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Athlete ambassador Zach Bell with AWG mascot Borealis (Photo credit: Sarah Lewis)

Bell: AWG a 'life-changing experience'

Athlete ambassador, Zach Bell, hopes the Games will inspire all participants

by THOMAS SCHOENEICH

In less than five months Zach Bell will enter the Velodrome at the 2012 London Olympics hoping to win the first Olympic track cycling medal for Canada since 2004.

The Whitehorse-born athlete never forgets what got him to the very pinnacle of summer sport events.

The 29-year-old is a three-time Arctic Winter Games participant. He competed for the Yukon in wrestling at the 1996 and the 2000 Arctic Winter Games and as a badminton player at the 1998 AWG.

He has been named athlete

ambassador for the 2012 Arctic Winter Games in Whitehorse.

“The AWGs are a true multi-sport games event. You have a crossing of athletes, culture and languages that is unique and generally only found at very high level games like the Olympics,” Bell said in an interview with *Ulu News*.

“It is one of the only games for young age groups where this kind of experience is possible. That combined with the fantastic celebration of northern and indigenous cultures makes it a fantastic character builder for young people.”

The 2011 UCI Track World Cup Series champion and 2009

world championships silver medalist gives a lot of credit to the AWG for helping and inspiring him on his way to become a Canadian Olympian.

“Before I got to the Olympics (in 2008) I was a part of five different multi-sport games, three of which were AWGs,” Bell said.

“The AWGs was not the exact same as the Olympics but it had many of the same problems for athletes to deal with on a smaller scale: language barriers, complicated logistical schedules, common – sometimes unpredictable – dining arrangements and unfamiliar living quarters were all a

part of both experiences.

“This meant that when I got to the Olympics I was used to these sorts of situations and could put more focus towards performing at my very best.”

The professional cyclist’s own career path is a prime example that the AWG might well serve as a stepping stone for a great career in sports.

“I am going to London (to the 2012 Olympics) to bring back a medal for myself, for the Yukon and for all the young people training in small towns across the country,” he said.

“I want kids across Canada to

know that even if you grew up in a log house in the forest in the Yukon you can make it to the very pinnacle of summer sport, or any other facet of life.”

As the 2012 AWG Athlete Ambassador, Bell wants to use his experience to highlight the excitement and potential the Games can hold for everyone.

“These Games are an experience unique in the world and no matter where you fit into the competition they can be a life changing experience.

“If you are willing to say ‘yes’ to all the Games experiences, you will make friends and learn things about yourself both inside and outside the sporting venue.”

The 2012 Arctic Winter Games will kick off Sunday, March 4, at 6pm with the Opening Ceremony at the Canada Games Centre.

yukon energy keeping tradition in play



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A Mountain Named Ulu

The 1972 Arctic Winter Games Expedition by HEATHER LEDUC



Mountaineering was not an official sport of the Arctic Winter Games when the event was hosted by Whitehorse for the first time in 1972. Still, a highlight of the Games that year included one unnamed mountain, a team of five climbers, two igloos and ten frostbitten toes.

It began when Roy Reber, Games general manager, approached veteran mountaineer Monty Alford with the idea of commemorating the second staging of the Arctic Winter Games with something unusual and unique: the winter ascent of an unnamed mountain.

Alford took up the challenge and selected an unnamed, unclimbed mountain near the Lowell Glacier in the St. Elias region.

Led by Alford, the expedition would comprise four additional climbers, each representing a region taking part in the Games: Alaska, Yukon, Northwest Territories and Arctic Québec. He assembled a team that included two Yukoners, Jim Boyde and Martyn Williams, with whom Alford had climbed Mount Stephen Leacock the previous spring. Scott Foster and Louis Lambert representing Alaska and Arctic Québec rounded out the team.

The five climbers set out on Thursday, March 2 with an expectation to summit the peak in five days. A base camp was set up on a small tributary glacier, and an igloo was erected. The next day a second camp was established at 7,000 feet; on the third day the climbers reconnoitered a route. An overcast day on March 5 gave the party an opportunity to build an igloo at the second camp.

The climbers set off to reach the summit on Monday, March 6, with clear skies, -25C temperatures, and a wind chill. They reached the summit at 5:40 p.m. with -34C and

50 kmh winds. At the peak the group took photos, had a few snacks, and unfurled flags of the Arctic Winter Games, Québec and Canada, as well as the Old Earth flag, symbolizing citizens of the world.

