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# Let the Arctic Winter Games begin



**TJ Kaskamin of Fort Good Hope** carries the NWT flag into the March 18 opening ceremony in Hay River for the 2018 South Slave Arctic Winter Games.

Paul Bickford/NNSL photo

## Arctic Winter Games launched with ceremony in Hay River

**by Paul Bickford**  
Northern News Services

After years of planning and work, the 2018 South Slave Arctic Winter Games officially kicked off with a flashy opening ceremony on March 18 in the brand-new recreation centre in Hay River.

Close to 1,900 athletes from across the circumpolar world gathered in Hay River for the opening ceremonies, including about 800 competing in Fort Smith who were bussed in just for the event and returned after it was over.

Nine teams – from Canada, Alaska, Scandinavia, Greenland and Russia – marched in one-by-one to the cheers of Hay River residents and fellow competitors.

At the end of the ceremony, Jens Brinch, the president of the Arctic Winter Games International Committee, declared the 2018 games officially open.

"To all the athletes and participants, I say do your best in the competitions and performances," he said.

On behalf of the Arctic Winter Games International Committee, Brinch also thanked the people who worked to make the games possible – volunteers, sponsors and members of host society.

Prior to the declaration to open the games, there was a fast-moving ceremony featuring music, dancing and numerous inspirational messages.

Greg Rowe, the president of the 2018 South Slave Arctic

Winter Games Host Society, recalled the region's failed attempt to obtain the games for 2008.

"With renewed vision and a lot of determination we bid on the 2018 games, and here we are today," he said.

Rowe also especially thanked the Town of Hay River and its recreation board for its support, and the town's construction of its new recreation centre which opened just days before the games began.

"This spectacular facility is one of our greatest legacies of the games," he said.

In a video message, Premier Bob McLeod noted that Hay River and Pine Point had hosted the Arctic Winter Games in 1978.

"Now 40 years later the games are back in the South Slave region where I know the communities of Hay River, Fort Smith and K'atloodeche First Nation will serve as tremendous hosts and show all that this region has to offer," he said.

McLeod challenged the athletes to use the games to help develop their characters, and become more confident, responsible individuals and leaders in their communities.

"To Team NWT athletes, you are our ambassadors. Represent your team and our territory with honour and pride," he said, adding they should do their best and always compete with fairness and integrity.

Welcome messages were also played from Mayor Brad Mapes of Hay River, Mayor

Lynn Napier-Buckley of Fort Smith, Chief Roy Fabian of K'atloodeche First Nation and Kristy Duncan, the federal minister of Sport and Persons with Disabilities.

Hay River's Olympic biathlete Brendan Green also sent a message – recorded at the

Winter Olympics in Pyeong-Chang, South Korea – welcoming the athletes to his hometown.

"I'm proud to say that I'm an Arctic Winter Games alumnus," he said. "For me, it led to a career in sport as well as three Winter

Olympic Games."

The late Pat Bobinski, a Hay River volunteer who was instrumental in developing the sport of biathlon in the NWT and a long-time member of the Arctic Winter Games family, was also honoured with a special tribute.

The entertainment for the evening included the Hay River Filipino Marching Band, The JBT Jiggers from Fort Smith's Joseph Burr Tyrrell School, the Tuktoyaktuk Siglit Drummers and Dancers, and the K'atloodeche Drummers.

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**After the lighting** of the Hay River cauldron for the 2018 South Slave Arctic Winter Games, four youngsters, left to right, Nikhlin Kipling, Emrys Kipling, Carlyn Monkman and Annalee Monkman gathered for a photo.

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# Arctic Winter Games flame lit



**Numerous people, including many families,** posed for pictures with the cauldron for the 2018 South Slave Arctic Winter Games. One of the families consisted of, left to right, Emiliana Poitras-Dewar, David Dewar, Emmanuelle Poitras-Dewar, Emmylou Poitras-Dewar and Sarah Poitras-Dewar.



**Marie-Eve Larocque, the social media chair** for the 2018 South Slave AWG, takes a photo at the lighting of the Hay River cauldron for the games.



