewatersports.org Grand Island, NY

NORTH CAROLINA

Bridge II Sports* bridge2sports.org Durham, NC

Soldiers Undertaking Disabled Scuba (SUDS)* sudsdiving.org Beaufort, NC

Warrior Ride thewarriorride.org Oak Island, NC

NORTH DAKOTA

Sporting Chance sporting-chance.com Bismarck, ND

Dreams In Motion, Inc* dreamsinmotioninc.com Mandon, ND

OHIO

Adaptive Sports Connection* adaptivesportsconnection.org Powell, OH

Adaptive Sports Program of Ohio* adaptivesportsohio.org Dalton, OH

Columbus Recreation and Parks columbusrecparks.com Columbus, OH

Three Trackers of Ohio* 3trackers.org Middleburg Heights, OH Cincinnati Recreation Commission cincyrec.org/tr

Cincinnati, OH

Spire Institute spireinstitute.org/content/military-and-adaptive Geneva, OH

OKLAHOMA

Center for Individuals with Physical Challenges tulsacenter.org Tulsa, OK

UCO Center of Adaptive Sports* uco.edu/wellness/sr/trainingsite/index.asp Edmond, OK

OREGON

Adaptive Sports Northwest* adaptivesportsnw.org Beaverton, OR

Oregon Adaptive Sports* oregonadaptivesports.org Bend, OR

PENNSYLVANIA

Penn State Ability Athletics gopsusports.com/ability University Park, PA

Pennsylvania Center for Adapted Sports* centeronline.com Philadelphia, PA

Three Rivers Adaptive Sports* traspa.org Pittsburgh, PA

Two Top Mountain Adaptive Sports Foundation* twotopadaptive.org Mercersburg, PA

RHODE ISLAND

Access2Adventure* access2adventure.org Tiverton, RI

SOUTH CAROLINA

Adaptive Expeditions* adaptiveexpeditions.org Charleston, SC

Coastal Adaptive Sports coastaladaptivesports.org Myrtle Beach, SC

Roger C. Peace Rehabilitation Hospital* ghs.org/rcp Greenville, SC

SOUTH DAKOTA

Black Hills Ski for Light bhsfl.org Rapid City, SD

Meeting the Need facebook.com/meeting-the-need-463139565064/ Keystone, SD

TENNESSEE

Sports, Arts & Recreation of Chattanooga* sparctn.org Chattanooga, TN

The Warrior Initiative warriorinitiative.org/home.html Adams, TN

TEXAS

The City of Harker Heights www.ci.harker-heights.tx.us/index.php/adaptivesports Harker Heights, TX

Houston Parks and Recreation Dept. houstontx.gov/parks/adaptivesports.html Houston, TX

Kinetic Kids* kinetickidstx.org San Antonio, TX

Lone Star Paralysis Foundation lonestarparalysis.org Austin, TX

Movin' Mavs Adapted Sports uta.edu/movinmavs Arlington, TX

Operation Comfort* operationcomfort.org San Antonio, TX

Rise Adaptive Sports riseadaptivesports.org Irving, TX

San Antonio Sports Foundation sanantoniosports.org/events San Antonio,TX Southwest Wheelchair Athletic Association

swaasports.org Arlington,TX

Texas Rowing for All texasrowingforall.org Austin, TX

UTAH

Common Ground Outdoor Adventures* cgadventures.org Logan, UT

National Ability Center* discovernac.org Park City, UT

Rehabilitation Center at University of Utah healthcare.utah.edu/rehab Salt Lake City, UT

VERMONT

Bart J. Ruggiere Adaptive Sports Center* bartadaptive.org Manchester Center, VT

Friends of Stowe Adaptive Sports* stoweadaptive.org Hyde Park, VT

Mount Snow Adaptive Sports Inc* msadaptive.org West Dover, VT

Northeast Disabled Athletic Association* disabledathletics.org Burlington, VT

Tasty Water Adventures, Inc.* tastywateradventures.org Burlington, VT Vermont Adaptive Ski & Sports Association* vermontadaptive.org Killington, VT

VIRGINIA

Adventure Amputee Camp* adventureamputeecamp.org Winchester, VA

Sailing 4 All* gosailing4all.org Richmond, VA

Sportable* sportable.org Richmond, VA

Therapeutic Adventures, Inc.* taonline.org Charlottesville, VA

United States Patriot Sailing uspatriotsailing.org Norfolk, VA

Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team woundedwarrioramputeesoftballteam.org Alexandria, VA

Wintergreen Adaptive Sports* wintergreenadaptivesports.org Charlottesville, VA

WASHINGTON

Footloose Sailing Association* footloosedisabledsailing.org Mercer Island, WA

Gig Harbor Canoe Kayak Racing Team teamunify.com/Home.jsp?_ tabid_=0&team=recwaghck Gig Harbor, WA Metro Parks Tacoma metroparkstacoma.org/adaptive Tacoma, WA

