



*Reducing gaps in accessible sports availability and promoting community inclusion and awareness of disabilities through sports.*



## December 2021 **quarterly** **newsletter**

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Check out our [Citywide Calendar of Accessible Events](#) all around KC! [Click here!](#)

**If you have an event or program** in the Greater Kansas City Area that is available to all abilities, please submit a request to be included in our online calendar! [Add your event to our calendar here!](#)

### Regional Roundtable

**The ASGKC Regional Roundtable will be held via Zoom on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 1:00pm.**

This quarterly meeting is an educational outreach of ASGKC and is **facilitated by Dr. Melissa Burns PsyD, Adaptive Sports and Recreation Manager, The Whole Person**. Melissa will be speaking about ASGKC's plans for 2022 and event involvement with community partners. The **guest speaker for this roundtable will be Wesley Hamilton, Executive Director of Disabled But Not Really Foundation**, whose mission is to forge a diverse journey of courage and confidence for those who live with disabilities.



**The ASGKC Regional Roundtable is open to ALL.**

You must register to receive the Zoom link. [Sign up here: www.as-gkc.net/asrr](http://www.as-gkc.net/asrr)

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# ASGKC News

A **Paralympic Track Team** is beginning to form for all ages to participate. There is ongoing practice during the winter and into spring of 2022. Interested participants [visit this link for more information](#) on how to get involved.

**The Whole Person** and **Mobility First** are offering a **powerchair soccer program** at Garrison Community Center. The next session starts February 19th! The Victory Project will also be providing personalized kits for every participant! [Details can be found here.](#)

Check out **Bloc Life and Adaptive Athletes In Motion's** new partner page with many accessible fitness opportunities. Get involved and back in shape by taking advantage of one of their events posted on the community calendar. [Learn more about Bloc Life and AAIM here.](#)



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## Local News

[Move United and USA Wheelchair Football League](#) had their championship game at Arrowhead before the Chiefs faced the Giants on November 1. **Midwest Adaptive Sports** is our local Move United Chapter and can help interested participants get more information or get involved. Please check out [their partner page](#) for more details, and [click here to watch highlights from the game.](#)

It's that time of year! **Adaptive snow sports** are back at Snow Creek Ski Area in Weston, MO. Introduce someone you know to the wonderful world of skiing and snowboarding! Community Partner, **Midwest Adaptive Sports** organizes specialized programs for all abilities starting in January 2022.

**PSP3**, a gym in Overland Park, focuses on training athletes of all abilities to make dreams happen! [Check out their story from Fox4.](#)

Community partner and nonprofit organization [The Disabled But Not Really Foundation](#) and founder Wesley Hamilton have received funding from Good Morning America and the Craig H. Neilsen Foundation for its adaptive fitness and lifestyle programs. [Click here to watch Wesley receive the award.](#)



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## National News

The **2022 Winter Paralympic Games** are right around the corner and will take place March 4-13, 2022. The games will feature over 700 athletes from around the world competing in 78 medal events. GO Team USA! [Click here to learn what you need to know about the Paralympic Games.](#)

Over 100 blind hockey players from 19 different programs around the US and Canada met in St. Louis for **Blues Club Classic**. [Read more about classic and how the game is played here.](#)



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## Partner News

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The **Blindness Low Vision Experience** encourages individuals to enjoy opportunities to achieve greater independence and access to the community through physical and outdoor activities, art and cultural events and other experiences. [Check here for upcoming Stretching Without Looking](#) and other great activities from the group

The **Missouri Department of Conservation** and the **Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks** can help those with disabilities enjoy hunting season. Find more information on their community partner pages! [Missouri Department of Conservation](#) and [Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.](#)



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## About ASGKC

[AS-GKC.net](https://www.asgkc.net) is a stand-alone, community-wide, all-inclusive adaptive sports website and calendar that lists adaptive/accessible sports activities throughout the metropolitan area. Organizations, businesses, nonprofits, communities, groups, etc., that offer accessible sporting activities in the KC Metro Area (Missouri and Kansas) are encouraged to list their events, teams, activities, venues, etc., on the website.

The website was created to address the gaps in the Kansas City metropolitan area in communication, collaboration, and access to adaptive/accessible sports programs and venues for people of all ages with physical, mental health, and/or intellectual disabilities.

AS-GKC.net is supported by a Healthy Communities grant from the [Health Forward Foundation](#).

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