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It's hard to say goodbye



DIANA RINNE For Ulu News

Anook (Gerald Auger) and Dagee (Clinton Soto) perform the Friendship Drum Song at the Games Opening Ceremonies. The journey of the legend characters will conclude at the Closing Ceremonies this evening, starting at 6 p.m

The journey comes to an end - but not really

The experiences will not be forgotten; the lessons learned and friendships gained will never die

ERIKA SHERK

For Ulu News

Over 2,000 young heroes will file into the Canada Games arena this evening for the closing Arctic Games ceremonies, a continuation of "A Hero's Journey."

The four legend characters - Maje, Saamaa, Anook and Dagee - who began their magical journey in the opening ceremonies will come back together to share what gifts they received on their travels, said Garry Oker, who developed the concept.

"A typical hero's journey is that a hero hears or sees something, their calling, and they follow it," Oker said.

The calling of the Arctic Winter Games athletes is their chosen sport, he said, and they have been on a journey here in Grande Prairie as they competed against their adversaries all week.

"They're going to come across different adventures and in that process they have to overcome whatever is holding them back, to achieve their goals and their calling."

Oker hopes the ceremonies will leave a lasting impression.

"It's our gift that we give back to the people, so that they have something to take home with them.

"And we hope that the experience that they had here would have revealed something important in their lives."

Amidst all the music, dancing and entertainment this evening, it will also contain a significant message for the athletes.

"We hope that when they go home they become more conscious of the wisdom of their elders and their stories, and that they become more clear that they (the athletes) are the heroes, that they are the leaders," Oker said.

The closing ceremonies will have some differences from the opening, said co-creator Wayne Ayling. There will be a procession of athletes, he said, but not as individual teams as they were one week ago.

"They will enter from different places in the arena at the same time to symbolize they are all friends now," Ayling said.

There will be lots of entertainment, as in the opening welcome, though Ayling did not want to divulge too many details.

He did however say that the audience will have a chance to see the glow-in-the-dark dancers under the Northern Lights again.

Tickets are nearly sold out, so anyone hoping to attend best hurry to the Crystal Centre Box Office or to the Games website at www.awg2010.org/. The ceremonies are today, starting at 6 p.m. at the Crystal Centre.



Wayne Ayling



Garry Oker



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ATCO's Photo of the Day



IVAN DANIELEWICZ for Ulu News
Deri Wallan, from Team Alberta North, celebrates her goal in the gold-medal match in junior female hockey. Alberta won the game against Team Yukon 2-0. See story Page 11.

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The Fair Play Pin

The Arctic Winter Games International Committee awards a distinctive Fair Play Pin to athletes, coaches, officials and others from all units who strive towards the Games' objectives of fair play and team spirit. International Committee members award these pins at their discretion or on the recommendation of the Chefs de Mission.

The following participants received Fair Play Pins at the 2010 Arctic Winter Games.
Note: Some names may not be listed because they were awarded after printing today's Ulu News. Those submitting names may not always have the correct spelling of a participant's name.

Name: Trista Beck
Contingent: NWT
Sport: Dog Mushing
Comment: Despite having a wreck the second day she came back with a strong showing on day three.

Name: Jo-Ellen Nerysoo
Contingent: NWT

Sport: Dog Mushing
Comment: Never a complaint from her and always had a smile on her face.

Name: Kaitlin Fowler
Contingent: Alaska
Sport: Curling
Comment: Understands her sport. Curling with one 13-year-old and two 10-year-olds. Very patient and positive.

Name: Alexis Campbell
Contingent: NWT
Sport: Dog Mushing
Comment: After wiping out a few times and getting injured, she kept on competing without complaints.

Name: Sadie Lizotte
Contingent: NWT
Sport: Dog Mushing
Comment: Had a big smile of her face regardless of a couple of days of tough going and wiping out.

Name: Robby-Joe Tudlik
Contingent: Nunavut
Sport: Dog Mushing

Comment: Just had a good time all three days. Joking and laughing despite the obstacles he overcame to get here.

Name: Daniel Murray
Contingent: NWT
Sport: Curling
Comment: Very young in the game of curling, but giving A for effort and is right in every game.

Name: Louis Nutariaq (#15)
Contingent: Nunavut
Sport: Basketball
Comment: Demonstrated great control and positive attitude by stepping in front of another to control temper. Great attitude!!!

Name: Keegan MacKey
Contingent: Nunavut
Sport: Curling
Comment: Understands the sport. Winning or losing he is always smiling and upbeat.

Name: Jeremy Maley
Contingent: Nunavut
Sport: Dog Mushing
Comment: Despite not having ridden on a

racing sled before, he learned the ropes. He was pretty quick and held firm.

Name: Israel Ukkutaq
Contingent: Nunavut
Sport: Dog Mushing
Comment: Like the rest of the Nunavut mushers, she was just happy to be here.

Name: Corbin Lefebvre
Contingent: Alberta North
Sport: Freestyle
Comment: Great attitude. Always tries his hardest. Off the field of play he had great interaction with all athletes.

Name: James Boyle
Contingent: Yukon
Sport: Freestyle
Comment: Great sportsmanship in the halfpipe competition.

Name: Yukon Boys Volleyball Captain
Contingent: Yukon
Sport: Boys Volleyball
Comment: Cheered and supported both Nunavut volleyball teams and commented on how well they have improved. Congratulated

both teams on their victories.

Name: Riley Evan Moser
Contingent: Alaska
Sport: Snowshoeing
Comment: Timer had Riley finishing in third place. When Riley was told this he told his coach that the Yukon Athlete crossed the finish before him and Yukon should receive the bronze medal.

Name: Coach Amy Doerkson
Contingent: Northwest Territories
Sport: Hockey Junior Female
Comment: Was very professional and understanding regarding sweater change during a game vs. Nunavut.

Name: Paul Grech
Contingent: Northwest Territories
Sport: Hockey Midget
Comment: Paul was recognized as a very positive, encouraging, uplifting role model for his team. Thanks for such a positive attitude.

Name: Cathryn Jo-Ann Epp
Contingent: Nunavut
Sport: Hockey Female


Comment: Referees were very impressed with the attitude and compassion of Cathryn. She was recognized as being a great ambassador for her sport.

