



Identifying Athletes from your area and obtaining their Games Results

To provide media with the opportunity to provide local coverage of athletes from the respective community and / or zone in the Alberta Winter Games a database has been created and available to the public.

Media that wish to track participants and to obtain their results as they become available, please go to www.albertagames.com, open Alberta Winter Games tab, then select results, under Final results select your zone, then select View Participant, scroll down and your list will be there. If you wish to further segregate the zone by community you may select the community field under the zone field.

If you wish to interview participants, the Albert Sport, Recreation, Parks & Wildlife Foundation have indicated that it may be more appropriate to go through the Chef de Mission for the zone prior to contacting the individuals as they are underage. The Chefs de Mission by zone are noted under Contacts under the Alberta Winter Games tab.

Also attached are zone by zone breakdowns of facts that provide additional information for media that may wish to focus on their particular zone.

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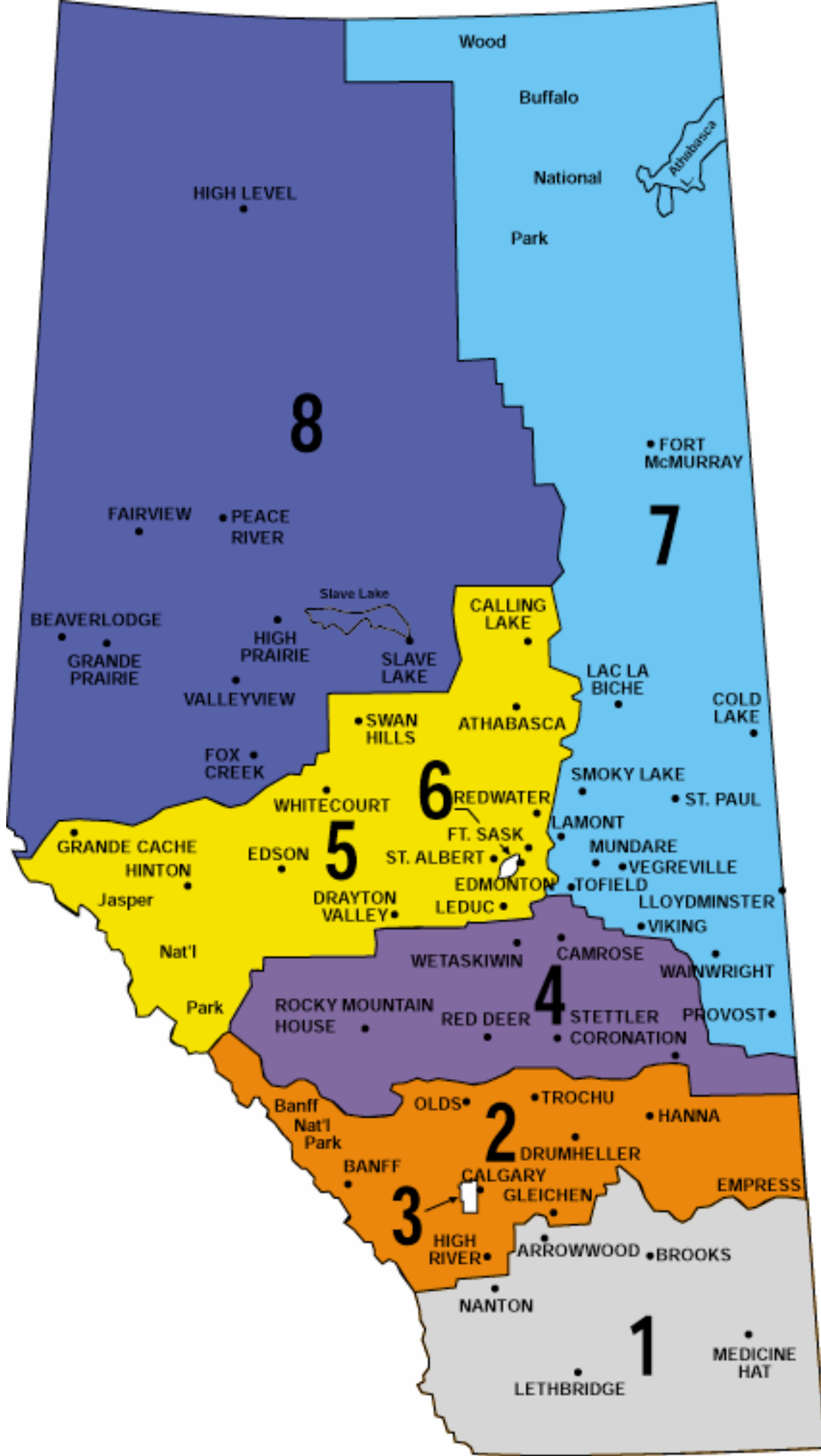
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ZONE 1 COMMENTARY

