

Melfort getting ready for Special Olympians

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A winter extravaganza is planned for Melfort when the Saskatchewan Special Olympics Winter Games begin Feb. 12.

Snowshoeing, speed skating, figure skating, alpine skiing and cross-country skiing will all be part of the three-day event concluding Feb. 14.

The 150 athletes taking part will compete at the Wapiti Ski Hill, the Melfort Golf Course and the Melfort Main Arena. The games headquarters will be stationed in the North East Leisure Centre.

Through Special Olympics, which was introduced to Canada 20 years ago, athletes of various skill levels are given an opportunity to compete against athletes of similar ability in the spirit of friendly competition.

Melfort is 95 kilometres southeast of Prince Albert.