By the Numbers

Numbers that shape the 2006 Special Olympics USA National Games:

0 – Number of National Games held prior to this year
0 – Cost of the entry fee for competitors
5 – Number of days of athletic competitions
12 – Number of Olympic-style sports athletes will participate in
15 – Number of trucks required to haul drinking water needed for the National Games
16 – Number of sport venues at the National Games
20 – Number of celebrities volunteering at the National Games
48 – Number of states with representatives in the United States Law Enforcement Torch Run®
50 – Number of states participating in the National Games
75 – Number of average seconds between Cessna Airlift takeoffs and departures over a 12-hour period
90 – Number of communities within Iowa and Illinois the Torch Run will involve
150 – Number of countries served by Special Olympics
230 – Number of Cessna Citations involved in the airlift
1,800 – Number of athletes served by Cessna Citation Airlift
2,000 – Number of coaches and officials participating in National Games
3,000 – Number of Special Olympics athletes participating in National Games
6,000 – Number of medals expected to be given out during National Games
8,000 – Number of volunteers participating in National Games
14,500 – Number of people expected to watch Opening Ceremonies
40,000 – Number of spectators and family members expected at National Games
50,000 – Number of actual citizens of Ames, Iowa
550,000 – Number of Americans who participate in Special Olympics
2,250,000 – Number of people worldwide who participate in Special Olympics
7,000,000 – Number of Americans with intellectual disabilities
170,000,000 – Number of people worldwide with intellectual disabilities