Name: David Thomas
Contingent: Alaska
Sport: Arctic Sports
Comment: At the venue, David was assisting all the athletes from other contingents with tips and encouragement during the one-arm-reach event.


Name: Joe Simpson
Contingent: Alberta North
Sport: Snowshoe Biathlon
Comment: Joe showed great leadership and sportsmanship. He enthusiastically cheered on all teams!

Name: Skylar Krepmig
Contingent: Alberta North
Sport: Freestyle Skiing
Comment: Skylar's interaction with all athletes and display of great sportsmanship and camaraderie on and off the field of play.

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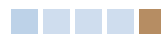
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Crystal Centre - Canada Games Arena	10017 99 Avenue	Figure Skating
Evergreen Park*	5 km South on Resources Road*	Dog Mushing, Snowshoeing
Grande Prairie Curling Club	10127 99 Avenue	Curling
Grande Prairie Gymnastics Centre	16 Knowledge Way	Gymnastics
Grande Prairie Regional College - Gymnasium	10726 106 Avenue	Arctic Sports, Volleyball
Grande Prairie Soccer Centre	11319 105 Street	Indoor Soccer
Leisure Centre	11313 105 Street	Indoor Soccer
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Montrose Jr. High School	6431 98 Street	Wrestling
Mother Teresa Catholic School	7501 Willow Drive	Table Tennis
Nitehawk Recreation Area*	13 km South on Highway #40*	Alpine Skiing, Snowboarding, Freestyle Skiing
St. Joseph's Catholic High School	10520 68 Avenue	Badminton
Wapiti Nordic Ski Centre*	7.5 km South on Highway #40*	Cross Country Skiing, Ski Biathlon, Snowshoe Biathlon

Cultural Venues

Centre 2000 - Heritage Discovery Centre	11330 106 Street	History, Pin & Cultural Display
Centre for Creative Arts	9910 99 Avenue	Art Displays
Crystal Centre - Bowes Family Crystal Gardens	10017 99 Avenue	Games Trading Post: Games Gear Sales, Pin Trading, Lunchtime Performances, 'Northern Sky' Fashion Show
Crystal Centre - Canada Games Arena	10017 99 Avenue	Opening Ceremonies, Closing Ceremonies
Grande Prairie Friendship Centre	10105 97 Avenue	Craft Sales
Grande Prairie Regional College - Theatre	10726 106 Avenue	Performing Arts Galas
Montrose Cultural Centre	9839 103 Avenue	Visual Arts Exhibit
Prairie Mall	11801 100 Street	Lunchtime Performances
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Cultural events schedule for Arctic Winter Games 2010

	Sunday March 7	Monday March 8	Tuesday March 9	Wednesday March 10	Thursday March 11	Friday March 12	Saturday March 13	Sunday March 14
Games Trading Post <i>Crystal Centre</i>		10:00-9:00	9:00-9:00	9:00-6:00	9:00-9:00	9:00-9:00		
'A Hero's Journey' Opening Ceremonies <i>Crystal Centre</i>	\$ 7:00							
History, Pin & Cultural Display <i>Centre 2000</i>		8:30-4:30	8:30-4:30	8:30-4:30	8:30-4:30	8:30-4:30	8:30-4:30	8:30-4:30
Art Displays <i>Centre for Creative Arts</i>		9:00-5:00	9:00-5:00	9:00-5:00	9:00-5:00	9:00-5:00	2:00-4:00	2:00-4:00
Visual Arts Exhibit <i>Montrose Cultural Centre</i>		10:00-9:00	10:00-9:00	10:00-9:00	10:00-9:00	10:00-6:00	2:00-5:00	2:00-5:00
'A Taste of the North' Menu <i>Jake's Down South</i>	10:00-10:00	10:00-10:00	10:00-10:00	10:00-10:00	10:00-10:00	10:00-10:00	10:00-10:00	10:00-10:00
Lunchtime Performances <i>Crystal Centre</i>		12:00-1:30	12:00-1:30	12:00-1:30				
Lunchtime Performances <i>Second Street Theatre</i>		12:00-1:30	12:00-1:30	12:00-1:30				
Lunchtime Performances <i>Prairie Mall</i>		12:00-1:30	12:00-1:30	12:00-1:30				
'A Taste of the North' Menu <i>Padrino's Italian Ristorante</i>		4:30-10:00	4:30-10:00	4:30-10:00	4:30-10:00	4:30-10:00	4:30-11:00	
Craft Sale <i>Grande Prairie Friendship Centre</i>		1:00-9:00	1:00-9:00		1:00-9:00	1:00-9:00		
'Northern Sky' Fashion Show <i>Crystal Centre</i>				7:00				
Performing Arts Gala <i>Grande Prairie Regional College</i>					\$ 7:00	\$ 7:00		
'A Hero's Journey' Closing Ceremonies <i>Crystal Centre</i>								\$ 6:00

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Figure Skating Short Program Ladies 1 Female 1 Hannah M. O'Brien Alaska

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Figure Skating Team Event Open Female 1 Team Yamal Yamal-Nenets

Figure Skating Team Event Open Female 2 Team Alberta north Alberta North

Freestyle Skiing Big Air Junior Female 1 Anna Mae Chu Smith Yukon

Freestyle Skiing Big Air Junior Female 2 Raeli Turner-Bisson Alberta North

Freestyle Skiing Big Air Junior Female 3 TaLeesha Mahe Alberta North

Freestyle Skiing Big Air Junior Male 1 Corbin Lefebvre Alberta North

Freestyle Skiing Big Air Junior Male 2 Emil B Olsen Greenland

Freestyle Skiing Big Air Junior Male 3 Skyer Keeping Alberta North

Freestyle Skiing Half Pipe Junior Female 1 Raeli Turner-Bisson Alberta North

Freestyle Skiing Half Pipe Junior Female 2 Anna Mae Chu Smith Yukon

Freestyle Skiing Half Pipe Junior Female 3 TaLeesha Mahe Alberta North

Freestyle Skiing Half Pipe Junior Male 2 Miguel Rodden Yukon

Freestyle Skiing Half Pipe Junior Male 3 Emil B Olsen Greenland

Freestyle Skiing Moguls Junior Female 1 Raeli Turner-Bisson Alberta North

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Freestyle Skiing Moguls Junior Male 1 Corbin Lefebvre Alberta North