The descent was slow going, and the group didn’t reach camp until 6:00 a.m. March 7. All experienced mild frostbite, but it wasn’t until the climbers were warming up in the igloo that Jim Boyde discovered the severity of his frostbitten toes.

When bush pilot Lloyd Ryder flew in with his Beaver to check on the party on March 8, the climbers quickly stamped out “chopper” in the snow, and a helicopter was sent to airlift Boyde to Whitehorse. Although reports in *The Ulu* at the time said the frostbite wasn’t serious, Boyde did indeed lose all ten toes.

In his book *The Raven and the Mountaineer* (2005), Alford reflected on the climb, and attributes its success to the participating climbers, in particular Jim Boyde with his stoic, cheerful attitude that inspired the others.

It also helped to have a sense of humour: in an interview with *The Ulu* immediately after the climb, Québec climber Louis Lambert joked that there was some disagreement within the group over the best name for the mountain. He said since frigid temperatures had required makeshift snow shelters at the camps, some of the climbers felt “Mount Igloo” was more appropriate than “Mount Ulu.”

However, the latter name stuck, and the official name is now Ulu Mountain, to commemorate the awards presented at the Arctic Winter Games.

The legacy of the Ulu expedition team

There are intrepid people, and



Cover of *The Ulu News* Sunday, March 5, 1972. Caption reads: “Arctic Winter Games mountain climbers pose for cameraman Thursday morning just prior to leaving for assault on unnamed, unclimbed peak 150 miles from Whitehorse. L-R: Jim Boyde, Northwest Territories; Scott Foster, Alaska; Lloyd Ryder (pilot); Monty Alford (expedition leader from Whitehorse); Louis Lambert, Arctic Quebec and Martyn Williams, Yukon Territories. The team is expected to reach the peak of the 10,160 foot mountain some time today.”

there are incredibly intrepid people. The three men from Yukon who climbed Ulu Mountain in 1972 were and are exceptional leaders who continue to contribute to our appreciation and experience of the planet’s wilderness environment.

Monty Alford was a pioneer northern hydrology surveyor but also a mountaineer whose expeditions include two scientific expeditions to the Antarctic, and guiding the film crew documenting Robert Kennedy’s ascent of Mount Kennedy in 1965. Alford is now retired and resides in Whitehorse. He has received many honours, including the Order of Canada

and the Queen’s Golden Jubilee medal. Alford has written several books; *The Raven and the Mountaineer: Explorations of the St. Elias Mountains*, was published in 2005.

After the Ulu Mountain expedition, Jim Boyde went on to receive his Bachelor of Education and teacher’s certificate from Simon Fraser University. He eventually returned to Yukon, and has been instrumental in the development and delivery of the ACES (Achievement, Challenge, Environment and Service) and CHAOS (Community, Heritage, Adventure, Outdoor and Skills) education programs in Yukon. He’s

an avid paddler and teaches certification in canoeing.

Martyn Williams was a teacher in Whitehorse when he joined the Ulu Mountain expedition. He continues his work with youth: in 2003 he worked with the Kaska leader David Porter to develop wilderness training for youth. He also initiated a trekking project called “Pole to Pole 2000”, with young people from seven continents undertaking a journey that involved 71,000 km from the North to the South pole. He is the first person to have achieved three extreme achievements: expeditions to both the North and South poles, and the Mount Everest summit.

Welcome...

As minister responsible for sport and recreation I am pleased to welcome athletes, cultural participants, coaches, mission staff, special guests, volunteers and visitors to the Whitehorse 2012 Arctic Winter Games.

The Games capture our imagination through sport and cultural traditions. They bring us together to celebrate our athletes and performers and give us an opportunity to showcase our outstanding northern hospitality.

To each of you, I wish you the very best as you test yourselves in competition and challenge yourselves artistically while celebrating your time together.

The Yukon government is proud to be a major sponsor of the Whitehorse 2012 Arctic Winter Games.