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ZONE FACTS

DESCRIPTION:	<i>Sunny South</i>
ID COLOUR:	<i>Grey</i>
BOUNDARIES:	<i>North: Arrowood & Bow River South: State of Montana, USA West: British Columbia East: Saskatchewan</i>
MAJOR CENTRES:	Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Crowsnest Pass, Pincher Creek, Cardston, Brooks, Claresholm, Fort Macleod

ZONE TEAM

FEMALE ATHLETES:	108
MALE ATHLETES:	70
COACHES & CHAPERONES:	47
TOTAL TEAM SIZE:	225

# OF COMMUNITIES REPRESENTED:	42 Including Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, and smaller communities like Lundbreck, Standoff and New Dayton
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HIGHLIGHTS (information from Team Profile Forms)

PREVIOUS GAMES EXPERIENCE:	2010 Judo; Hana Varsanyi, Dawson Mandel, Matt Stephenson 2010 Archery; Lysandra Watmough, Nick Sekura, Darcy Juhar 2008, 2010 Badminton, Amanda Gallimore 2010 Badminton Matt Staples, Tanner Rogers, Chris Staples
AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:	(M -Judo) Dawson Mandel, gold at 2011 National Jr Judo Championships hosted in Quebec. (M- Judo) Matt Stephenson, Silver at 2010 & 2011 National Jr Judo Championships. (Archery) Barry Adams, Silver 3D Nationals, (Archery) Darcy Juhar, Gold 2010 AB Winter Games (Archery) Lysandra Watmough Silver 2010 AB Winter Games (M Curling) Team Parsons won silver in 2012 Southern Curling Association (bantam)

ZONE 1 COMMENTARY

INTERESTING STORIES:

(F, volleyball) Shanai Fox-Many Grey Horses recently competed in New Mexico in an Aboriginal National Rodeo. In 2011 she placed 11th in barrel racing at the INFR Indian National Rinals Rodeo)in Las Vegas. She has numerous school Volleyball MVP awards.

(M,Biathlon) Zone #1 has not had a biathlon athlete qualify for Winter Games in approximately 10 years. Avery Draper, recently learned to skate ski to compete in biathlon to earn a spot in the 2012 Winter Games representing Zone #1.

(F Curling) Zone #1 Team Qualified to be "Junior Stars" at the 2012 World Womens Curling championships hosted in Lethbridge

(Judo) Dawson Mandel & Matt Stephenson will compete in judo competitions in Montreal, Toronto, and Vancouver this year.

(Badminton) Amanda Gallimore third time at Alberta Winter Games

POTENTIAL INTERVIEW CANDIDATES:

Shani Fox-Many Grey Horses – Female Volleyball

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ZONE 2 COMMENTARY

Chad Monner, Zone 2 Chef de Mission
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ZONE FACTS

DESCRIPTION:	<i>Big Country</i>
ID COLOUR:	<i>Brown</i>
BOUNDARIES:	<i>North: Olds South: High River West: Banff East: Saskatchewan</i>
MAJOR CENTRES:	Airdrie, Okotoks, Canmore, Drumheller, Strathmore, High River, Olds, Didsbury

ZONE TEAM

FEMALE ATHLETES:	117
MALE ATHLETES:	113
COACHES & CHAPERONES:	63
TOTAL TEAM SIZE:	285

# OF COMMUNITIES REPRESENTED:	39
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HIGHLIGHTS (information from Team Profile Forms)

PREVIOUS GAMES EXPERIENCE:
Ringette – Paige Nelson, Brooke Kalghen (2010 AWG) M. Curling – Richard Kleibrink (coach) – athlete in 1987 F. Curling – 3 members competed in 2010; many family members in previous AWG and CWG Judo – Martin, McEachern, Cooper – 2010 AWG; Laurie Wiltshire – athlete in 98, coach in 2012 Archery – Ethan Schultz – 2008, 2010 AWG, many coaches past Games as coaches, officials Biathlon – Saily Coyne, Katrine Gillette, Riley Mellar – previous athletes; Bill Hunt – coach in 4 Games (canoe / biathlon) Figure Skating – Hayley Lukacs – 2010 AWG
AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:
Ringette – MVP at Provincials, Barrel Racing Champion, 4H Beef Grand Champion M. Curling – Team has competed at Provincial Junior Men's level (20 and under) at 16 years old F. Curling – team won Ray Kingsmith 2011 Bonspiel (\$1000 scholarships each) Judo – Brandon Martin and Justin McEachern both have placed 5 th at Junior Canadian Championships M. Hockey – Rylan Lammie, Garret Hagel won Silver at 2011 Tier 2 Provincial Championships Fig Skate: Jessica Kish achieved her gold level tests in all 4 disciplines before age of 16
INTERESTING STORIES:
M. Curling – Kyler Kleibrink (skip) – mom is Shannon Kleibrink – Bronze medalist in 2006 Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy Levi Bertrand just started <u>Judo</u> in September and qualified for the AWG team Archery - Ethan Schultz – established steer riding/bull riding rodeo champion Biathlon - Saily Coyne's parents are an Olympic Skier and a National Biathlon Coach Fig Skate: Anja Nel's father in 2009/10 World Triathlon Championships; Anja runs her own home cupcake business
POTENTIAL INTERVIEW CANDIDATES:
Ringette – Brook Kalbhen M. Hockey – Brett Trentham, Rylan Lammie M. Curling – Kyler Kleibrink; F. Curling - all Judo – Brandon Martin Archery – Ethan Schultz Biathlon – Saily Coyne, Riley Mellar, Finn, Thomas