Freestyle Skiing Moguls Junior Male 2 Skyer Keeping Alberta North

Freestyle Skiing Moguls Junior Male 3 Michael Horgan Alberta North

Freestyle Skiing Slopestyle Junior Female 1 Raeli Turner-Bisson Alberta North

Freestyle Skiing Slopestyle Junior Female 2 Megan Croke Alberta North

Freestyle Skiing Slopestyle Junior Male 1 Corbin Lefebvre Alberta North

Freestyle Skiing Slopestyle Junior Male 2 Miguel Rodden Yukon

Freestyle Skiing Slopestyle Junior Male 3 Malik Berthelsen Greenland

Gymnastics All Around Junior Female 1 Celina Brown Alaska

Gymnastics All Around Junior Female 2 Megan Croke Alberta North

Gymnastics All Around Junior Female 3 Jaston Stockall Alberta North

Gymnastics Balance Beam Junior Female 1 Celina Brown Alaska

Gymnastics Balance Beam Junior Female 2 Megan Croke Alberta North

Gymnastics Balance Beam Junior Female 3 Jaston Stockall Alberta North

Gymnastics Floor Exercise Junior Female 1 Celina Brown Alaska

Gymnastics Floor Exercise Junior Female 2 Megan Croke Alberta North

Gymnastics Floor Exercise Junior Female 3 Kaylee Stichel Alaska

Gymnastics Team Competition Junior Female 1 Team Alaska Alexandria L. Biden Alaska

Gymnastics Team Competition Junior Female 2 Team Yukon Sierra Oakley Yukon

Gymnastics Team Competition Junior Female 3 Team Yukon Tamara Greek Yukon

Gymnastics Team Competition Junior Female 2 Team Yukon Selena Faith Kaytor Yukon

Gymnastics Team Competition Junior Female 2 Team Yukon Aeshyn Sandulak Yukon

Gymnastics Team Competition Junior Female 2 Team Yukon Angela Burke Yukon

Gymnastics Team Competition Junior Female 2 Megan Croke Alberta North

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Ice Hockey Hockey Bantam Male 3 Team Alberta North Justin Cole Loroff Alberta North

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Aluk at a busy week of the Games



NICK KUHL for Ulu News

Aluk takes a break after a long day of mushing.

ERIKA SHERK
For Ulu News

As the Arctic Winter Games draw to a close, one young participant has had a very busy week.

Aluk, the Games' mascot, is only 1 1/2 years old and if he has not been everywhere and met everyone during the Games, it's

not for lack of trying.

"He is a busy little boy," said Tina Chambers, one of his handlers. Aluk, a pachyrhinosaurus, has been the Games' mascot ever since he hatched on the ice during a hockey game over a year ago.

Aluk was hard at work months before the Games began, visiting many schools and day cares.

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Alberta North's Golden Girls

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That's the way the junior female hockey squad from Team Alberta North will remember the 2010 Arctic Winter Games. The girls beat Team Yukon 2-0 in the gold-medal game Friday night to cap off an undefeated tournament with a golden Ulu medal.

"Celebrating with the team after this hockey game was awesome," said Team Alberta assistant captain Deri Wallan. "There is no better feeling."

Wallan was the goal-scoring hero Friday

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when she slipped one past Team Yukon net-minder Teneesha Merkel midway through the second period.

Alberta had thrown countless shots at the Yukon goaltender, but couldn't find a way to solve her until Wallan's marker.

"Scoring the first goal of the game is almost the best feeling, whether its the game-winner or whether its just a push towards the win," Wallan said.

"You're just so excited after that puck goes in the net. This weight is lifted from your shoulders and you can actually celebrate something."

Until Wallan scored, there was a tense feeling in the building as fans cheered for their teams. It was a feeling head coach Doug Vreeling said he felt on the bench.

"We kept everybody on the edge of their seats for sure," Vreeling said.

To keep his team from getting frustrated with the exceptional play of Merkel, Vreeling relied on an old cliché he repeated to the girls.

"Keep it one shift at a time and 20 minutes a time and try to win every shift and every period," he said.

Alberta North's Charity Price added the second goal early in the third period as the insurance maker.

Paige Flohr posted the gold-medal shutout. She was so excited in the final minutes of the game that she lost track of time.

"I looked up at clock with four minutes left and when the last whistle blew, I looked up and saw 40 seconds left," she laughed.

"I thought, 'Wow, we did it,' because I just completely lost track of time and got into the game."

The gold capped a nearly flawless tournament for the girls, where they went 4-0 in the round-robin and outscored their opponents 21-2.

The two goals they gave up were in a tight 3-2 win over Team Alaska on Wednesday.



In the semi-final game, they defeated Team NWT 4-0.

Wallan said it was her team's desire for success that ultimately led them to win.

"It was just our want for the gold," she said. "I'm not saying Team Yukon didn't want it as much, but as soon as we got here, we were looking forward to this game."

"Our big goal was to get to this game and win."

While the success at the tournament looked lopsided, Vreeling said it was a closer tournament than just going by the results.

"A lot of the games were a lot closer than the scores indicated," he said. "I've been to the Arctic Winter Games before and this was by far the tightest tournament that we've been in at these Games."

"The quality of the programs from the other contingents and the quality of their people coming up through their programs is just increasing all the time."

The competition level is extremely high and any one team can walk away with the gold. It's not just going to be one team consistently year after year."

In the bronze medal game, Alaska defeated NWT 6-1 earlier on Friday.

In men's play, Alaska captured midget gold, beating Alberta North 6-3. Nunavut earned bronze with a 6-1 win over Yukon.

In bantam action, NWT captured gold with a 7-2 win over Nunavut. Alberta North earned bronze with a 5-1 win over Alaska.

IVAN DANIELEWICZ For Ulu News

Team Alberta North captain Shelby Robinson (top) loses the puck as she runs into Team Yukon's goaltender Teneesha Merkel in the gold medal game Alberta won 2-0. Right, Robinson passes the puck by Yukon's Alex Bouchard.