Elaine Taylor
Minister, Community Services



Arctic Winter Games by the Numbers

A numeric look at some past and present Arctic Winter Games statistics



- 48,000 meals will be served during the 2012 AWG
- 25,200+ hours volunteers will have worked by the end of the Games
- 6,000 ID badges will be handed out to athletes, officials, volunteers etc.
- 2,100 volunteers are involved
- 2,000 athletes will participate
- 1970 year the inaugural AWG were held in Yellowknife, NWT
- 1,617 medals will be awarded
- 800+ sporting events
- 500 athletes who participated at the first AWG in 1970
- 251 medals won by Alaska, the most successful region at the 2010 AWG
- 60 medal ceremonies at the 2012 AWG
- 58.47 metres: current AWG knuckle hop record set by Alaskan Rodney Worl (1986 AWG)
- 45 artists from the nine participating regions will perform during the Games
- 33 cultural events, performances and exhibitions will be held during the 2012 AWG
- 30 dollars: cost of 2012 AWG Super Pass will get holders in to almost 800 sporting events
- 19 different sports
- 13 venues
- 12 months the Song Relay travelled across the Circumpolar North (March 2011 – March 2012)
- 10 medals won by Sapmi at the 2010 AWG; the region finished at the bottom of the medal table
- 9 regions participating at the 2012 AWG (Alaska, Alberta North, Greenland, Nunavut, NWT, Nunavik Quebec, Sapmi, Yamal, Yukon)
- 5 times the city of Whitehorse has already hosted the AWG (1972, 1980, 1986, 1992, 2000)
- 3 original regions that participated at the first AWG in 1970 (Alaska, NWT, Yukon)
- 1 official mascot. Its name: Borealis.

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“I'm not a dreamer, and I'm not saying this will initiate any kind of definitive answer or cure to cancer, but I believe in miracles. I have to.”

Terry Fox

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The Price of Admission: Investing in our Youth

The cost of an admission ticket is invaluable to our youth's futures
by KAREN KEELEY



For those of us who call the North our home, we're here because there is nowhere else we would rather be. Whether it's Greenland, Alaska, Northern Alberta, Northern Russia or Yukon, to us – the North is symbolic for clean air, safe communities, friendships and freedom.

For those involved in the Arctic Winter Games, they too, want to come and freely express themselves and their athletic abilities. They want to embrace the values honoured by the Games organizers, sponsors and volunteers who work

hard to make the Games a success across the Circumpolar North.

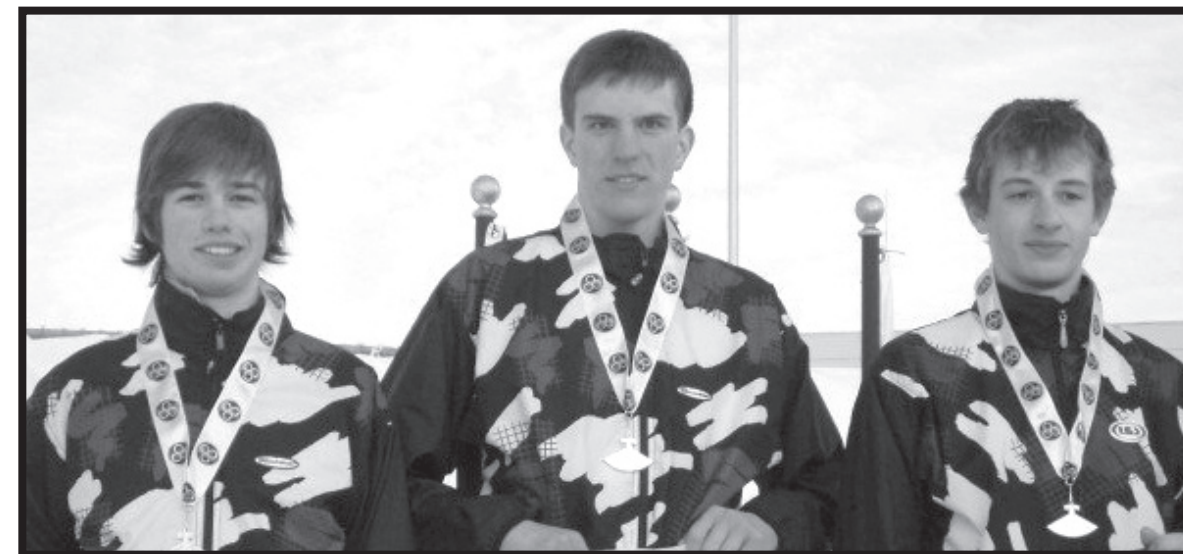
We think of virtue, valour, fair play, honesty and doing our best without recrimination. We think strengthening sport development, building partnerships and celebrating cultures. We think integrity and respect. But what does it all mean? For Yukoner John Parry, it's an investment in sport development but more importantly, it's an investment in our kids.

The Arctic Winter Games gave Parry a solid leg-up for achieving his dreams. As a member of Team

Yukon at the Arctic Winter Games in 2002, 2004 and 2006, Parry now competes in cross-country skiing at national and international levels, soon to be racing in Europe.