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ZONE 3 COMMENTARY

Hayden Kowel, Zone 3 Chef de Mission
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ZONE FACTS

DESCRIPTION:	<i>City of Calgary</i>
ID COLOUR:	<i>Red</i>
BOUNDARIES:	-
MAJOR CENTRES:	Calgary

ZONE TEAM

FEMALE ATHLETES:	158
MALE ATHLETES:	140
COACHES & CHAPERONES:	49 Coaches / 21 Chaperones
TOTAL TEAM SIZE:	298

# OF COMMUNITIES REPRESENTED:	Calgary
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HIGHLIGHTS (information from Team Profile Forms)

PREVIOUS GAMES EXPERIENCE:
<p>Tin Hon – Badminton Coach at 2010 Games Taylor Rathy – Archery Athlete at 2010 Games Brandon Lam – Archery Athlete at 2010 Games Brndan Sheridan – Archery Athlete at 2006 Games Jacklyn Holmes-Smith – Synchronized Swimming Coach at 2010 Games Ella Hnatyshyn – Synchronized Swimming Athlete at 2010 Games Alex Surbay – Judo athlete at 2010 Games Bo Jones – Judo Athlete at 2010 Games Torrie Johal – Judo Coach at 2010 Games Many Biathletes returning from 2010 Games (9) in total Robyn Williams – 1985/1988 as Athlete and 1990 to 2012 as Coach Dan Meyer – Coach for Volleyball was an Athlete at the 2002 Games for Volleyball</p>

ZONE 3 COMMENTARY

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Freestyle Skiing: Janelle Yip (1st in Prov womens slop style)
Badminton: Eric Cheung (Catholic Junior High Singles Champion last 2 years)
Badminton: Ryan Lam (National Badminton U14 Doubles Bronze Medal)
Archery: Lindsay Struthers and Brendan Sheridan won gold at the Canada Winter Games
Curling: Ben/Tyler/Mark won Bantam Curling Gold in 2011
Volleyball female: All the team are school honor roll athletes
Synchronized Swimming: Jacklyn Holmes-Smith is the Provincial Stream coach of the year 2011
Biathlon: Eric Hall and Megan Banks won the 2010 Gernot Kastera Award for Athletic, academic and personal achievement
Male Hockey: Jarret Anderson Dolan was the MVP at the 2011 One Hockey Tournament in Spruce Grove recently / Riley Beatty has been nominated for a 2012 volunteer Calgary leadership award / Eric Olsen also plays football and was his team 2011 MVP as quarterback
Male Volleyball: several members of the team are part of the Canuck U14 Provincial Championship Team
Squash: Paige Jackson is the top 3 in her age division in Alberta. William Kuhn is top 10 in Canada in his age group and top 3 in Alberta.

INTERESTING STORIES:

Badminton: Eric Cheung is an avid Dancer in Hip Hop and C Walking and won 1st place at a talent show
Archery: Sarah Cawkwell is also a Competitive Swimmer / Lindsay is Coaching Zone 3 and her father is Coaching the Zone 2 Team
Female Volleyball: A member of the team is an artist with pieces showcased in local art galleries in Calgary / current high jump record holder for Zone 3 is on the team (still waiting for names)
Synchronized Swimming: Team ranges in age from 12 to 15 years
Judo: all athletes are from just 2 clubs in Calgary
Biathlon: Eric Hall had major surgery over the summer to his leg and has fought his way back to be at the Games
Wrestling: Janelle Manabat competed in the Western Canada Summer Games
Male Hockey: Riley Beatty is a type 1 diabetic and he and his friends have raised over \$50,000 for juvenile Diabetes / Simon Korol grew his hair really long then raised \$1500 for kids care for Cancer to cut it and make a wig
Male Volleyball: Khoi Ngo is also a competitive Badminton Player and swimmer
Squash: 4 of 5 players on the 3B team are 13 or under