The lords (and ladies) of the rings

The opportunity only comes once every 24 months and eventually because of age, time runs out. For some, it will be a learning experience - victory eludes them, but potentially another chance. Others, it's the end of an Arctic curling road.

New friendships were joined, tears were shed, adventures explored, experience attained and champions decided.

At the highest level of achievement in the Arctic Games - it must be considered a gold medal. Only two rinks, received the privilege in getting to that plateau. Their journey for this level can go no further.

Sarah Koltua in the girls from the Yukon and Evan Asmussen in the boys from Alberta North are forever Arctic champions.

Focus on



with **ROB MAKSYMETZ**

Here is a play-by-play view, with quotes and thoughts.

WELCOME TO STEALVILLE

Boys - Alberta North (Evan Asmussen) vs. Yukon (Thomas Scoffin)

1st end: An important draw in the first end for a single, set the tone.

"It was a must make shot, because it gets you going on the right track," said Asmussen.

The rock was pounded (swept) the entire way and would have resulted in a steal of two for Yukon if it was missed.

2nd end: Difficult run-back was missed by Scoffin which resulted in a steal.

3rd end: An opportunity lost by Yukon. A chance, relatively late in the end to lay five was not executed. After an AB North timeout, Yukon had one more try at either a three or four. The attempted double was difficult and consequently AB North stole once again.

4th end: AB North guarded one very lone stone the entire end, with a pile of rocks out front - they were playing with fire. Yukon missed a miracle shot by inches, to give up another steal.

5th end: A steal of one at the break, for an Alberta North lead of 5-0.

6th end: Yukon continued to fight and were in decent shape to score a couple. That was until AB North vice Daylen Vavrek smoked out a couple of counters.

The big-weight bomb received the loudest roars from the upstairs crowd at the GP Curling Club.

The wheels on the bus started to come off after the momentum-changing double by Vavrek.

A fallen-short, executed last stone by Yukon resulted in a tough steal of four.

Game over, hand shakes, 9-0.



TERRY FARRELL For Ulu News

Yukon skip Thomas Scoffin observes his shot, with Alberta's Jordan Guenette (left) and Chad Krantz every bit as interested during the Arctic Winter Games junior male gold-medal game at the Grande Prairie Curling Club on Friday. Alberta won 9-0.

THOUGHTS

Alberta North was the team to beat coming in and they didn't disappoint.

Though it was a blow-out, the flow of the game didn't feel like it.

"They played a really good game actually," said Evan. "We stole the entire game basically. There was a couple of times we got in trouble and it could have went worse for us. It went our way, though."

Yukon skip Thomas Scoffin was not too upset over the loss (still silver), considering his front end was inexperienced: "This is our first tournament together and our front end just started curling recently. So we did well considering."

Evan attributed their performance to being able to execute and getting off to a great start: "The Arctic Winter Games is a great competition. This is what we do all year, so coming out and performing our best is really important. The 6-0 start, that's great. Going 2-0 or 3-0 we just needed some wins to gain confidence. We came together well, kept control in our games and threw good."

Thomas was kind enough to give his thoughts on the difference of competing at the Arctic and the Canadian Junior Nationals (four appearances): "A little more laid back, more chances to socialize and have fun. Not as many expectations. One of the reasons we decided to train a new team, was

to bring up some younger guys and help out junior curling in the Yukon. You know nationals is really intense for us and it's a different team that we train all year for. So we did really well here," said the Yukon skip.

EXPERIENCE PREVAILS

Girls - Yukon (Sarah Koltua) vs NWT (Taryn Williams)

Sarah Koltua has eight wins in the last two Canadian Junior Nationals including a silver medal at the Arctic. She was going to be tough to topple. Taryn Williams of NWT, not so much experience.

Would it be a fairy-tale finish?

1st end: Yukon started with the hammer, by virtue of their first-place finish in the round-robin. It appeared they weren't going to take advantage of it after the Yukon vice flashed two straight open hits. Koltua calmly drew against a couple of counters, for her single to pick up her teammate.

2nd end: Well-played end by NWT, left a double for the deuce. Although the rock was hit perfectly, it didn't have enough weight to remove the second stone. 1-1, who is going to take it?

3rd end: Uneventful, blank end. Defence, maybe getting some nerves out.

4th end: Yukon had their two points set up on at least three occasions, yet execution problems let them down. Another blank.

5th end: More defence, wide open,

and it resulted in a blank. Trying not to lose, instead of trying to win. This type of strategy was playing perfectly into NWT hands. Would there be a Cinderella?

6th end: Yukon comes out of the break and starts to put their experience to use with some offence. A open hit for five, turns into a score of four. Big lead, either way you cut it.

7th end: NWT keeps their hopes alive, with an outstanding draw to the lid (but-ton) against some good counters. The pressure shot, was do or die - they did.

8th end: More trouble for NWT. Looking at four opponent rocks in the rings and plenty of guards out front - one stone of ammunition left. A miss and it's over. NWT rubs a guard, skittles from the wick, and wiggles between a small port in the rings to sit for shot rock (some curling slang). Luck be a lady. Yukon counters with a nice small run-back to score one point, and secure control with a 6-2 lead. A miracle comeback in the cards for NWT?

9th/10th ends: Nope. Yukon wins.

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Boys

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Girls

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A last glimpse at Arctic Winter Games 2010



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Matthew Anikina (left) of Team NWT lifts himself off the ground as he competes in the Arctic Sport of one-hand reach. He was attempting to reach 171 centimetres in the air. Above, Andrey Kozhevin and Muslimat Gadzhieva of Team Yamal-Nenets's Syra-Sev ethnic dance group perform Friday at the Cultural Gala at the Douglas J. Cardinal Centre for Performing Arts. Right, Riley Paul of Alaska and Jesse Noppibul of Alberta North get into some physical play during junior boys' soccer. Below, Jamessie Cumberbatch of Team Nunavik shoots into the air as he tries to knock the bag in the Arctic Sport of two-foot high-kick. Cumberbatch won the event by kicking a bag suspended 234 centimetres in the air.