To have had the opportunity to attend a fully funded multi-sports games that welcomed contingents from around the world meant a lot to Parry, and to his teammates. Yes – it was a big deal!

“We were given full uniforms and the whole experience was centred around the athletes. Some of my best memories of sport have been at the Arctic Winter Games,”



TOP: AWG2004: Parry (far right) in 2004 with teammates Ray Sabo, Pierre Bedard, David Greer and coach Alain Masson in Ft. McMurray, Alberta. (Photo credit John Parry)

MIDDLE: AWG 2006: Proud silver medalists at the 2006 AWG held in Kenai, Alaska. 3x5km cross-country ski relay, (L-R) John Parry, Matt Sutherland, David Greer. (Photo credit John Parry)

BOTTOM: Parry today racing a NORAM Cup Race in Whistler, BC. Parry has been skiing his whole life and racing since age 8. He soon leaves to race in Europe. (Photo credit Jesse Winter)



said Parry. “Looking back, the Games gave young athletes the opportunity to see competition on a much larger scale than what they were used to. It provided a fun, high-energy environment to race or play our sport. For skiing in particular, competing and learning from skiers from Northern Russia and Scandinavia was inspirational. I don't think many club level racers aged 12 get to see that very often.”

This year, Yukon welcomes teams from Alaska, Alberta North, Greenland, Nunavut, Northwest Territories, Nunavik Quebec, Yamal and Sapmi to the 2012 Arctic Winter Games. The Games are recognized as the world's largest northern multi-sport and cultural event designed to give young athletes and cultural ambassadors their chance to take centre stage on their own northern turf.

In 1969 Governor Walter Hicel (Alaska), Commissioner James Smith (Yukon) and Commissioner Stuart Hodgson (NWT) began the Arctic Winter Games. Since then, no longer are northern athletes outgunned by the competition.

Teams gather to celebrate sport excellence exemplified in young athletes intent on playing their sport to the best of their ability. We know that living in northern communities can lead to feelings of isolation. By connecting through the Arctic Winter Games, kids are given opportunities to travel, to appreciate each other's traditions and cultures, and to make a positive impact on their teammates and themselves.

We've seen that advantage flourish for the 2012 Athlete Ambassador, Olympian and former Arctic Winter Game's participant Zack Bell who believes in the power of sport motivating youth, as it did for him and for John Parry.

Parry said that for many of them, it was the first time as young athletes they interacted with kids from outside North America.

“I remember trying to trade clothing with some skiers from Yamal and finding creative ways to communicate,” said Parry. “Also in Greenland, at age 12, I became obsessed with seal skin clothing and art, and trying to trade for a pair of mitts.”

We may think of living in the Circumpolar North as giving us special insights into social, political and economic mores that those living farther south do not recognize or understand. What better way to show the world what the North is all about than to celebrate our kids, their dreams, their achievements, and give them a leg-up, especially through sport and cultural exchange.

For Parry, the games sparked his interest in skiing and motivated him to train harder in the off-season.

“I was surrounded by teammates and friends committed to the sport which also played a role,” said Parry. “In 2006, David Greer and I both qualified to attend the Canadian National Championships in Thunder Bay. We declined and decided to attend our last Arctic Winter Games and try to win a

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gold Ulu in the relay. I think that speaks something to the value we placed on racing for Team Yukon at the Arctic Winter Games.”

In 2006, Parry and his teammates took home the silver in the cross-country ski relay, something Parry is still proud of.

The Arctic Winter Games International Committee oversees the high profile circumpolar sport competition through its strategic direction, host city selection, governance, and awarding the Hodgson Trophy to the contingent whose athletes best exemplify the ideals of fair play and team spirit.

It's about athletic competition, culture, fostering friendships, cooperation and nurturing traditional sports along with Arctic Sports and Dene Games. It's about visual art, dance, ceremonies and gala performances. It's about what it means to be a northerner – independent, free-thinking, resilient, community-spirited, with a no nonsense attitude.

Has this experience helped John Parry become a better person? With humility, Parry said he's not sure about that, but he does know that it was an incredible experience that has played a vital role in one Yukoner's success in cross-country skiing today.

“I hope soon to be able to get involved as a coach or a wax tech when I am finished with my ski career,” shared Parry. If only all athletes attending the Games can come away feeling as accomplished, then the Arctic Winter Games will have achieved what they set out to do. To motivate our youth so that they too, continue to hold their heads high when competing, proudly representing their part of the Circumpolar North.

