

Melfort gearing up for Special Olympic Games

One month from today, 150 Special Olympics athletes will arrive in Melfort for their provincial Winter Games.

Snowshoeing, speed skating, figure skating, and both alpine (downhill) and cross country skiing are all part of this winter extravaganza to be hosted by Melfort on February 12th, 13th, and 14th.

The competitions will be held at Wapiti Ski Hill, the Melfort Golf Course, and the Main Arena, while Games Headquarters will be in the North East Leisure Centre.

Special Olympics was introduced into Canada over twenty years ago. The organization seeks to "improve the quality of life of persons challenged by a mental handicap by providing programs in sport, fitness, and physical recreation for them to fully participate and compete in."

Special Olympics programs are community-based and rely on volunteers to operate.

These Games are no exception. Service clubs, organizations, and individuals are being encouraged to take part in making these Special Olympics Winter Games the best ever.

Volunteers will be drawn from the community for such things as hosting, preparation and serving of meals, and assistance at Games venues with welcome and registration, hospitality, set up/take down and clean up.

Volunteers will be needed to provide one-on-one assistance to the Special Olympics athletes throughout the three day Games.

If you are interested in giving a bit of your time to the Special Olympics Winter Games, you may contact Pat Rumberger at 752-5024 or Al DeBusschere at 752-6214 or 752-4941.

Support for the Special Olympics Games is already growing as local groups and businesses get involved with this event.

Roger Vogelsang chairs the administrative side, which is arranging everything from facilities and accommodations to opening/closing ceremonies to security and medical

services to fundraising and more.

Darren Whitehead is chairing the sports sector.

Both have a fine team of volunteers already at work as the Games are only four weeks away now.

The Games begin the afternoon of Friday, February 12th, with team registration, and the opening ceremonies are set for 7:30 p.m. that day.

The actual competitions are to be held throughout the day Saturday, February 13th, with a banquet to wind up the day's activities.

Winter Festival for 1993

dance was low. Despite on-going attempts to find a new chairman and secretary-treasurer, things have not fallen into place.

"After a great deal of thought, I believe it is impossible for Winter Festival '93 to go ahead.....hopefully plans for Winter Festival '94 can begin in the fall."

An active member of the Winter Festival committee for each of the past ten years, Mrs. Phillips is disappointed that the event will not be held in 1993.

"The project means a great deal to me and I hate to see it discontinued," she said.

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103 and still making music

Pleasantdale resident John Johnson recently celebrated his 103rd in his own home. Mr. Johnson still enjoys the occasional tune on his accordion. More on Page 3.

A woman in charge

Saskatchewan residents will