Medal standing

Contingent				Sum
Alaska	78	81	72	231
Alberta North	37	50	42	129
Northwest Territories	30	24	44	98
Yukon	35	35	25	95
Yamal-Nenets	34	21	8	63
Greenland	17	15	15	47
Nunavut	8	14	24	46
Nunavik Québec	11	8	12	31
Saami	3	4	2	9



'It stacks up as one of the best'

➤ Warm weather, the odd hiccup did not dampen the spirit of the Games

REMO ZACCAGNA

For Ulu News

As the biggest centre and southernmost host of the Arctic Winter Games, there were some doubts as to how well Grande Prairie would fare.

The week is all but over and the verdict from the participants is in: Grande Prairie did well indeed, despite complications from milder-than-normal temperatures.

"It stacks up as one of the best (Games). The weather was kind of ideal, everything was working out and basically I thought it was a great Games," said Gerry Thick, president of the AWG International Committee.

Doug Rentmeister, Chef de Mission of the Northwest Territories contingent, admitted to being unsure how events would unfold, but the city performed well, he said.

"Initially you always have apprehensions for a city of this size to take on an event like this and there's the thought that it doesn't create the buzz that normally is associated with an Arctic Winter Games when it's hosted in a northern city," he said.

"But that wasn't the case. And it didn't matter what restaurant or hotel or any business throughout the community, people were aware of the Games and were very receptive to the athletes and the parents and everyone that came here.

"It seems like the whole community opened their hearts and embraced them."

Aslak Paltto, the Team Sapmi Chef de Mission, arrived in Grande Prairie two days before the rest of his team did one week ago.

"Everything seemed to be very good before the Games, and when they started it started very well," he said, noting that his team didn't get off to the best start because of issues with luggage arriving at the airport.

"But otherwise the athletes have been very satisfied.

"Yesterday we started receiving information from athletes who had been in Alaska in 2006 and Yellowknife in 2008 and they say these are the best Games and how they're so well organized and a very good atmosphere."

While Grande Prairie's host society got good marks for organizing things within their control, it also received praise for scrambling to resolve issues outside its control, namely the mild weather that nearly put a damper on some snow-based events.

"We had a little trouble for our skiers on the first day, because they had had 2 1/2 months of -25 or -30 all day long and now suddenly it's so warm and so icy and fast," Paltto said.

"I think the weather being kind of warm was nice," Thick said. "We didn't have enough snow, there was a little bit of difficulty with the dog mushing venue, but they addressed that as much as they could and it worked out fine."

Rentmeister said his NWT team appreciated the temperature break.

"From our perspective, heck, we loved the



REMO ZACCAGNA For Ulu News

Team Alaska curlers Cora Farrell and Ariel Traxler with their lucky Elmo doll, which they found in their room their second day in Grande Prairie and adopted for the week.

“ We watched one girl and she tried to do a double-lutz over and over again and kept messing up in practice and 13 times she fell in front of everybody. She did it three times in her routine and didn't mess up once. It was amazing, I couldn't even imagine falling down that many times and getting up and doing it again.”

— Lilli Connor, Team Alaska wrestler

weather. We'd rather participate in this than 30 or 40 below," he laughed.

"For the host it was quite a bit of a challenge. It was very difficult to have snow-based events when it's melting this quickly," he added.

"But they met the challenge and everybody competed and none of the events were cancelled, so I think it was a great success."

Cora Farrell, 10, was part of a girls' curling team from Alaska that competed against rinks four or five years older yet held their own and finished a respectable fourth.

"There was a lot of pressure, but the teams we played against they were very kind, and it was a lot of fun," she said, adding that her favourite aspect of the week was mingling with people from different cultures.

"It was very interesting hearing the Russians and others speaking different languages.

It was the first time snowshoe racer Celina Wapachee, 12, of Team Nunavik (Northern Quebec) has ever been to this part of the country.

When asked what her favourite part of the

week was, she giggled without hesitation: "Definitely the shopping.

"It was fun. Everyone was so nice."

Lilli Connor, 17, won a gold and two silver Ulus in wrestling for Team Alaska, a good result considering she only knew she was making the trip two days before departure.

"It was awesome. I had a lot of fun. I've met a lot of people from the Northwest Territories and from Alberta. They were very cool," she said.

"I came with kind of an open mind, not really sure what to expect, but it's been awesome. All the volunteers and everybody have just been amazing."

For Connor, the spirit of what the Games mean to young athletes was represented in a young figure skater from Yamal-Nenets, an autonomous region in northern Russia.

"We watched one girl and she tried to do a double-lutz over and over again and kept messing up in practice and 13 times she fell in front of everybody," she recalled.

"She did it three times in her routine and didn't mess up once.

"It was amazing, I couldn't even imagine falling down that many times and getting up and doing it again."

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Aluk's busy week

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Some toddlers didn't know what to think of the large orange dinosaur, said Chambers.

"Some were a little scared so we told them, 'You have to be really nice to Aluk; he's only a year and a half old and he's really scared. You guys have to be the big kids and help him out.'"

Aluk has had a big week.

"He tried to hit all the venues as much as he could," Chambers said. "Most little kids want to know how old he is and why he doesn't have any teeth."

"The older kids come up with harder questions. They ask if he's the only one and where his mom is, things you're really not sure how to answer."

"One little guy asked if he could sit down and Aluk shook his head because he can't sit down with his tail in the way. There's no place to sit."

"The kid couldn't fathom that at all."

The big orange mascot's day usually started around nine in the morning.

"Some times we've been out with him until the wee hours," said Chambers. "It's a bit late for a little guy but he hangs in there all right."

It's been busy, Chambers said: "I think he gets pooped, he is a baby after all, but we tend to give him a bit of time between each event."

"Sometimes you have to say he can't go and Aluk gets sad. He likes to please everybody."

There is no denying that Aluk has become something of a star.

"He's been there from the beginning," said Games president Debbie Reid. "I think he's been imperative to the success of the Games."

Kids love dinosaurs and the Games needed a mascot that could "connect to the hearts of the youth," Reid said. "We were able to do that with Aluk."



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Aluk, the 2010 Arctic Winter Games mascot, mingles with spectators during competition at Evergreen Park.



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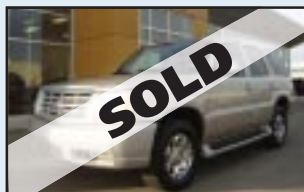
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2010 Arctic Winter Games sports ambassador Ryan Blais of Grande Prairie was part of the opening ceremonies at the Canada Games Arena on March 7.