Investing in our kids? You bet! During the upcoming week, from March 4 – 10, we can do our part to help motivate our young athletes and cultural ambassadors by believing in them and supporting their activity through our attendance magnified ten-fold by a rousing good cheer!

SPORT SCHEDULE



	SUNDAY MARCH 4	MONDAY MARCH 5	TUESDAY MARCH 6	WEDNESDAY MARCH 7	THURSDAY MARCH 8	FRIDAY MARCH 9	SATURDAY MARCH 10
Alpine Skiing Mount Sima	PRACTICE	9:40am – 1pm	9:40am – 2pm	9:45am – 2pm	WEATHER	WEATHER	—
Arctic Sports Vanier S.S	PRACTICE	9:30am – 5:30pm	10am – 7pm	10am – 7pm	10am – 8pm	10am – 4pm	—
Badminton Porter Creek S.S	PRACTICE	8am – 6pm	8am – 6pm	8am – 6pm	8am – 8pm	9am – 6pm	8:30am – 2:30pm
Basketball FH Collins S.S	PRACTICE	11am – 8pm	12pm – 8pm	12pm – 8pm	12pm – 8pm	3pm – 7pm	11am – 3pm
Biathlon Ski Grey Mountain	PRACTICE	1:30pm – 3:30pm	1:30pm – 3:30pm	PRACTICE	1:30pm – 3:30pm	1:30pm – 3:30pm	—
Biathlon Snowshoe Grey Mountain	PRACTICE	9:30am – 11:30am	9:30am – 11:30am	PRACTICE	9:30am – 11:30am	9:30am – 11:30am	—
Cross Country Skiing Mount McIntyre	PRACTICE	12pm – 3pm	11am – 3pm	PRACTICE	12pm – 2:30pm	12pm – 3pm	—
Curling Curling Club	PRACTICE	9am – 4:30pm	9am – 4:30pm	9am – 4:30pm	9am – 4:30pm	10am – 12pm	—
Dene Games Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre	PRACTICE	10am – 4:30pm	10am – 5pm	10am – 5pm	10am – 5:30pm	10am – 5pm	—
Dog Mushing Mount Lorne	PRACTICE	—	11am – 2pm	10am – 1pm	WEATHER	10am – 1pm	—
Figure Skating CGC-ATCO Ice	PRACTICE	PRACTICE	9am – 2:15pm	3pm – 9pm	PRACTICE	7pm – 9pm	—
Gymnastics Vanier S.S	—	PRACTICE	10:20am – 3pm	PRACTICE	10am – 3pm	—	—
Hockey Bantam Male CGC/Takhini Arena	11:30am – 1:30pm	8am – 6:15pm	8am – 9pm	8am – 6:15pm	8am – 6:15pm	4:15pm – 6:15pm	9am – 11am
Hockey Junior Female CGC/Takhini Arena	1:30pm – 3:30pm	8am – 9pm	8am – 9pm	8am – 9pm	12pm – 6:15pm	12:30pm – 9:30pm	1pm – 3pm
Hockey Midget Male CGC/Takhini Arena	PRACTICE	10:30am – 9pm	10:30am – 3:30pm	10:30am – 9pm	7pm – 9pm	9am – 11am	—
Indoor Soccer CGC-Fieldhouse	2pm – 3pm	9am – 10pm	8am – 10pm	8am – 10pm	8am – 10pm	8am – 10pm	8am – 2pm
Snowboarding Mount Sima	PRACTICE	11am – 2pm	11am – 2pm	11am – 2pm	11am – 3:30pm	WEATHER	—
Snowshoeing Shipyards Park	PRACTICE	9am – 10:15am	WEATHER	9am – 1:30pm	WEATHER	9am – 10:30pm	—
Speed Skating CGC-ATCO Ice	PRACTICE	2pm – 9pm	3pm – 9pm	PRACTICE	8am – 2pm	10am – 4pm	—
Table Tennis Selkirk School	PRACTICE	9am – 6pm	9am – 6pm	9am – 8pm	9am – 8pm	9am – 3pm	—
Volleyball CGC-Flexihall	PRACTICE	8:30am – 9:30pm	8:30am – 9:30pm	8:30am – 9:30pm	10:30am – 9pm	10am – 5pm	—
Wrestling Yukon College	PRACTICE	10am – 9pm	—	1pm – 5pm	12pm – 3pm	—	—

