

Special Olympics coming together

The Saskatchewan Special Olympic Games scheduled for Estevan June 16-18 are shaping up to be one of the shining highlights of the summer for residents of the south-east portion of the province.

Approximately 240 athletes from eight zones across Saskatchewan will arrive in the Energy City on June 16 to compete and bunk out at the Estevan Comprehensive School.

Competition and socializing between the athletes are the major benefits of the games, but there promises to be a myriad of other attractions during the weekend as well. Professional athletes from across North America along with famous personalities will take part in a super star event during the games, and police forces from

across Saskatchewan will conduct a cross-province torch run. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police Band will be present in Estevan on the weekend and an appearance will also be made by the award-winning ECS band -- fresh off its excellent performance in Orlando, Florida.

The fundraising committee of the games is headed by Oxbow's Ross Arthur, who has collected just over half of the \$39,000 needed to run the event. So far there have been a number of donations from various sources, including Esso Resources, Scurry-Rainbow Oil, the Knights of Columbus, the Estevan Lions Club, the Royal Canadian Legion and Glen McGuire School in Oxbow. Donations can be made to the Saskatchewan Olympic Games in care of Arthur at Box 1989 in Oxbow.