**Mayor Brad Mapes oversaw** the lighting on March 16 of the Hay River cauldron for the 2018 South Slave Arctic Winter Games.

**At the lighting** of the Hay River cauldron for 2018 South Slave Arctic Winter Games were its builders, left to right, Jason Coakwell of Aurora Manufacturing; Shawn Demarcke, a gasfitter with Stittco Utilities; Rodney Burrows of Aurora Manufacturing; and Riley Boden of Aurora Manufacturing.



## CEREMONY Feature

by Paul Bickford



Northern News Services

The flame for the Arctic Winter Games was lit on March 16.

Actually, there were two flames – one in Hay River and the other in Fort Smith.

The cauldrons were designed as two identical halves of one united flame, representing the two communities co-hosting the international sporting event from March 18 to March 24.

In Hay River, a crowd gathered to see a cauldron – the left side of the flame – lit next to the fire hall.

Mayor Brad Mapes officiated at the lighting of the cauldron, which stands over three metres high.

The ceremony was organized by Peter Magill, the tourism and economic development co-ordinator with the Town of Hay River.

Magill said the flame will burn for the duration of the Arctic Winter Games.

“And then these two cauldrons will be left behind as a legacy piece for the two communities,” he said, adding it will be a reminder of the 2018 games like the inukshuk is a reminder of the 1978 games co-hosted by Hay River and Pine Point.

At the same time as the lighting of the cauldron in Hay River, Fort Smith Mayor Lynn Napier-Buckley was overseeing the lighting of the cauldron in her community.

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Yamal figure skating coach Alfia Babenko supervises her skaters during scheduled free time on Sunday afternoon before heading to Hay River for the opening ceremonies.

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# Volleyball to debut at new curling club



Dylan Short/NNSL photo

**Taylor McDonald looks to beat the block during a Team Alberta North practice.** The Hay River Curling Club is set to serve as the venue for volleyball at the Arctic Winter Games.

## New venue described as 'a little cold,' but 'amazing'

by **Dylan Short**  
Northern News Services

The Hay River Curling Club is set to open this week as it hosts the junior men and women's volleyball

tournaments.

Volleyball will be the first sport played in the newly-constructed, curling-specific facility, within the brand new Hay River Recreation

Centre.

While many feel it would have been ideal to open with curling in the new curling club, Fort Smith is hosting that sport.

"The curlers were a little upset," said volleyball chair Steve Campbell, "but they understand that although Hay River would love to host every event, Fort Smith

also has a really beautiful venue."

While some curlers may have been hesitant to give up their facility to a new sport, some athletes and coaches

new to town say the venue is already providing a great atmosphere.

Team Alberta North's

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# 'I'm really excited to be playing in the same venue that the food is in'

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junior female volleyball squad practised Sunday morning to the beat of DMX and the Black Eyed Peas in front of close to 50 spectators.

"It's amazing!" Erin Henning, the team's coach, said of the building. "We didn't know how they were going to set it up, so it's better than we expected."

Campbell said that while athletes, coaches and spectators

are already enjoying the venue, the space is a little more cramped than a standard court. Normally, there are three metres of free space on either side of the court's boundaries, but AWG athletes will only have two metres to work with this year.

But for those that have already practised on the court, the challenges of the new venue haven't put a damper on the excitement.

"It's not really bothering me that much," said Stephanie

Miller, outside hitter for Team Alberta North's junior female volleyball team. "It's a little cold but I think that it will be nice when we're playing."

Miller also mentioned some upside.

"I'm really excited to be playing in the same venue that the food is in," she said.

The first game in the new club will see the Team Northwest Territories play Team Yukon on the men's side on Monday at 9 a.m.