CULTURAL SCHEDULE

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	SATURDAY MARCH 3	SUNDAY MARCH 4	MONDAY MARCH 5	TUESDAY MARCH 6	WEDNESDAY MARCH 7	THURSDAY MARCH 8	FRIDAY MARCH 9	SATURDAY MARCH 10
Opening/Closing Ceremony Canada Games Centre		\$ 6pm						\$ 6pm
A Circumpolar Soundscape Yukon Arts Centre			\$ 8pm					
ColdSpell: How we Winter Yukon Arts Centre				\$ 8pm				
Yukon First Nation Performance Showcase Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre					7pm FREE			
Spectacle Raphaël Freynet and local francophone artists Centre de la francophonie					8pm FREE			
Galas – Cultural Contingents Yukon Arts Centre						\$ 8pm		
Cultural Contingent and Yukon Performances CGC & ATCO Stage			MONDAY to FRIDAY, 12pm – 2pm FREE					
Evening Music Performances Baked Café			MONDAY to FRIDAY, 5pm – 7pm FREE					
Midday Music Performances Arts Underground			12pm – 1pm FREE			12pm – 1pm FREE		
Craft Exhibit – Sewing our Traditions Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre			MONDAY to FRIDAY, 10am – 5pm FREE Exhibit Opening Wednesday, March 7, 7pm FREE					
