

Leaves for Austria

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Melfort's contribution to international skiing leaves March 17th for Austria.

Rody Jansen, 20 and a student at Melfort Collegiate, is heading for the 5th Annual Special Olympics World

Winter Games, the second largest winter sport event in the world, which will take place March 20th to 27th in Salzburg, Schladming, Austria.

Over 1600 athletes and 700 coaches, officials, and medical personnel from more than 60 countries will converge on Austria for this seven day event.

Rody will compete in the alpine skiing, a sport he has enjoyed for approximately ten years. This is his second World Special Olympics. He competed at Tahoe in 1988.

Arnold Schwarzenegger, internationally known film star, is one of those throwing his full support behind the Games.

Canadian Special Olympics will send a team of 150 athletes, nine of them from Saskatchewan including Rody Jansen, Danny Cole of Regina, and Tyler Gilbert of Saskatoon in alpine skiing; Jerry Anderson of Nipawin, Robbie Bonbair of Regina, and Jennifer Wilson and John Wickett of Saskatoon in speed-skating; Paul Lundie of Regina in cross country skiing; and Betty Zboril of Outlook in figure skating.

Canadian Special Olympics is a national organization providing sports training and competitions for people with a mental handicap. Over 20,000 children and adults are enrolled in Special Olympics programs in Canada.