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	DAY 1 SUNDAY, MARCH 18		DAY 2 MONDAY, MARCH 19		DAY 3 TUESDAY, MARCH 20		DAY 4 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21		DAY 5 THURSDAY, MARCH 22		DAY 6 FRIDAY, MARCH 23		DAY 7 SATURDAY, MARCH 24	
HAY RIVER	START	FINISH	START	FINISH	START	FINISH	START	FINISH	START	FINISH	START	FINISH	START	FINISH
BADMINTON			9:00	18:00	9:00	18:00	9:00	18:00	9:00	18:00	9:00	16:00	9:00	14:00*
BIATHLON SKI			13:30	15:30*	13:30	15:30*	WEATHER DAY		13:30	15:30*	13:30	15:30*	WEATHER DAY	
BIATHLON SNOWSHOE			9:30	11:30*	9:30	11:30*	WEATHER DAY		9:30	11:30*	9:30	11:30*	WEATHER DAY	
DENE GAMES			10:00	17:00*	10:00	17:00*	10:00	17:00*	10:00	17:30*	10:00	17:00*	WEATHER DAY	
DOG MUSHING			11:00	14:00*	11:00	14:00*	TRAIL MAINTENANCE		10:00	13:00*	WEATHER DAY		WEATHER DAY	
FUTSAL			8:00	21:00	8:00	21:00	8:00	21:00	8:00	20:00	8:00	21:00	8:00	13:00*
GYMNASTICS							11:00	15:00*			11:00	15:00*		
HOCKEY (MALE)			9:00	21:00	9:00	21:00	9:00	21:00	9:00	21:00	11:00	21:00*		
SNOWSHOE			8:30	11:30*	WEATHER DAY		8:30	14:00*	WEATHER DAY		8:30	11:30*	WEATHER DAY	
VOLLEYBALL			9:00	21:30	9:00	20:00	9:00	21:30	9:00	20:00	9:00	20:30	9:30	13:30*
WRESTLING			9:00	19:00*					16:00	20:00*			10:00	14:00*
FORT SMITH	START	FINISH	START	FINISH	START	FINISH	START	FINISH	START	FINISH	START	FINISH	START	FINISH
ARCTIC SPORTS	OPEN PRACTICE		10:00	19:30*	9:30	19:00*	9:30	19:00*	9:30	18:00	9:30	18:00*		
BASKETBALL			10:00	20:00	10:00	20:00	10:00	20:00	10:00	20:00	10:00	21:00*		
CROSS COUNTRY			14:00	17:00*	10:00	13:00*	WEATHER DAY		10:00	13:00*	10:00	14:00*	WEATHER DAY	
CURLING			8:30	21:30	8:30	21:30	8:30	21:30	8:30	22:30	8:00	22:30*		
FIGURE SKATING			18:30	22:30*			9:30	14:30*	14:30	15:30*	SHOWS			
HOCKEY (FEMALE)			12:00	17:30	8:00	16:00	15:00	21:00	16:00	20:00	16:00	20:00*		
SNOWBOARDING			10:30	15:30*	10:30	15:30*	10:30	15:30*	10:00	15:30*	WEATHER DAY		WEATHER DAY	
SPEEDSKATING	8:00	11:00*	8:30	11:30*	16:30	22:30*			8:00	14:00*	8:00	14:00*		
TABLE TENNIS					9:00	19:00	9:00	19:00	9:00	19:00	9:00	16:30*		

\* Medal Event  
 - This Schedule is subject to change. Please check [www.awg2018.org](http://www.awg2018.org) for up to date information.  
 - Detailed sport specific schedules can be found at [awg2018.gems.pro](http://awg2018.gems.pro)



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## GREENLAND BUSES TO HAY RIVER

Team Greenland took one of 20 buses that shuttled athletes from Fort Smith to Hay River for the AWG opening ceremonies on Sunday.



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# Meet Kechi, the AWG mascot

*Snowy owl set to spread cheer throughout the Games*

by Dylan Short  
Northern News Services

Kechi, the snowy owl mascot for the 2018 Arctic Winter Games, says her goals for the Games are to extend positive energy and to make sure that everyone feels comfortable.

"I want to spread cheer, to show comfort to people that are nervous and uncomfortable in their new environment," says Kechi.

Kechi – pronounced Kee-chee – is the Cree word for power. The snowy owl was selected as the official mascot by the AWG 2018 Host Society board after a call to the public prompted feedback from 80 people.