Collaborative Artistic Creation The Exquisite North Arts Underground	11am – 5pm		11am – 5pm FREE			Opening 5pm–7:30pm FREE		
Yukon Permanent Art Collection, Untrue North, ATCO Exhibit Yukon Arts Centre			Monday to Saturday, 10am – 5pm (and during theatre performances) FREE				12pm – 5pm FREE	
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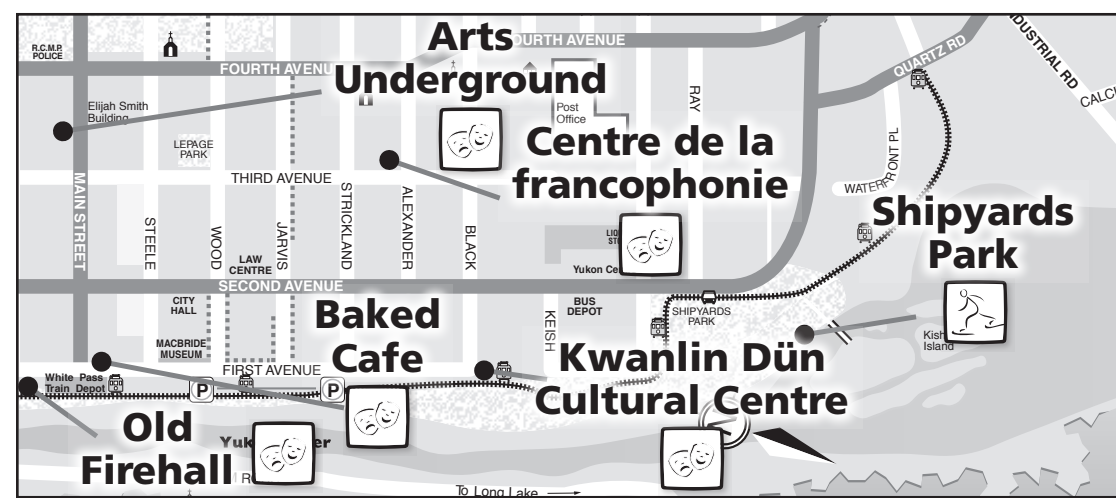
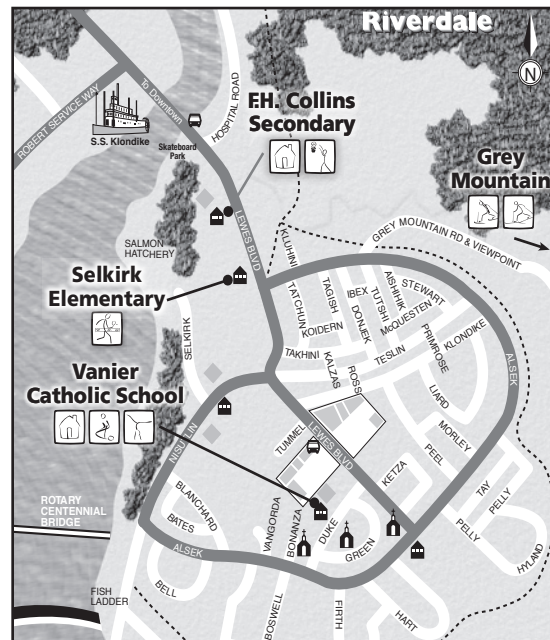
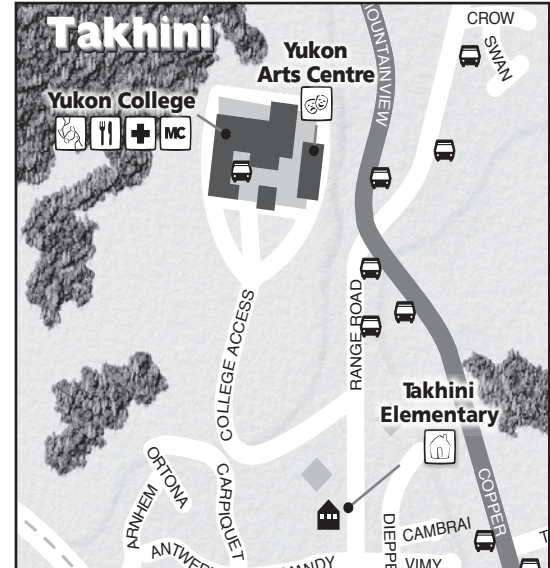
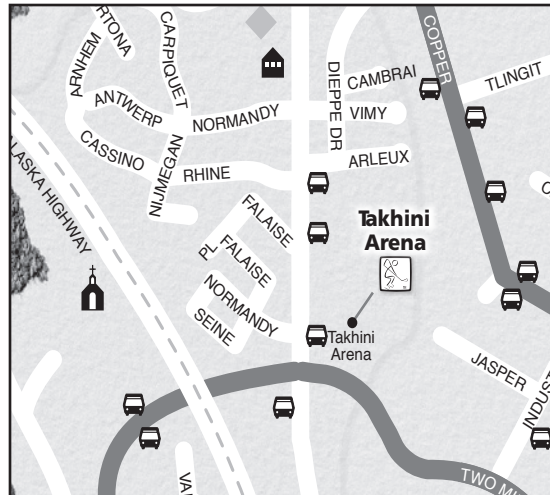
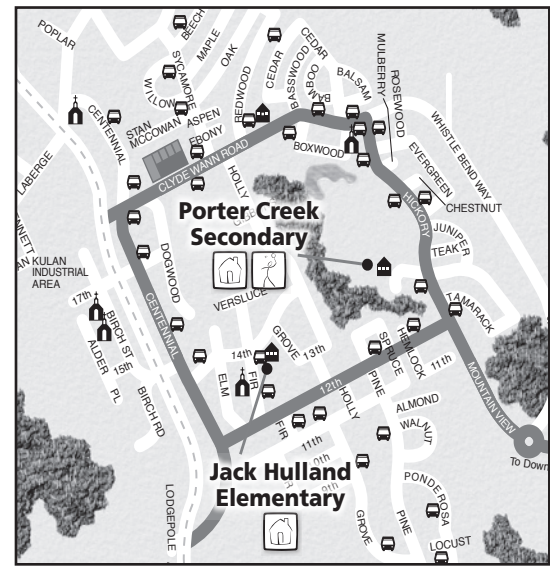
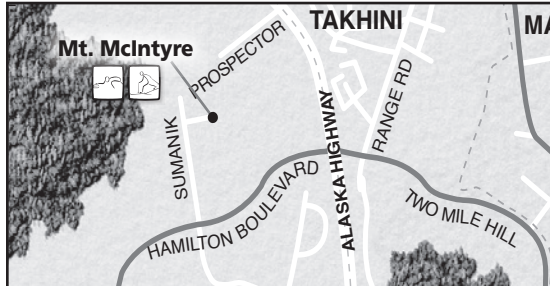
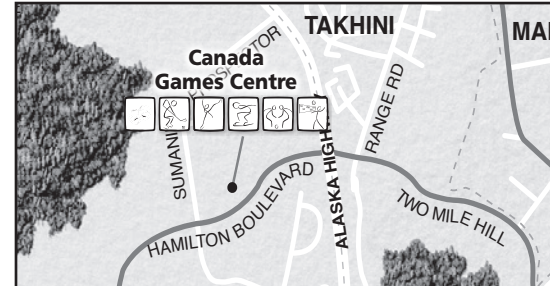
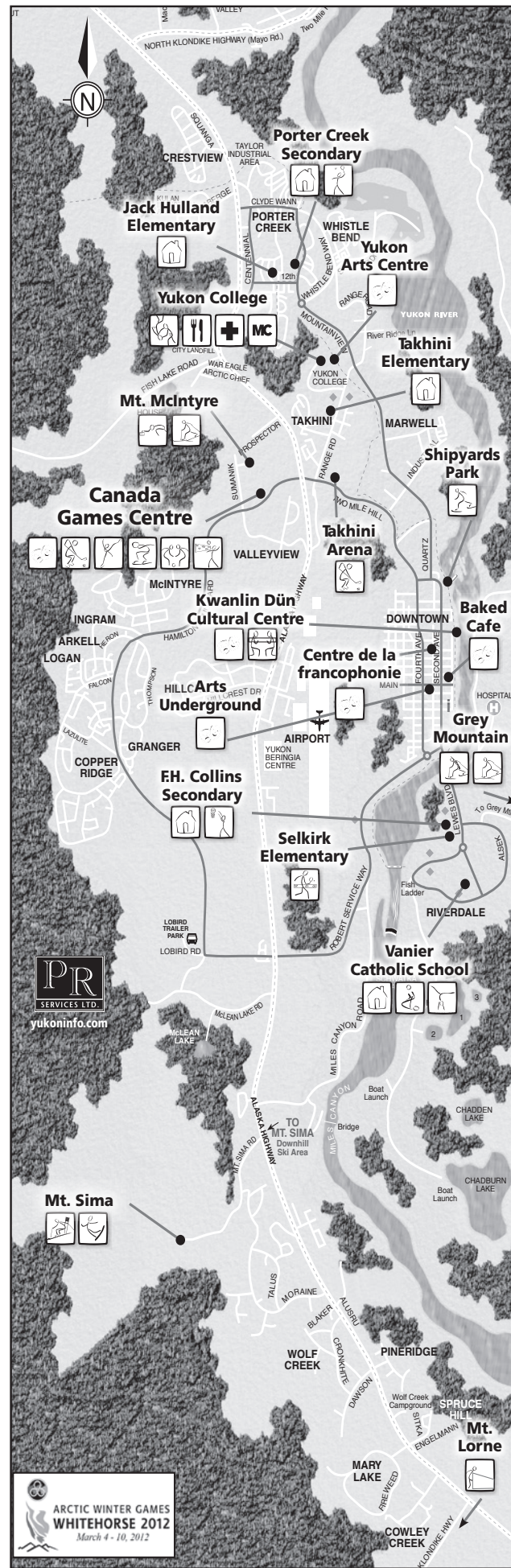
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Figure skating Gala will celebrate team spirit and sportsmanship
by CARRIE MCCLELLAND & the FIGURE SKATING ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The Figure Skating Event at the 2012 Games will look and feel different. In addition to the individual and team events, the 2012 figure skating athletes and coaches will work together throughout the week to develop show numbers that they will perform at the Friday night Gala. It is an event not to be missed!