POTENTIAL INTERVIEW CANDIDATES:

Freestyle Skiing: Janelle Yip / Adam Fiselier
Badminton: Eric Cheung
Archery: Taylor Rathy
Curling: Mark is part of the 2011 Bantam Boys Provincial Fastball Championship Team
Volleyball Girls: Tessa Hill
Synchronized Swimming: Alicia Van Hyfte or Ella Hnatyshyn
Biathlon: Darya Sepandj or Kendall Chong
Wrestling: Alexander Iovinelli or Daniel Krag
Hockey Men: Jaret Anderson-Dolan or Eric Olson or Calvin Humble
Male Volleyball: Bryton Suchi
Squash 3B: Bethany Churchill

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ZONE 4 COMMENTARY

Mike Klass, Zone 4 Chef de Mission
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ZONE FACTS

DESCRIPTION:	<i>Parkland</i>
ID COLOUR:	<i>Orange</i>
BOUNDARIES:	<i>North: Camrose South: Bowden West: Nordegg East: Saskatchewan</i>
MAJOR CENTRES:	Red Deer, Rocky Mountain House, Ponoka, Camrose, Stettler, Westaskiwin, Lacombe, Bowden, Coronation, Caster, Provost, Innisfail

ZONE TEAM

FEMALE ATHLETES:	
MALE ATHLETES:	
COACHES & CHAPERONES:	
TOTAL TEAM SIZE:	281

# OF COMMUNITIES REPRESENTED:	31
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HIGHLIGHTS (information from Team Profile Forms)

PREVIOUS GAMES EXPERIENCE:
NAME - 2012 Sport – YEAR – Sport
Ross Vincent (Alpine coach) – 2010 –Alpine coach
Deveon Mercereau (Alpine) – 2010 rugby
Deepan Hazra (badminton)- 2012 badminton
Hoang Le (badminton coach) – 2008 & 2010 badminton coach
Reid Creasy (biathlon) – 2008 & 2010 biathlon
Emily, Rittammer, Chris Marr-Laing, Kate Marr-Laing, Megan Johnson(cross country) – 2010 Cross country
Marla Sherrer Curling– 2010 softball
Zac Zanussi (fencing) - 2010 fencing
Chelsea Khosaba (fencing) – 2010 fencing
Cassandra Compton, Amy Severtson, Ashtyn Wadden (figure Skating) – 2010 figure skating
Katey Warrener (freestyle coach) – 2008 freestyle coach
Matt Hayward (freestyle coach) – 2004 freestyle coach
Linda Kohler (gymnastics) – 2010 gymnastics
Jackie Brooks (gymnastics coach) – 1998 gymnastics
Keith Broderson (male hockey coach) – ????? curling
Amy Young (female hockey coach) – 2002 female hockey athlete
Garry Thomson (snowboard chaperone) – 1998 volleyball coach, 2000 ski coach
Shawna Pearman (speed skating coach) – 2006 & 2008 – speed skating coach
Kate Bergnatolli, Connor Lagroix, Garret Day, Nolan Gray (speed skating) – 2010 speed skating
Heather Mast (synchro) – 2010 synchro
Annette Wegner (synchro coach) – 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008 2010 synchro coach
Crystal Norum (male volleyball coach) – athletics coach 2006
Nakai McDonnell & Grace McDonnell (wrestling) – 2010 wrestling

ZONE 4 COMMENTARY

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Kira Mercereau (sibling of Devon) Archery - competed in 2010 Alberta games and 2011 Canada games
Levi Severtson (brother of Amy) Figure Skating – 2011 junior pre-world championships in slalom whitewater kayaking & past medalist at 2008 & 2010 Alberta games
Matt Hayward – freestyle coach – won the world cup overall crystal globe in 2007/08 season in freestyle; 1st in Les Contamines (France); 1st Inawashira world cup. Kinda of a big deal?!

