

Winter Special Olympics in Melfort this weekend

**Let me win.
But if I cannot win,
let me be brave
in the attempt."**

These are the words Joanne Magnus will recite as she gives the Special Olympic Athlete's Oath to officially open the Saskatchewan Special Olympics Winter Games in Melfort February 12th.

The general public is invited to turn out February 12th and 13th for the 1993 Winter Games to show their support for the athletes and to cheer them on in their competitions.

The Opening Ceremonies are set to begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, February 12th, at the North East Leisure Centre.

Eugene Wallace will have the honour of carrying the official Games Torch.

Joanne and Eugene, both of Melfort, will be actively participating in the Games snowshoeing competitions.

Over one hundred Special Olympics athletes, their coaches, and their managers will parade into the auditorium of the North East Leisure Centre behind the Special Olympics flag and Zone placards. The Melfort Knights of Columbus are to provide

an Honour Guard and a bagpiper and local dignitaries will be on hand to take part in the ceremonies.

Musical entertainment before and during the Opening Ceremonies is to be provided by the Melfort Collegiate band.

The Star City community band, the Kinfolk, the Rybinski family and the Collegiate band are some of those coming to provide musical entertainment later in the evening as the athletes and their many supporters enjoy a bit of socializing.

On Saturday, the public is welcome to visit any or all of the Games venues to cheer on the athletes.

The Alpine Skiing takes place at Wapiti Ski Hill 30 minutes north of Melfort starting at 10:00 a.m.

The Cross Country Skiing and the Snowshoeing will be held at the Melfort Golf Course with both starting at 10:00 a.m.

The Speed Skating and Figure Skating will be in the Main Arena with Speed Skating starting at 9:00 a.m. and Figure Skating at 11:00 a.m.

Medal presentations will be held at each venue during the day.

The Closing Ceremonies and the Games banquet are set for Saturday evening in the North East Leisure Centre.

A dance and social will follow as the Special "O" athletes celebrate their special brand of sports, fun, and fellowship.

They leave for home Sunday.

The visitors are to be treated royally during their stay in Melfort.

Many clubs, organizations, and individuals are part of the Games.

Some will be serving as "buddies" to the athletes during the weekend, others are sponsoring and working at special events such as the Saturday and Sunday morning breakfasts and the official banquet. Many are providing a helping hand at the Games venues.

A dedicated group of volunteers has been working for several weeks to make all the necessary arrangements for this weekend's Winter Games.

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