

# EDITOR APPLICATION

## The Spoke 2009-2010

Editorial positions on The Spoke range from business managers to section editors to photo editors. Please apply for a position or just to the editorial board overall. Either way, indicate your interests—what you would like to do, not only the position you want—because different editorial positions may be eliminated or created.

Your application is composed of three parts. NOTE: You must also fill out a STAFF APPLICATION form in addition to the requirements on this Editor Application. All components of both applications must be complete and submitted together in order to be considered.

**DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2009**

1. Write a formal business letter indicating your interest in a position on The Spoke.
  - What are your qualifications for the position?
  - Describe your work to date with The Spoke and any other writing or journalistic experience.
  - State your extra curricular interests, specifically the ones that could create conflicts, whether after school, during 8th period or with Spoke homeroom (e.g. spring sports, band/orchestra/chorus, outside jobs).

•At this point, we know some background on your newspaper work—but we would like to learn more about you and your plans. The following are questions that you can address in your letter. (Please remember: you are not restricted to these questions and do not have to answer them all.)

  - How has Spoke influenced you?
  - How will you deal with increased expectations and workloads?
  - How could you be a good leader as an editor?
  - What characteristics do you possess that would make you a good editor?
  - How would you deal with complications in the staff?
  - How would you motivate the staff to complete the work efficiently?
  - What ideas do you have for next year?
2. Then, take a look at this fake writer's budget and first copy. What advice would you give? Please type up a paragraph (150-200 words) of what you would say to the reporter. Are they off track or on track? Where should they go next? Also, please mark up the copy if you find errors.
3. Next, design a page on the article detailed on the budget. It's your job to draw photos (imagine you instructed the photographer what to shoot) and design a full page, with headlines, photos, captions and graphics. You need to write the headlines and captions, but you may put "xxx" where the article and byline should go.

Thanks and good luck!

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STUDENT  
NAME

GRADE IN  
2009-2010

## THE **Spoke** REPORTER BUDGET

Name Joe Reporter Section News Slug SpecOly Issue March  
(the story's topic in one word)

### Story description:

Three students are participating in next month's Special Olympics in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. "More than 300 athletes and 150 coaches from across Pennsylvania travel to the Special Olympics Pennsylvania Winter Games in the Johnstown area each year," according to their Web site.

### Why our readers care:

"Special Olympics is a global nonprofit organization serving the nearly 200 million people with intellectual disabilities, with a presence in nearly 200 countries worldwide," according to their Web site.

### What information do you have already:

Basic information on Special Olympics

### Who do you plan to talk to and when:

The head of the PA Special Olympics

**Photo: Request filed?** Yes

### Ideas for a...

...graphic?  
Map of Johnstown, PA

...breakout box?

...link to a website?

...online extra? (i.e. graphs, photo galleries, maps)

THE SPOKE REPORTER BUDGET

Joe Reporter

News

March Issue

## Special Olympics

Conestoga students are running, jumping, and training for the upcoming Special Olympics, which is to be held on April 20, 2009 in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Special Olympics is an international non-profit organization that helps over two hundred million people with disabilities worldwide. In June 1962, Eunice Kennedy Shriver started a summer camp for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

“[The camp was designed] to explore their capabilities in a variety of sports and physical activities”, the official Special Olympics website says

In July 1968, the first Special Olympics Games were held in Illinois. At this event, over one-thousand athletes compete from twenty-six states (and even Canada!) in various track and field events. Two decades later, in 1978, the International Olympic Committee (also known as the IOC) officially endorsed and recognized Special Olympics.

“I’m really happy that this organization was started”, 11th grader Steve Stoga said.

“There are a lot of people involved in the organization; it became very popular and is now even an organization at Conestoga”, Conestoga’s coach, Terry Teacher, said.

Today, the Special Olympics, after over forty years of being in existence, has over three million athletes in over one-hundred and eighty counties all over the world.

Next month, over 15 Conestoga students will be participating in the Pennsylvania Special Olympics Winter Games. They will be competing against a total of 300 PA students. The Conestoga Students are working really hard.

“We are really excited to expect such a big turnout. The Special Olympics is an important part of the students’ lives. It gives them a goal, as well as drive, determination, and success. We encourage all the community members to come out and support the athletes. All our athletes have been working very hard for the 2009 Winter Games”, Mathew Aaron, President and CEO of the PA Special Olympics, said.

So, drive out to Johnstown on April 20th to support the Conestoga team!

