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Special Olympians go for gold

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By Heather Sawaski

WAUSAU (WAOW) -- Some special athletes from across the state braved the frigid weather Saturday in Marathon County. The 22nd annual State Winter Games of the Special Olympics are being held in the Wausau area this weekend.

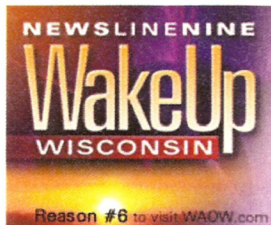
The snowshoe event brings hundreds of special Olympians out to 9 mile forest. The goal was to race around a snowy track as quickly as possible.

Leaders say the games are a very rewarding experience for the athletes.

"For the athletes, it's not about winning," explained Special Olympics marketing assistant Christina Harris. "It's about getting out there and trying their best, giving it their all. The Athletes Oath is: 'If I cannot win, let me at least be brave in my attempt.' So that's really what they're doing here."

Other events going on this weekend include skiing, snowboarding, and speed skating.

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