IVAN DANIELEWICZ

Taylen Drybones, from Team NWT, races towards the finish line during the snowshoe biathlon sprint at the Wapiti Nordic Ski Centre.



MAURICE TRUDEAU

Alaska's #1 Brandon Blackley, Alberta's #24 Chris Stone, NWT'S #10 Simon Austin and Yukon's #96 Shea Hoffman battle for position in turn one at the short track speedskating competition at the Coke Centre.

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On the road to Whitehorse: 2012 beckons

➤ Two years hence, Whitehorse will again host the Games

DAMIEN WOOD
For Ulu News

For most who have come to Grande Prairie to be part of the 2010 Arctic Winter Games, it is all about now - the sports, the culture and the visitors.

But for one delegation - Team Yukon - as interested as they are in what is happening now, it is more about the future and how they can apply what they see in these Games to the next Games.

The 2012 Arctic Winter Games Host Society from Whitehorse has been taking lots of notes.

"Our purpose here is to look towards the Games' future," said George Arcand, 2012 host society president.

"We've done the Games before, and we've done the Canada Games fairly recently, so we have a good sense of multi-purpose Games and how they're organized. But the Arctic Winter Games are unique and therefore we can always stand to learn something for sure."

Robb Andison, vice-president of logistics for the Whitehorse Games, called them ever-evolving, saying "there's always going to be



George Arcand

something different, or something new or something better."

"You want to try to one-up the last Games," he said.

"For us, we've got the 2007 Canada Games

we have to one-up, we've got these Games we have to one-up, and then we had our 2000 Arctic Winter Games (in Whitehorse) to one-up."

Arcand said his role as president is to look at the overall aspect of the Games in Grande Prairie.

He has his entire team with him, and each member has his or her own area of responsibility.

"They will be pinpointed on what those are - each of those people is going to be starting to put together their section," he said.

And they have two years to get it all done. For the Canada Games, Whitehorse had four years. The Arctic Winter Games suggest a timeframe of three years.

"We're actually behind," said Arcand.

"We're relying on some past experiences and we're fine - we don't feel we have a problem - but we aren't going to have any bubble time. We are going to get the job done and the two years will be that process of the committees and getting it together."

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FAIR PLAY PINS

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Name: Malik Berthelson
Contingent: Greenland
Sport: Freestyle Skiing
Comment: Exemplary acknowledgment of fellow athletes when receiving his medal.

Name: Austin
Contingent: Alaska
Sport: Arctic Sports
Comment: Encouraged other athletes. Good Sportsmanship.

Name: Sara Lindskov Jacobsen
Contingent: Greenland
Sport: Badminton
Comment: Thanks!

Name: Eric Chalker
Contingent: Northwest Territories
Sport: Speed Skating
Comment: Eric was placed into an A final by mistake and informed the officials himself.

Name: Adamie Nakoolak
Contingent: Nunavut
Sport: Wrestling
Comment: Great attitude and positive interactions with his competition. Treated all attendees with respect.

Name: Eli Paliak
Contingent: Nunavut
Sport: Wrestling
Comment: Opponent was injured during competition and Eli showed great concern and compassion for the other athlete and displayed excellent sportsmanship throughout competition.

Name: Garrett Fyfe
Contingent: Northwest Territories
Sport: Wrestling
Comment: Outstanding positive attitude and enthusiasm throughout the competition.

Name: Sherman Magtibay
Contingent: Northwest Territories
Sport: Wrestling
Comment: Thanked opponents and always enjoyed himself despite not winning many freestyle matches. He is the embodiment of competitive spirit.

Name: Emma Pope
Contingent: Northwest Territories
Sport: Ski Biathlon
Comment: Enthusiastically always finished.

Name: Alea Stockton
Contingent: Northwest Territories
Sport: Figure Skating
Comment: After a rough skate with a number of falls, Alea graciously acknowledged the crowd with a curtsy and collected items tossed on the ice.

Name: Grayson Etsemba
Contingent: Northwest Territories
Sport: Table Tennis
Comment: For only playing a short period of time he still is smiling, improving and doing his best, participating in the true spirit of the Games.

Name: Daniel Huang
Contingent: Northwest Territories
Sport: Table Tennis
Comment: As the stronger player on his team he still tries to help and encourage his partner, participating in the true spirit of the Games.

Name: Conor Simpson
Continent: Alberta North
Sport: Snowshoeing
Comment: Even though he finishes last he still has a smile on his face and is cheering on all the rest of his team and the other athletes from the other teams.

Name: Taleesha Mahe
Contingent: Alberta North
Sport: Freestyle Skiing
Comment: This young lady is constantly pushing herself and enjoying every second of her Games experience.

Name: Sarah Michel
Contingent: Alberta North



RANDY VANDERVEEN for Ulu News

Fair Play Pins are awarded to competitors in the Games who best exemplify the true spirit of the event

Sport: Wrestling
Comment: Outstanding Sportsmanship throughout the competition and appreciation for good competition.

Name: Jonas Frederiksen
Contingent: Greenland
Sport: Soccer
Comment: To ensure good sportsmanship and entertaining spectators.

Name: Andy Noble
Contingent: Alaska
Sport: Dog Mushing
Comment: Just a wonderful well-mannered young gentleman to be around.

Name: Ben Erickson
Contingent: Alaska
Sport: Table Tennis
Comment: Great attitude, excellent behaviour, great personality, always smiling, good inspiration for the whole team. The best athlete I've umpired.

Name: Bren Hoffman
Contingent: Yukon
Sport: Figure Skating
Comment: For being so wonderful and nice!!

Name: Taryn Williams
Contingent: NWT
Sport: Curling
Comment: Very respectful and positive with her team members. Stellar with her knowledge of the game.

Name: Jacob Schultz
Contingent: Alaska
Sport: Midget Hockey
Comment: Great attitude and very supportive of the team.

Name: Alecia Stafford
Contingent: Alaska
Sport: Basketball
Comment: Apologized to a referee at the dining hall for a misinterpreted comment during an earlier game.