The hour long Gala begins on Friday night and will celebrate the achievements of not only the 2012 champions, but also the hard work, skill and creativity of all the skaters. The audience will witness

individual performances from the overall Gold Medalists at the Games, show numbers that feature all competitors and an opening number from Arctic Edge Skating Club skaters.

Throughout the week of competition, skaters and coaches from Yamal-Nenets, Alaska, Northern Alberta, NWT and Yukon will get to know their competitors by working together to produce a group number to perform in the show. Traditionally, skaters are divided into four levels of competition and do not have significant

opportunity to interact with, nor get to know other skaters. Preparing a group number with skaters at the same level will give the girls a chance to meet skaters from other contingents, combine their skill and creativity and make lasting friendships.

A rigorous schedule has been prepared squeezing group practices in between the skaters' individual practices and competition time. Each level will work with a pair of coaches and will have only 5 hours off-ice and 3 hours on-ice practice before the performance

on Friday night. This unique bonding experience will help build team spirit and good sportsmanship, and foster a supportive competition atmosphere throughout the Games.

The addition of group show numbers will make this unique Ice Show a true celebration of this beautiful and challenging sport. Join the skaters as they provide us with a true demonstration of their talent and sportsmanship. We are thrilled that all Arctic Winter Games 2012 skaters will participate in the Gala!

Figure Skating Event Gala
Friday, March 9
7:30 pm
Canada Games Centre

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Be sure to join us at 7:30 pm on Friday, March 9 at the Canada Games Centre for this high energy, fun spirited, and celebratory event!
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“The Arctic Winter Games are especially important to the Gwich'in. We recognize individual and team merit. World Champions like Kevin Koe are a good example of success and teamwork.”

– Richard Nerysoo, President, Gwich'in Tribal Council