"The owl was chosen to represent wisdom, the overseer, the wise one," says Joanne Fuller, director of the 2018 host society. "The owl sees all."

Kechi is an 11-year-old

female owl, as 11 is a master number, according to the host society.

"It is instinctual, charismatic, dynamic and capable when its sights are set on a concrete goal. It is also associated with faith, psychics, and strength," the official AWG website states in regards to the dynamic numeral.

For those wanting to meet Kechi, the owl says that best way to find her is to attend as many events throughout the week as possible. The best way to make an impression on this snowy owl is to offer a high five, she reveals.

The mascot will be accompanied this week by her spirit squad, who will be teaching as many spectators as possible the Kechi dance. Those choreographed moves were to be debuted at the opening ceremonies on Sunday evening.



**Kechi the snowy owl** is the official mascot for the 2018 Arctic Winter Games. Her name is derived from the Cree word for power.

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# Another large contingent for Alberta North

Close to 240 members head to NWT for 2018 Arctic Winter Games

by James McCarthy  
Northern News Services

Apart from the NWT, Team Alberta North had the least ground to cover to get to the 2018 Arctic Winter Games.

After all, everyone who's part of the team is North of the 55th parallel.

Alberta North has come with a total of 239 athletes, coaches, mission staff and cultural participants, and they are set to go.

Jerry George is back as the team's chef de mission, a position he's occupied since 2012, and he said the excitement has been building for quite some time.

"We had our big staging event back in February where the uniforms were handed out," he said. "I think the athletes realized then that this isn't just your run-of-the-mill tournament. It's a big event and I think they understood that."

The team was assembled between November 2017 and this past January, and George said the provincial sport bodies did most of the legwork in getting things organized.

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Ron Wassink/Arctic Winter Games photo

**Team Alberta North's Mercedes Batke** meets up with opposing goaltender Ayesha Barlas, of the NWT, during action at the 2016 Arctic Winter Games girls hockey tournament.

# 'We have athletes and coaches from 36 communities'

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"We work with the governing bodies in the province and they designate when their trials are going to happen," he said. "We tried to co-ordinate schedules so there wasn't too much of an impact to club teams."

Unlike the NWT and

Yukon, Alberta North hasn't sent a full delegation. They will compete in 14 sports and some of those sports won't have full representation.

"We don't have any teams in dog mushing and no basketball teams," said George. "When the Games aren't in Alberta, we don't send a full contingent like others. We are

in most sports but we aren't sending a full complement." Some examples of that are in futsal, where there's just a junior boys and junior girls team, and in hockey, which has no Alberta North midget boys team. They've also sent just 11 cross-country skiers, even though the maximum a team can have is 18.

*"It's a big event and I think they understood that."*

*Jerry George*

"If we're hosting the Games, we will have a full contingent," said George. "The capacity in some of our Northern communities just isn't there so we try and put together a list and group that's manageable."

A large majority of the team comes from the major centres in the area – Grande

Prairie and Fort McMurray – but those aren't the only communities represented, said George.

"We have athletes and coaches from 36 communities in total represented on this year's team," he said. "It's not just the big cities and that's something we're very proud of."

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# Speed skating kicks off Games in Smith



Cody Punter/NNSL photo

**Anders John-Eric Petersson (Yukon) leads** the pack, followed by Miles Brewster (Nunavut) and Rudi James Slagter (Northwest Territories) during the juvenile male speed skating semifinal on Sunday morning in Fort Smith.

## Medal rounds will begin today

by **Cody Punter**  
Northern News Services

Short-track speed skating was the first event to kick off the Arctic Winter Games in Fort Smith on Sunday morning.

Preliminary 1,000-metre heats were held for both male and females in the juvenile and junior categories.

Alberta North's Teneea Schoorlemmer set a blistering pace in her heat qualifying for the junior female semifinals with a time of 1:49.08, more than five seconds faster than her closest competitor.

There will be a total of 10 competitors vying for a spot in the junior female final during the semis on Monday with four from the Northwest Territories, three from Alberta North, two from Nunavut and one from the Yukon set to compete.

