

RANT N' RAVEN



2008 Arctic Winter Games - Team Yukon Newsletter

March 5, 2008

Welcome to Team Yukon and congratulations to all of the participants who have been selected to attend the 2008 Arctic Winter Games in Yellowknife, N.W.T. from March 9 - 15, 2008. The Rant n' Raven is the official newsletter of Team Yukon and will provide informative and fun information to make your time at the Games more enjoyable. The Rant n' Raven will be produced daily during the Games and circulated to each Yukon team and uploaded to the Sport Yukon website.

Good luck to you all and let's make Yukon proud!

The return of the AWG to Yellowknife marks the 20th Anniversary of this event and this year's theme is "Northern Stars - Inspired by Dreams".

Athletes - What to Bring

AWG Team Uniform, competition clothing and sport equipment
1 piece Photo ID or 2 pieces Gov't Issued ID
Health Care Card
Personal medications (pack in your carry on)
Watch/alarm clock
Pillow
Towel and personal toiletries
Shower sandals & swimsuit
Camera and film
Spending money



Athletes - What not to bring

Valuables
Bedding - you will be provided with a sleeping bag, small backpack and water bottle upon your arrival to Yellowknife

Contacting Team Yukon at the Games

Mission Headquarters - Sissons School
Mission Desk - 767-2019

Chef de Mission
Trevor Twardochleb
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Tracey Bilsky
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Drop us a line if you have questions, concerns or an interesting story ..You never know...you might end up on the cover of the Rant n' Raven!

DON'T FORGET - We spring forward on Sunday, March 9th at 2:00 am. Don't forget to change your clock/watch.



Yellowknife is on MST or Mountain Standard time which means the time is one hour later than Whitehorse time.

Charter Information

- Each passenger will require either 1 piece of government issued picture ID or 2 pieces of other government issued ID.
- Check in time is 1.5 hours prior to flight. Teams with extra equipment (Dog Mushing) will need to arrive 2 hours early.
- Please limit your luggage to what you can carry (2 bags). Luggage tags will be provided at the airport. Please ensure you have your name address and phone number inside and outside of each bag.
- **What to wear** - Team jacket and comfortable clothing.

Saturday, March 8th, Flight 121, 2:00 am
Badminton, Culture, Gymnastics, Hockey - Bantam, Hockey - Female, Hockey - Midget, Speedskating, Table Tennis

Saturday, March 8th, Flight 124, 3:00 pm
Basketball, Biathlon, Curling, Officials, Snowboarding, Snowshoeing, Volleyball

Saturday, March 8th, Flight 125, 8:45 pm
Arctic Sports, Cross Country Skiing, Dene Games, Dog Mushing, Figure Skating, Indoor Soccer

Team Yukon Pep Rally

The Team Yukon Pep Rally will be held on Friday, March 7th from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm at FH Collins gymnasium.

Teams will have their pictures taken, receive their pins and will celebrate with other Team Yukon participants.

All participants are required to attend - be sure to sport your new team hoodie and sweatpants.

Note: There will be no food service at this event.

Opening and Closing Ceremonies

Opening Ceremonies:

Sunday, March 9, 2008 7:00 pm - Multiplex
Athletes are required to wear team jacket, pants, ¼ zip T-shirt and toque.

Closing Ceremonies:

Saturday, March 15, 2008 7:00 pm - Multiplex

Note: Some events may have sport specific opening and closing ceremonies where sport schedules permit.

Meet Team Yukon's Mission Staff

Trevor Twardochleb (Chef de Mission)

Tracey Bilsky (Mental Trainer / Asst Chef de Mission)

Sheri Blaker (Figure Skating / Newsletter)

Sunny Patch (Dog Mushing / Cultural)

Sarah Crane (Basketball / Gymnastics)

Megan Freese (Snowshoeing / Assist Grant with portfolio)

Samantha John (Arctic Sports / Assist Charly with Dene)

Charly Kelly (Curling / Dene Games)

Vickie Dawe (Hockey)

Grant MacDonald (Biathlon-Ski & Snowshoe/Cross Country Skiing)

Bunne Palamar (Volleyball / Snowboarding)

Val Pike (Indoor Soccer)

Bill Stonehouse (Table Tennis / Badminton)

Cheryl Van Blaricom (Speedskating / Newsletter)

Parents / Supporters, Need a flight?

There are still seats available on the charter flights from Whitehorse return. The cost is \$600.00 (tax included). For more information contact Sport Yukon at 668-4236.

2008 Arctic Winter Games website - www.awg2008.ca

Official site of the 2008 Arctic Winter Game will have schedules, results, special events and general information about the Games.

Team Yukon website - www.SportYukon.com (click on major games link)

Results, newsletters and pictures will be posted to the site everyday of the Games. Make sure you check out the site regularly to keep up to date with Team Yukon.

Parents Traveling to the Games

- Be sure to provide the Team Yukon Mission office in Yellowknife with your contact information and accommodation details so that you can be made aware of pertinent notices or in case of emergency.
 - ➔ can retrieve their luggage at the DND Hangar.
 - ➔ All untagged baggage will be available for pick up at a specially designated baggage pick up area in the DND Hangar.
 - ➔ Busses will meet at the aircraft and transport ALL passengers to the DND hangar.
 - ➔ All passengers not requiring customs clearance, or not travelling with firearms, will proceed directly to Accreditation area in the DND Hangar.
 - ➔ All parent/supporters will be responsible for their own transportation from the airport to their accommodations.
 - ➔ Any baggage not claimed at the DND hangar will be transported to the AWG Mission HQ (Sissons School). Individuals with lost luggage inquires will fill out a lost luggage form at the DND Hangar or Mission HQ.

Parents/supporters are invited....

- We are having a Team Yukon Parent/Supporters breakfast on Wednesday, March 12th from 9:00 - 11:00 am at the Explorer Hotel. Everyone is welcome.