Rebecca Davidson (niece of Melody Davidson) Female Hockey – 2006 & 2010 Olympics female hockey coach
Taryn Baumgardt (sister of Kirsten) female Hockey – Canada Winter games female hockey gold medal
Cole Hogarth (brother of Bryce) Judo – 2011 Canada Winter Games Judo, 2010 Judo Jr Nationals
Gavin Kanniesser (brother of Kelita) Ringette – 2008 AWG hockey
Chuck Pimm (father of Chantelle) – Ringette – ???? Summer Games soccer
Maddison & Brooke Pearman (sisters of Tessa Pearman (speed skating) – 2011 Canada Winter Games & 2006 & 2008 AWG speed skating
Brett Yuha (brother of Amber) female volleyball – 2008 hockey & 2010 volleyball Alberta Games
Shael Bourne (brother of Jaydee) female volleyball – 2008 Alberta winter games volleyball
Colt McDonnell brother of Nakai & Grace) wrestling – 2011 WCSG wrestling
Shamus McDonnell (father of Nakai & Grace) wrestling – 1984 AWG wrestling
Cari McDonnell (mother of Nakai & Grace) wrestling – 1984 ASG fastball

INTERESTING STORIES:

Freestyle Skiing – Red Deer’s freestyle club has a great outdoor ski ramp/jump that allows them to train in the summer months by landing in water.
Male Hockey – have won their provincial division for the last 2 years (Atom & Pee Wee).
Ringette – part of the team’s pre-game warm-up is doing double dutch skipping.
Female Volleyball – Darby Dykslag also could have represented Zone 4 ringette.
Male Volleyball – Fischer & Pierson Kooman are twins and are both partially deaf.
Tatyana Henderson (badminton) & Zac Zanussi (fencing) are in the ASDC’s Athlete Enhancement Program.
Deepan Hazran (badminton) – won provincial gold last year.
Anne Mirejovsky & Jakub Stepan (Biathlon) – both speak Czech.

POTENTIAL INTERVIEW CANDIDATES:

Badminton – Sefrah Daviduck
Cross Country – Megan Johnson, Kate Marr-Laing, Cody Mast
Female Curling – Julie Selvais
Fencing – Rylea Lunde
Freestyle – Jack Hubbell, Megan Cressey
Gymnastics – Molly Hall Jarratt, Mataya Rideout
Judo – Sean Cote, Bryce Hogarth
Ringette – Kelita Kanngiesser, Kelly Oehlerking, Paige Collins, Chandler Hofstra
Snowboarding – Bobby Gilbertson
Speed Skating – Kate Bertagnolli, Tessa Pearman, Bryndelle MacDougall
Squash – Evan MacLeod
Synchronized Swimming – Heather Mast, Kate Jensen, Emma Dickman
Female Volleyball – Zoe Cire, Danya Brachman
Male Volleyball – Jarret Zilinski

ZONE 4 COMMENTARY

OTHER:

Male Banner Carrier – Jack Hubbell – Freestyle Skiing: He is one of the freestyle team's older athletes who always works hard to a positive example as both a person and athlete. He is dedicated to his training and wants to go far in the sport. He has started stoping 540's (degrees) and is working towards his 720!

Female Banner Carrier – Tayln Towes – Archery: Talyn is an honour roll student, is in the school band, plays ringette, and won numerous medals at provincial archery competitions.

Zone Chef Mike Klass is the best Mission staff of the group. ☺

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ZONE 5 COMMENTARY

Taylor Stiles, Zone 5 Chef de Mission
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ZONE FACTS

DESCRIPTION:	<i>Black Gold / Yellowhead</i>
ID COLOUR:	<i>Yellow</i>
BOUNDARIES:	<i>North: Athabasca South: Drayton Valley West: Jasper East: Ardrossan</i>
MAJOR CENTRES:	Leduc, Hinton, Spruce Grove, St Albert, Barrhead, Westlock, Fort Saskatchewan, Redwater, Whitecourt, Strathcona County

ZONE TEAM

FEMALE ATHLETES:	133
MALE ATHLETES:	118
COACHES & CHAPERONES:	66
TOTAL TEAM SIZE:	312

# OF COMMUNITIES REPRESENTED:	34
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HIGHLIGHTS (information from Team Profile Forms)

<p>PREVIOUS GAMES EXPERIENCE:</p> <p>3 of the 4 members of the Male Curling Team who won bronze in 2010 are returning this year. Shayne Sommerfield with Male Hockey participated in Swimming in the 2010 Alberta Summer Games. Meagan Norries participated in Judo in the 2010 Alberta Winter Games. 2 members of the Badminton team are returning from 2010 Alberta Winter Games – Ty Lindeman & Mikayla Rafuse. 5 archers are returning from the 2010 Alberta Winter Games including Rebecca Schuman (gold) & Randy Emilson (silver). Speed Skaters - Philippe Croteau, A.J. Dimas, Megan Hermary and Cody Miller are returning from 2010 for Zone 5. Cross Country Skiers Anders Cowper & Anika Asfeldt are returning for a 3rd Alberta Winter Games. Morgan Strynadka & Emily Majesic are competing in their 3rd Alberta Winter Games as Synchronized Swimmers This is Synchro Coaches Jennifer Bilou's 5th times attending the AWG and Laura Vriens 4th as an athlete or coach.</p>
<p>AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:</p> <p>Female Curler Kathleen Dunbar won the 2011 Provincial Juvenile Curling Championships and finished 4th at Internationals In 2009 Badminton player Ty Lindeman won medals at the Jr. Nationals in Vancouver and Jr. Pan Am Games in Jamaica. Badminton Coach Kevin MacAlpine was the ACAC and CCAA coach of the year with Concordia University. Archer's Alana Tollenaar holds 17 Canadian Records in Fita & Field Archery. Rebecca Schuman & Chloe Buck hold many 3-D Archery records. Male Volleyball player Ed McDonald was the 2010 Alberta Slalom Water Skiing Champion. Alpine Skier Patrick Mahler competed in the Western Canadian Alpine Ski Finals in BC. 3 members of the Spruce Grove Ringette Team (Cateline Joly, Kaitlyn Miller & Kaylin Bell) won the 2011 Westerns. 9 members of the St. Albert Ringette Team won the 2010 Tween Provincial Championship.</p>