The Northwest Territories' Dalton McLeod narrowly managed the fastest time in the 1,000-metre junior male category. He clocked in at 1:39.81 with a handful of skaters behind him by just a few seconds. McLeod will join 13 other skaters from the NWT,

Alaska, Alberta North, the Yukon and Nunavut in the semifinals for what appears to be a tightly contested Monday morning.

The juvenile female 1,000-metre race saw competition in both the preliminaries and semis wrapping up on Sunday. Nunavut's Emma Carpenter had the fastest time in the preliminary heats, clocking in at 1:55.28. The semis saw the Yukon's Lisa Megan Freeman posting a time of 1:56.59, just three hundredths of a second quicker than Carpenter's second heat performance of 1:56.62, setting up an exciting showdown on Monday.

In the juvenile male heats it was two brothers from the Yukon who positioned themselves as favourites for the gold. After advancing to the semifinals, Lucas Taggart-Cox and Caius Taggart-Cox posted times of 1:46.65 and 1:47.03, respectively, more than five seconds faster than the other skaters.

The finals for all 1,000-metre short-track races are scheduled to get underway today.

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# Yukon athlete looks to break record

*Matt Jacobson will perform the one-hand reach in front of NWT family on Monday night*

by **Cody Punter**  
Northern News Services

After tying the Arctic Winter Games record for the one-hand reach in Greenland in 2016, the first thing Matt Jacobson did was go back to the dorm to see if he could best his result.

During the competition Jacobson was able to reach a

height of five feet, six inches. But without the pressure of competition he was able to add an inch to his tally.

"He's been pumped ever since he set that record to go higher," said Colin Hickman, Arctic sports coach for the Yukon.

As he attempts to break

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**Matt Jacobson practises** the one-hand reach at the Fort Smith recreation centre during a training day for the 2018 Arctic Winter Games. Jacobson, who tied the AWG record in the one-hand reach in 2016, is hoping he can break the all-time best mark in front of family in Fort Smith.

Cody Punter/NNSL photo

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# No passports, fewer issues



photo courtesy of Rex Willie

**Noah Qaunaq of Arctic Bay** practises the snowsnake during the Dene games trials in Arctic Bay in January. Qaunaq will be competing in the open men's division.

## Team Nunavut fields big squad for Arctic Winter Games

by James McCarthy  
Northern News Services

Seems it's always easier when you're competing in your own country when it comes to preparation.

That's how it's gone for Team Nunavut as it gets set for the 2018 Arctic Winter Games.

Mariele dePeuter, in charge of the team once again as the chef de mission, said everything was smooth in the days leading up to the start of the Games.

"We're at the point where it's just the small details that need finalizing," she said. "The big help this year is no passports, which makes our jobs a lot easier."

Team Nunavut will number 246 people from 19 communities. That total includes athletes, coaches, mission staff and the cultural delegation, which will be the Inuksuk Drum Dancers from Iqaluit.

The athletes will be com-

peting in 13 sports over the course of the six-day event, while the cultural delegation will have its big show in Fort Smith on March 23.

Most of the territorial trials took place a year in advance with some teams finalizing their rosters in recent weeks but dePeuter said there were some welcome bumps in a couple of sports.

"Arctic sports and Dene games is where we saw more participants, and that goes back to the passport issue," she said.

Athletes in various disciplines got together in some fashion before the Games began and that was thanks to the school break in February, she added.

"A lot of sports took advantage of that break to have camps or get together and work on team building," she said.

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Nunavut's Arctic Winter Games uniform was officially unveiled at the legislature in Iqaluit on March 8. The models are, from left, Tivi Ipeelie-Qiatsuk Jr., Alassua Hanson, Anna Lambe and Samprass Okah.

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## 'They all have their own goals that they're going for'

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The athletes caught their planes at hubs around the territory with most of the team sports travelling together on flights to Hay River. Others will come in bunches but dePeuter will be there to meet them when they hit the ground.

"The mission staff will help out at the hubs and will be flying in with the teams," she said.