Name: Kelsey Lund
Contingent: Alberta North
Sport: Basketball
Comment: Focused and diligent effort regardless of contact. Plays through and doesn't ever look to the refs to get help. Just plays through the game. Great effort.

Name: Eddie Hurtte
Contingent: Alaska
Sport: Table Tennis
Comment: We, the Russian team, wanted to appreciate time we shared with you. You are kind and funny and good-hearted person. We all enjoyed playing table tennis and communicating with you. We wish you many gold medals in your life.

Name: Lilian Conner
Contingent: Alaska
Sport: Wrestling
Comment: Always smiling, great attitude.

Name: Riley Moser
Contingent: Alaska
Sport: Snowshoeing
Comment: Riley was awarded the bronze Ulu. He informed the officials that the Yukon boy beat him and was the true winner of the bronze.

Name: Iosef Martishev
Contingent: Alaska
Sport: Wrestling
Comment: Showing continued support for athletes of other teams, cheering for all athletes no matter what level they wrestle at.

Name: Eddie Hurtte
Contingent: Alaska
Sport: Table Tennis
Comment: Ref made a mistake and Eddie corrected him even though it gave the other player a point.

Name: Brian Walker (coach).
Contingent: Alaska.
Sport: Dene Games.
Comment: Friendliness and helpful and a good sport



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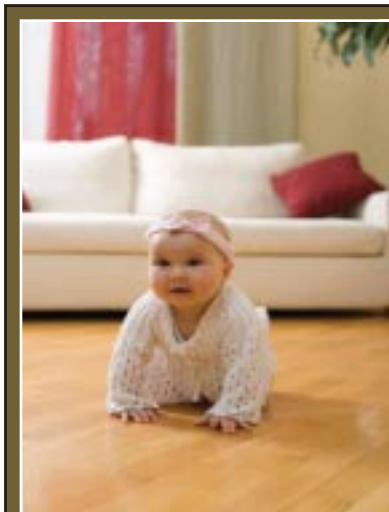
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Whitehorse, here we come!

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"We're going to use that experience of the Canada Games (as well), for those of us who were involved with that. Both (Robb and I) were.

"That has aspects that are common to hosting multi-purpose Games, be it the Arctic Games or be it the Canada Games. That is a nice richness of experience to fall back on."

He said regardless of how much planning is done, it is inevitable there will be tweaks needed in 2012.

"There's nothing wrong with it, you're just streamlining it as it goes and by Wednesday it is all good ... and then there will still be a problem on Friday," said Arcand.

"That has happened with every Games, and it will continue to happen with every Games.

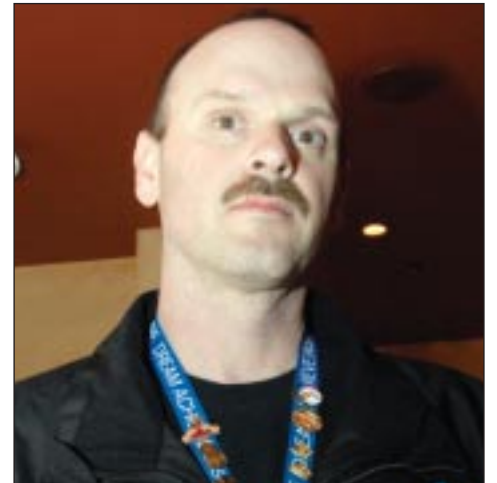
"We're saying that we have experience, but that doesn't mean we aren't going to have any mistakes. We fully admit to that fact."

Anderson agreed, and he said that is actually all part of the fun.

"By the time the Games come, we can be prepared right to the hilt and have policies and everything, but once everyone's here, we're still going to be flying by the seats of our pants. It's just like everybody else at every other Games, and really that's where all of the fun is," he said.

"If everything went smoothly, you wouldn't enjoy yourself."

Anderson said one aspect of the Games in Grande Prairie he would not mind adding to



Robb Anderson

the plan for Whitehorse is transportation.

He is impressed by how smoothly busing is running with a contracted bus company, and about 70 vehicles dedicated.

"It is alleviating a lot of need," he said of getting athletes from Point A to Point B.

Also, Arcand said, "They're selling more tickets to more venues. From my perspective of having a break-even Games, where our city doesn't have a deficit, (it might be wise) to look at that aspect.

"That is something positive that I see, that would want to borrow (for our Games)."

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Coca Cola Centre			8:00-10:00	8:00-10:00	8:00-10:00	8:00-10:00		
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Leisure Centre		9:00-3:00	9:00-3:00	9:00-3:00	9:00-3:00	9:00-3:00		
Montrose Cultural Centre	9:00-8:00	9:00-8:00	9:00-8:00	9:00-8:00	9:00-8:00	9:00-8:00		
Muskoseepi Park			10:00-4:00	10:00-4:00	10:00-4:00	10:00-4:00		
Nitehawk Recreation Area			9:00-4:00	9:00-4:00	4:00-9:00	9:00-4:00		

Store & Kiosk Schedule Subject to Change Without Notice
All Store & Kiosk Hours fall between 8:00 a.m. & 10:00pm

Why Should You Attend Grande Prairie Regional Safety Committee Meetings?

Meeting Location

Grande Prairie
Construction Association
9614A 105 St.
Grande Prairie, AB

Meeting Dates:

February 8, 11:30am
April 26, 6:00pm
June 7, 11:30am
September 13, 6:00pm
November 8, 11:30am

For guidance and assistance to enable your company to develop and maintain a Health & Safety program that is capable of providing adequate due diligence defense and above average audit results, including:

- Personal contact with an ACSA representative
- Information regarding scheduled safety training (may request additional/local safety training)
- Become aware of and have input into current health & safety issues
- You can ask questions and get answers from qualified safety practitioners
- There will be an educational/training component at most meetings
- There will be review/information regarding any new regulations/codes
- You can help the committee - the committee can help you



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Grande Prairie Regional Safety Committee
Alberta Construction Safety Association

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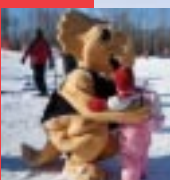


The Peace Country's
Destination Ski Area

Enjoy Day & Evening skiing and snowboarding from December through to the beginning of April.



With features such as an amazing terrain park, new 100m halfpipe, and triple chair, platter and wondercarpet lifts. We are a full service, year round, family recreation facility.