ZONE 5 COMMENTARY

INTERESTING STORIES:

Badminton athlete Kimberly Mclaughlin was selected as one of the Top 10 pee wee female athletes by Athletics Alberta. The Male Hockey Team won Pee Wee A tournament in Old this season.
Speed Skating Coach Emily Hill competed for Team Alberta at the 2007 Canada Winter Games in Long Track.
Speed Skater Cody Miller was selected for the Hokaido Japanese Speed Skating exchange and spent 2 weeks in Japan.
The Synchronized Swim Team has swimmers attending their 3rd Games and ones that that are going for the first time.
8 of 12 male volleyball players played in the gold medal game in provincials in 2011.
7 members of the St.Albert Ringette team travelled to Europe to play against teams from Finland.

POTENTIAL INTERVIEW CANDIDATES:

Female Volleyball – Breanne Ilkuf & Deanna Nielsen
Male Volleyball – Lucas Schmaus, Chad Newton & Josh Wenzel
Judo – Amira Aissiou & Robert Baldwin
Cross Country Skier Anika Asfeldt
Male Hockey – Reese Fedorus
Female Curling – Kathleen Dunbar
Male Curling – Jaques Bellamy
Speed Skater Cody Miller & Megan Hermary
Snowboarder – Connor Felix
Ringette – Jill Suito, Ali Flaming, Lauren Henderson & Cassie Pinkoski
Synchronized Swimming Emily Majasic
Alpine Skiing – Serena Armstrong, Cassandra Deleeuw & Kennedy Bokenfor

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ZONE 6 COMMENTARY

Renée Kozak, Zone 6 Chef de Mission
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ZONE FACTS

DESCRIPTION:	<i>City of Edmonton</i>
ID COLOUR:	<i>Green</i>
BOUNDARIES:	-
MAJOR CENTRES:	Edmonton

ZONE TEAM

FEMALE ATHLETES:	123
MALE ATHLETES:	115
COACHES & CHAPERONES:	Total 54 [Coaches - 42 (15F & 27M), Chaperones – 12 (10F & 2M)]
TOTAL TEAM SIZE:	Fill In with Registration info

# OF COMMUNITIES REPRESENTED:	8
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HIGHLIGHTS (information from Team Profile Forms)

PREVIOUS GAMES EXPERIENCE:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kira Sampley (Archery, 3rd time participating) • Multiple athletes at their 2nd Games • Banner Carrier (m), Anand Mann (Squash), participated in the 2010 AWG • Banner Carrier - f, Valerie Cheung (Badminton) has been playing badminton since age 9 and participated at the Western Canadian Team Championships. • Mackenzie Cook (Volleyball – F) participated in 2011 ASG in Basketball and is a member of the Western Canada Basketball Team • Mitchell Barthel (Volleyball – M) participated in Western Canada Summer Games in Basketball
AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alex Jelinski and Taylor Briere (Artistic Gymnastics) – Provincial Champions • Andrew and Malcom Keyes (Judo) – Provincial Champions • Rachael Smillie and Jenna Wong (Badminton) – Medalists at 2010 AWG • Curling (M) team – NACA Juvenile Boys Champions • Speed Skating team has multiple medalists from previous AWG

ZONE 6 COMMENTARY

INTERESTING STORIES:

- Daniel Gu's (**Fencing**) mother Jujie Luan, competed in Fencing at multiple Olympic Games for China and Canada and sister Jerrica Gu competed in Fencing at 2009 Canada Summer Games
- 6 members of the **Hockey-Female** team play in boys leagues
- The **Hockey-Male** team won a tournament in November and voted to donate the winnings to the Stollery Children's Hospital.
- All members of the **Curling (F)** team were all involved in Figure Skating prior to Curling and are multi-sport athletes.
- Three members of the **Fencing** team are also on the Provincial Team.
- Cara Chudak's (**Figure Skating**) brother participated in Figure Skating at 2011 Canada Winter Games
- The **Speed Skating** team trains at least 3 days a week with the zone 5 speed skating team, and together were known as the "singing" team.
- The **Squash** team has been training together weekly for the past year.
- Jackson Kenney (**Volleyball – M**) is one of two underage players on the team. He is the youngest of 3 brothers, the oldest is the setter for Grant MacEwan University.
- Harley Thunder (**Wrestling**) is a deaf athlete
- The **Synchronized Swimming** team trains on two separate teams and have come together specifically for the AWG.

