

Games volunteers facing big task

Humboldt is hosting the Saskatchewan Special Olympics this weekend.

Housing and feeding close to 300 athletes, mission staff and managers who are participating in the event is a staggering task, says Joyce Dielschneider, co-chairman of the games service committee along with Elvie Breker.

Mrs. Dielschneider said arranging food and accommodations is only part of the work of the games services committee as it is also responsible for registration, security, transportation, entertainment and clean up.

Mrs. Dielschneider said it took the food and accommodation committee quite some time to locate 300 beds for the Olympic Village in the community centre but the beds came last week and have been set up waiting for the athletes to arrive Friday.

Jubilee Hall at the Uniplex is being transformed into a massive dormitory-eating facility for the participants with arena washroom and shower facilities available to the village residents.

Feeding the participants also takes place at the village with food prepared in the Uniplex kitchen. The youth centre will act as the food serving area. Other rooms are being used for various functions including the Knights of Columbus Hall as an athletes centre and medical facility.

Mrs. Dielschneider said feeding the athletes is the one biggest task that the organizers had to face and was the biggest headache for her.

"Just trying to get food was the number one objective," she said, adding that many donations came from outside Humboldt from friends of the Games.

"The problem was not so much getting food, but getting organizations to prepare and serve some of the meals."

Many organizations have volunteered to serve meals but the Special Olympics committee had to arrange for the Uniplex caterer to prepare both the Friday and Saturday evening banquets.

St. Augustine CWL is serving the Friday lunch, Humboldt Knights of Columbus the Saturday pancake breakfast, Muenster CWL the Saturday noon lunch, and Humboldt Lions Club will be hosting a Sunday pancake breakfast.

Refreshment breaks are being served by a number of other organizations such as Beta Sigma Phi and St. Elizabeth's Hospital ladies' auxiliary. All Saints CWL is providing a bagged lunch to athletes to take home with them when they leave Sunday morning.

Mrs. Dielschneider said the total food bill for the participants, excluding donations, will amount to about \$5,000. Participants pay a portion of the expenses through their registration fees.

Registration starts at 10:30 a.m. Friday with Cheryl Chapman of Muenster in charge of processing all athletes, including arranging photo identification of the participants.

Mrs. Dielschneider said security has a high priority at the Games, especially since many of the participants will have personal property stored at the Olympic Village.

Daryl Abel is in charge of security. His security force will allow none without photo identification to enter the Olympic Village from when the athletes arrive Friday morning until they leave Sunday morning.

Nap Boutin is in charge of transportation and will be coordinating the movement of athletes and dignitaries during the three days of activities.

The entertainment subcommittee is being chaired by Dennis Scheafer who is organizing a number of functions for the athletes including a sing-a-long and a closed dance.

Mrs. Dielschneider said that to ensure a good image is left from the Special Olympics, the clean-up and disposal committee was formed to make sure all sites and facilities are left in a tidy condition after each event concludes.

Each committee will be involved with clean-up. First Westminster Scout Group has agreed to clean up Glenn Hall Park.

Boy Scouts will also man a water patrol. The Scouts will act as water carriers and supply water to the athletes as they participate in the various events.

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