Nitehawk Trail Guide



Good luck to all games athletes!



Ski & Snowboard Rentals Available

We would like to encourage all ATHLETES to visit our Beautiful SKI AREA - overlooking the Wapiti River and only 10 minutes south of our city!

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Office
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Extracurricular Games Activities

The City of Grande Prairie welcomes all visitors & participants!

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2010 Arctic Winter Games Exhibit

Heritage Discovery Centre - Centre 2000, 11330 - 106th Street

Monday - Friday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Saturday - Sunday: 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

Featuring:

- The History of the Games
- The Arctic Winter Games Pin Collection
- Stained Glass Drums from each contingent.
- Artifacts from the Circumpolar World
- Admission for this exhibit is free.
- If you are interested in a group tour, please phone ahead to (780)-532-5790.



Grande Prairie Museum's Polar Challenge

10329 - 101 Avenue (Across the bridge from Muskoseepi Park)

Monday, March 8 - Friday, March 12, 2010

Program Times: 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. or 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Age of group: Suitable for ages 6 and up.

Participate in the Grande Prairie Museum's Polar Challenge! Learn to play traditional Inuit Games and how these games relate to life in the Polar region. The cost of the program is included with the price of regular admission to the Grande Prairie Museum. Special group rates are available for this program. Please call the program coordinator at (780) 830-7086 for more information or to schedule your program.

1's a Purchase, 2's a Pair, 3's a Congeries!

Grande Prairie Museum Rodacker/ Campbell Gallery

Why do people collect? The fascination of objects is the foundation of any individual or museum collection. In this exhibit, local and regional community members showcase their treasured private collections which celebrate the diversity of our community culture.

The Heritage of Winter Sports in the Peace Country:

An Evening of Reminiscences

Thursday, March 4, 2010 • 7:30pm • Grande Prairie Museum

Fitness Place Schedule - Drop in Classes

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SPIN with Laurie 6:15 am	SPIN with Richard 6:15 am	SPIN with Amber 6:15 am	SPIN with Laurie 6:15 am	SPIN with Richard 6:15 am	
MIX IT UP MONDAY with Sari 9:15 am	CARDIO BLAST with Colleen 9:15 am	SPIN with Colleen 9:15 am	CARDIO BLAST with Colleen 9:15 am	CARDIO BLAST with Sari 9:15 am	CYCLE CIRCUIT with Jessica 9:30 am
	CHISEL & SCULPT with Colleen 10:30 am		CHISEL & SCULPT with Colleen 10:30 am	SPIN with Colleen 10:30 am	
STEP STRENGTH with Sari 5:25 pm & Thursday	TOTAL BODY WORKOUT with Sari 5:25 pm	CYCLE CIRCUIT with Lisa 3:15 pm	SPIN with Lisa 5:25 pm		

Call in (even the day before) to book a SPINS bike 780-538-0455! Spring Schedule in effect until June 27, 2010*

Weight Room Schedule

MONDAY - FRIDAY	SATURDAY & SUNDAY
5:30am - 9:30pm	9:00am - 9:00pm

Childcare Services - Monday - Friday 9-11:30am

Our Childcare service is available for children 8 months to 6 years.

Participate in fitness, weight training, or swimming while your child enjoys a supervised playtime. Please send your child with small, nutritious snack time. No food containing nuts please
All snacks must be labeled with child's name

The Leisure Centre Pool Arctic Winter Games Schedule March 6-14, 2010

During the Arctic Winter games why not warm up at The Leisure Centre
Enjoy our swimming pool, waterslide, hot tub and dry sauna
with additional public swim times Monday thru Friday from 1-3pm

	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5:30-6am	User Group Rental		User Groups Sharing With Lane Swim	User Groups Sharing With Lane Swim	User Groups Sharing With Lane Swim	User Groups Sharing With Lane Swim	User Groups Sharing With Lane Swim
6-6:30am							
6:30-7am							
7-7:30am							
7:30-8am							
8-8:30am							
8:30-9am		Lane Swim & Limited Edition Family Swim					
9-9:30am							
9:30-10am							
10-10:30am	Lane Swim	Lane Swim & Public Swim	Lane Swim & Public Swim	Lane Swim & Public Swim	Lane Swim & Public Swim	Lane Swim & Public Swim	
10:30-11am							
11-11:30am	Lane Swim	Lane Swim & Public Swim	Lane Swim & Public Swim	Lane Swim & Public Swim	Lane Swim & Public Swim	Lane Swim & Public Swim	
11:30-12 pm							
12-12:30pm	Public Swim	User Group Rental	Public Swim	Public Swim	Public Swim	Public Swim	
12:30-1pm							
1-1:30pm	Public Swim	Public Swim	Public Swim	Public Swim	Public Swim	Public Swim	
1:30-2pm							
2-2:30pm							
2:30-3pm							
3-3:30pm							
3:30-4pm	Rental Space	User Group Rental Birthday Space	Swim Lessons & User Group Rentals	Swim Lessons & User Group Rentals	Swim Lessons & User Group Rentals	Swim Lessons & User Group Rentals	
4-4:30pm							
4:30-5pm	Lessons Birthday Space	Rental Space	Swim Lessons & User Group Rentals	Swim Lessons & User Group Rentals	Swim Lessons & User Group Rentals	Swim Lessons & User Group Rentals	
5-5:30pm							
5:30-6pm	Public Swim	Family Swim	User Group Rentals	Public Swim	Family Swim	Public Swim	
6-6:30pm							
6:30-7pm	Public Swim	Family Swim	User Group Rentals	Public Swim	Family Swim	Public Swim	
7-7:30pm							
7:30-8pm	Public Swim	Family Swim	User Group Rentals	Public Swim	Family Swim	Public Swim	
8-8:30pm							
8:30-9pm	Rental Space	Rental Space	Lane Swim	Lane Swim	Lane Swim	Rental Space	
9-9:30pm							
9:30-10pm	Rental Space	Rental Space	Lane Swim	Lane Swim	Lane Swim	Rental Space	
10-10:30pm							
10:30-11pm	Rental Space	Rental Space	Lane Swim	Lane Swim	Lane Swim	Rental Space	

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