POTENTIAL INTERVIEW CANDIDATES:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alpine Ski – Kjeryn Soetaert, Marc-Andre Haley, Elly Smith, Elizabeth Huisman, Karleen Rutter, Caralee McGovern • Artistic Gymnastics – Brooklynn Hyland • Biathlon – David Singleton • Curling (F) – Jessica Panchyshyn • Cross-Country Skiing – Marin Cislo, Will Rickard • Figure Skating - All • Hockey (F) – Daria O'Neil
 • Judo – Lauren Bury, Jordan Landry • Snowboard – Cale Kristel, Joshua Powell • Squash – Carolyn Binns
 • Volleyball (F) – Jordan Fillion, Onyeka Agwo, Mariette Pless • Wrestling – Joni Quick, Robin Kendall | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archery – Kyle Kryhorak, Claire Albush,
 • Badminton – Rachael Smillie • Boxing – N/A • Curling (M) – Josh Diebert, Nathan Pinchak • Fencing – Bethany Raymer, Daniel Gu, Tristen Leitch • Freestyle Skiing – James Lanteigne, Emma Siegle • Hockey (M) – Parker Adam, Ethan Edstrom, Joshua White • Ringette – Kennedy Low, Madison Reis, Bailey Nitti • Speed Skating – Ask coach at time of interview • Synchronized Swimming – Anna Embury, Cameron Bergum • Volleyball (M) – Jackson Kenney, Spencer Lloyd |
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ZONE 7 COMMENTARY

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ZONE FACTS

DESCRIPTION:	<i>North Eastern Alberta</i>
ID COLOUR:	<i>Navy Blue</i>
BOUNDARIES:	<i>North: Wood Buffalo National Park South: Provost West: Lomont East: Saskatchewan</i>
MAJOR CENTRES:	Lloydminster, Wainwright, Bonnyville, Cold Lake, Lac La Biche, Vegreville, Fort McMurray, Vermilion, St Paul

ZONE TEAM

FEMALE ATHLETES:	102
MALE ATHLETES:	78
COACHES & CHAPERONES:	49
TOTAL TEAM SIZE:	229

# OF COMMUNITIES REPRESENTED:	15
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HIGHLIGHTS (information from Team Profile Forms)

<p>PREVIOUS GAMES EXPERIENCE:</p> <p>Ringette, Fencing, Speed Skating, Hockey, male Curling, Archery, Boxing have all had strong showings and repeat athletes to represent Zone 7 in past Alberta Winter Games.</p> <p>Daniel Granger (athlete) and Martha Stepanuk (coach) will also be travelling to Arctic Winter Games this year to compete in the snowshoeing Biathlon; they competed in the 2010 Arctic Winter Games. They will be representing Zone 7 in Biathlon this year as well as in 2010.</p> <p>Fencing coach Pierre Rainville is also involved in coaching Squash, Wrestling and Water Polo. Benjamin Van Thiel is an athlete to watch in the sport of fencing at the 2012 Alberta Winter Games.</p> <p>Renner Schaub has been coaching Alberta Winter Games since 2000. This will be his 7th games as a coach for Zone 7 Archery.</p> <p>Michael Stasuik is the only returning player for the Zone 7 Alberta Winter Games Men's Volleyball team. Michael hopes to lead his young squad to victory.</p>
<p>AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:</p> <p>Not only will Jared Latos be competing for Zone 7 in the sport of curling, he has played piano for 10 years and was a Western Canadian baseball champ in 2010. He is a two-timed provincial champion as well. His brother Steven competed in the 2009 Canada Summer Games in Prince Edward Island.</p> <p>Zone 7 Male hockey team hosted and won Gold at the Atom B provincials in 2010.</p> <p>Levi Lucas of the Zone 7 snowboarding team participated in the 2010 Alberta Winter Games as well as receiving a Golden Oulu at his first Arctic Winter Games and a silver medal in high jump at the Alberta Summer Games. Teammate Riley Dewan also competed in the 2010 Alberta Winter Games and won a bronze medal in a freestyle competition in 2010.</p> <p>Kayla Davies a figure skater for Zone 7 competed in the 2008 Alberta Winter Games and was named the Northeast Zone skater of the year in 2009.</p>

ZONE 7 COMMENTARY

INTERESTING STORIES:

Ryan Langevin (Head Coach, Judo) Competed in the 1994 Alberta Winter Games and has now coached three consecutive games since 2008.