What the Nunavut uniform looked like was a closely-guarded secret until March 8, when the official uniform and pin set was unveiled at the legislature. Athletes Anna Lambe, Tivi Ipeelie-Qiatsuk Jr., and Samprass Okah presented Premier Paul Quassa and Lorne Kusugak, minister

of Community and Government Services, with the first uniforms and pin sets.

Before the unveiling, dePeuter was rather coy about what the uniform would look like but did give a hint.

"It will be bright," she said in advance. "That's all I'm saying."

As for the prediction game, dePeuter preferred to leave all of the expectations, hopes and dreams to the respective arenas and playing fields.

"They all have their own goals that they're going for," she said of Nunavut's athletes. "A lot of groups re-evaluated their methods after the 2016 AWG so I'm curious to see how they've done. I do know they've put a lot of work and development into their coaches and athletes."

## Yukon and NWT just like one 'big family', says athlete who has lived in both

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the record in Fort Smith, Jacobson will be probably be getting a little more support from the hometown crowd than he did in Greenland.

Although he is competing for the Yukon, Jacobson's father - former Nunakput MLA Jackie Jacobson - is from Tuktoyaktuk and his mother

is from Fort Smith.

"I just have so many family members here it's crazy," said Jacobson, adding that two of his sisters will also be competing at this year's Games.

The 22-year-old moved to the Yukon at age 16 and will represent the territory for the third time at the 2018 Games. Jacobson said he tried

out for Team NWT before moving to the Yukon but he was never able to qualify.

He said he doesn't care which territory he represents because his focus is on competing.

"Growing up here and growing up in the Yukon it's all just like a big family," he said.

The person he currently shares

the one-hand reach title with is his uncle, Irwin Elias, who set the mark at the AWG in Whitehorse in 2000.

Jacobson said Elias took him aside during a hockey tournament last year to encourage him to beat the record.

"It was something else, in a good way," Jacobson said. "It gave me extra motivation."

During training, Jacobson has been able to comfortably reach as high as five feet, nine inches.

When asked what it would be like to officially break the record in the territory where he was born and raised, Jacobson was at a loss for words.

"It's just one of those unexplainable things."

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OPENING CEREMONIES	18:00-19:00 (Northwestel AWG Recreation Centre)						
CLOSING CEREMONIES							16:00 - 17:00 (Northwestel AWG Recreation Centre)
EXHIBITS (Centennial Library)		10:00 - 17:00 & 19:00 - 22:00	10:00 - 17:00 & 19:00 - 22:00	10:00 - 17:00 & 19:00 - 22:00	10:00 - 17:00 & 19:00 - 22:00	10:00 - 17:00 & 19:00 - 22:00	
WORKSHOPS (Centennial Library)		1:30 - 3:30 Traditional Bracelet		10:30 - 12:00 Fishscale Art		10:30 - 12:00 Fishscale Art	
PERFORMANCES	10:00 Kole Crook Fiddlers (Arena Foyer)	13:00 Lyca Capulso (Whispering Willows)  15:00 Jessica Latour & Bailey Mackie (Whispering Willows)	10:00 Moses Butt (Arena Foyer)	11:00 Mark Lyon (Whispering Willows)  20:00 - 23:00 Brother Inlaw Band (Legion Club Room)	19:00 - 21:00 KFN Drummers, Katlodeeche Family, Linda Duford (KFN Arbor)	20:00 - 23:00 Mark Lyon, Old Skool, Linda Duford and The Sociables, 5/3 Mad (Back Eddy)	11:00 Maxence w/ French Artists (Arena Foyer)
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PERFORMANCES		15:00 Matt Coyle 19:00 Teams: Sapmi, NT, Nunavut, Alberata (Roaring Rapids Hall)	19:00 Teams: Yamal, Greenland, Nunavut, Yukon (Roaring Rapids Hall)	17:00 Matt Coyle (Rusty Raven)	19:00 Teams: Yukon, Alaska, Alberta, Krook the Kid (Roaring Rapids Hall)	18:00 - 22:00 Fort Smith Snow Bash (Riverside Park)	

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