Outdoors for All Foundation* outdoorsforall.org Seattle, WA

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Capital Rowing capitalrowing.org Washington, DC

DC Firefighters Burn Foundation* dcffburnfoundation.org Washington, DC

Medstar National Rehabilitation Hospital nrhrehab.org/our-services/adaptive-sportsfitness/ Washington, DC

Fishing Has No Boundaries fhnbinc.org Hayward, WI

Southeastern Wisconsin Adaptive Ski Program* sewasp.org Cedarberg, WI

Wisconsin Wheelchair Sports Association wasa.org Waukesha, WI

WYOMING

Casper Mountain Biathlon Club caspermountainbiathlonclub.org/adaptivebiathlonparalympic Casper, WY

Teton Adaptive Sports* tetonadaptivesports.com Teton Village, WY

WEST VIRGINIA

Challenged Athletes of West Virginia* cawvsports.org Snowshoe, WV

WISCONSIN

Central Cross Country Ski Association cxcskiing.org Verona, WI

Challenge the Outdoors, Inc. ctoforme.org Green Bay, WI

Coulee Region Sled Hockey couleeregionsledhockey.com La Crosse, WI

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EQUIPMENT RESOURCES

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Disabled Sports USA maintains a comprehensive list of adaptive sports equipment suppliers here: **disabledsportsusa.org/sports/adaptive-equipment**

APPLYING FOR ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT THROUGH THE VA:

As a wounded service member, you may be eligible for adaptive equipment through the VA, whether you are active duty or a veteran. The following is a brief guide to navigate the process for receiving adaptive equipment.

1. Register through the VA. *http://www.vba. va.gov/bin/21/compensation/index.htm*

2. Identify your interests. The process can move more quickly if you already have documentation of participation and trials of several pieces of adaptive equipment to know which one works best for you.

3. Consult your primary care provider. They will help initiate this process and make referrals as needed. Medical clearance is required.

4. Get a full evalulation. Typically done through the rehabilitation department, this assessment includes education and identification of adaptive equipment as it relates to your specific physical needs and interests.

5. Identify Appropriate Equipment/Submit Request. Based on the evalution, you and your rehabilitation team will select equipment to accommodate your needs. Next, a formal request will be submitted for final approval.

6. Receive your equipment. Final fitting and adjustments are made when equipment is issued.

OTHER ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS:

Challenged Athletes Foundation (Operation Rebound) challengedathletes.org

Hope for the Warriors hopeforthewarriors.org

IM Able Foundation imablefoundation.org

Independence Fund independencefund.org/

Kelly Brush Foundation (SCI Only) kellybrushfoundation.org

High Fives Foundation (Winter Sports) highfivesfoundation.org

Team Semper Fi/America's Fund semperfifund.org

Catch a Lift Fund (Gym Memberships) catchaliftfund.com

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COMPETITION & PARALYMPIC DEVELOPMENT

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DEVELOPMENT OF ATHLETES

For Disabled Veterans and Members of the Armed Forces interested in pursuing competitive opportunities or Paralympic sports, the pathway can vary by sport. Learning about US Paralympics, and the sports specific standards, rules, and competitive pipeline is a great way to start your journey. Through Gateway to Gold and similar initiatives you can register your results and enter the system.

Gateway to Gold Pathyway: teamusa.org/us-Paralympics.gateway-to-gold

Begin by training with a qualified coach. Your coach does not always have to have Paralympic or adapted sports experience. Disabled Sports USA's Adapt2Achieve training and education program can provide you coaching support for clubs and instructors.

Adapt2Achieve Trainings: disabledsportsusa.org/chapters/training/

CALENDAR OF COMPETITIONS

To find sanctioned regional and national multisport adaptive sports competitions, please reference the calendars below:

Adaptive Sports USA: adaptivesportsusa.org/ events-calendar

The VA: https://www.va.gov/adaptivesports/ docs/NVSPSE_EVENT_SCHEDULE_2018.pdf

VA TRAINING ALLOWANCE

The VA National Veterans Sports Programs & Special Events Office provides a monthly assistance allowance for Veterans with disabilities training in Paralympic sport, as well as certain Veterans with disabilities selected for competing with either a service-connected or non-service connected disability if the Veteran meets the minimum performance standards or higher (i.e., Emerging Athlete or National Team) in his or her respective Paralympic sport at a recognized competition. In addition to meeting the performance standard, an athlete must also be nationally or internationally classified by his or her respective Paralympic sport federation as eligible for Paralympic competition in that sport.

VA Allowances: (and then click on "Allowances"): va.gov/adaptivesports/

