



Special Olympics BC Winter Games

Greater Vernon 2019



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Online volunteer registration open for 2019 Special Olympics BC Winter Games

Online volunteer registration is open for the [2019 Special Olympics BC Winter Games](#) in Greater Vernon. With more than 800 athletes with intellectual disabilities and volunteer coaches and mission staff set to converge in Greater Vernon from February 21 to 23, the 2019 SOBC Games will need more than 1,000 volunteers to create an empowering and inspiring experience for the participants from all around the province and the Yukon.

“We know Greater Vernon has an incredible community of volunteers, many of whom helped make the 2017 55+ BC Games a huge success. We are excited to bring the largest SOBC Winter Games ever to Greater Vernon, and will be very grateful to any volunteers who give their time to our Provincial Games this winter,” says Lois McNary, SOBC Vice President, Sport. “We will need everything from trained sport officials and first-aid volunteers to general volunteers who will provide critical support to sport events, meals, accommodations, transportation, security, special events, media, and more. All backgrounds are welcome and everyone’s help will be appreciated by our excited and grateful athletes.”

To register, go to www.sobcgamesvernon.ca and fill out the form to be part of this rewarding experience. Sign up early to secure your spot.

Volunteer registration will also be available at the 2019 SOBC Winter Games office, which will open on Monday, November 5. The office is located at VantageOne Credit Union, 3108 33 Avenue (*Entrance to the office will be located using the VantageOne Leasing entrance, located on 31st Street*).

For more information on volunteering contact games@specialolympics.bc.ca

Provincial Games are exciting and empowering experiences for Special Olympics athletes. For many, these Games offer their first opportunity to experience the joy of travelling and being part of a team. The dedicated competitors will be shooting for personal-best performances, and they will also be chasing the opportunity to advance to national and international levels of competition. Top performers in Greater Vernon will qualify for spots on Team BC for the 2020 Special Olympics Canada Winter Games in Thunder Bay, Ontario, which will be the qualifier for the 2021 Special Olympics World Winter Games.

Greater Vernon is already home to outstanding Special Olympics athletes, volunteers, and programs, as SOBC – Vernon runs 16 year-round sport, youth, and fitness programs, but this will be the first time that SOBC Provincial Games have been hosted here.

About the 2019 Special Olympics BC Winter Games





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The 2019 SOBC Winter Games, set to be held in Greater Vernon February 21 to 23, will be the largest SOBC Winter Games to date, with more than 800 athletes with intellectual disabilities from all parts of the province and the Yukon expected to compete, supported by more than 250 volunteer coaches and mission staff. The 2019 Games will feature exciting competition and inspiring displays of sportsmanship in the eight SOBC winter sports: 5-pin bowling, alpine skiing, cross country skiing, curling, figure skating, floor hockey, snowshoeing, and speed skating. The Opening Ceremony will be held on February 21, followed by competition throughout February 22 and 23. A Closing Ceremony open only to Games competitors will be held on February 23, followed by a volunteer recognition breakfast on February 24.

More than 1,000 volunteers will be needed to help stage this inspiring event. Learn more at www.specialolympics.bc.ca and find SOBC on Facebook and Instagram @specialolympicsbc and Twitter @sobcsociety; the Games hashtags will be #SOBCGames #GreaterVernon2019.

About Special Olympics BC

Special Olympics BC is dedicated to enriching the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities through sport. In 55 communities around the province, we provide year-round training and competitive opportunities in 18 different sports to more than 4,800 athletes of all ages and a wide range of abilities, thanks to the dedicated efforts of over 3,900 volunteers. For more information, please visit www.specialolympics.bc.ca and find us on Facebook and Instagram @specialolympicsbc and Twitter @sobcsociety. To learn more about SOBC – Vernon, visit www.sobcvernon.ca or find them on Facebook @sobcvernon.

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