The Zone 7 curling team is known for their lime green jackets! Keep an eye out for them.

Head Coach for the Zone 7 Speed skating team, Joel Turcotte needed to use both sides of his team profile form to highlight past game experience for his team. In total 10 of his athletes have been competing in various years at the Alberta Winter Games since 2004. He also has 9 athletes that have competed in other games since 2002 including speed skating Nationals and the Canada Western Games.

The Zone 7 male hockey team had to fight their way into the Alberta Winter Games going into double overtime. Damon Roy scored the game winning OT goal unassisted with 4:50 left to go in the 5th period. Shots on net were 50-51 with Jaden Saik in goal.

This will be the first time any member of the Female curling team has participated in the Alberta Winter Games.

The Zone 7 Boxing team is full of multisport athletes. Cody Selozinka and Taylor Paradis competed in the 2010 Alberta Winter Games for hockey. Nick Wagner will also be competing as a wrestler. David Nahirniak also competes as a gymnast.

POTENTIAL INTERVIEW CANDIDATES:

Layne Quickstead (Female, Volleyball) Banner Carrier

Matthew Kay (Male, Judo) Banner Carrier

Ryan Dodyh/Sara St Marie (Speed Skating) Competed and medalled in previous Alberta Winter games as well as Nationals and Canada Western Games. They are both train together and skate in memory of a lost team mate. Many speed skaters have forgone their National championship skates to participate in the Alberta Winter Games.

Allison Mulhall (Artistic Gymnastics) Competed in the 2010 Alberta Winter games and will be competing in the 2012 Arctic Winter games. She has also competed at trials to the Western Canadian Summer Games and Western Canadian Championships. Along with being a dedicated athlete, Allison also maintains honor roll grades at school.

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ZONE 8 COMMENTARY

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ZONE FACTS

DESCRIPTION:	<i>Peace Country</i>
ID COLOUR:	<i>Royal Blue</i>
BOUNDARIES:	<i>North: Northwest Territories South: Fox Creek West: British Columbia East: Slave Lake</i>
MAJOR CENTRES:	Peace River, Grande Prairie, Slave Lake, Fairview, High Prairie, Valleyview, High Level

ZONE TEAM

FEMALE ATHLETES:	98
MALE ATHLETES:	120
COACHES & CHAPERONES:	58
TOTAL TEAM SIZE:	276

# OF COMMUNITIES REPRESENTED:	32
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HIGHLIGHTS (information from Team Profile Forms)

<p>PREVIOUS GAMES EXPERIENCE:</p> <p><u>Alpine</u> - Andrew Walker (Coach) in '08 <u>Gymnastics</u> - Hanna Wold (Athlete) '10, Kelly Wills (Coach) '08 & '10 <u>Biathlon</u> - 2 athletes Sam West, Marc Girouard & 1 coach Davis Alton competed in '10 Arctic Winter Games & 1 coach attended Rick Watson '10 Arctic Winter Games <u>Cross Country</u> - Joe Malmsten (Coach) '84, '86, '94 Volleyball & Hockey as an Athlete & Coach, John Davis (Athlete) '08 <u>Curling, Female</u> - Courtney Rossing (Athlete) '10 & Roger Miskokzi (Coach) '10 <u>Fencing</u> - Sydney Strangway '10 & Evan Senger '08, '10 + '10 Arctic Winter Games (Athletes) <u>Figure Skating</u> - Brooke Yanisheski '10 AB Games & '10 Arctic Winter Games, Cassidy Stranberg '10 Arctic Winter Games <u>Freestyle Skiing</u> - Chase Bell & James Slarth '10 (Athletes) <u>Gymnastics</u> - Hanna Wold '10 (Athlete) & Kelly Willis '08, '10 (Coach) <u>Hockey, Male (High Prairie)</u> - Steve Cross '92 (Coach) competed as an athlete in Volleyball <u>Hockey, Women</u> - Cassea Schols (Coach) '07 Canada Winter Games & '05 AB Games, Stephanie Jones (Coach) '03 Canada Winter & '01 AB Games <u>Judo</u> - 4 athletes Jordan Adams, Brenden Wilson, Zach Auger & Cyrone Macaraeg '10 AB Games, Darcy Adams (Coach) 8 times AB Games <u>Snowboarding</u> - Austin Warwick '10 & Kennedi Deck '10 (Athletes) <u>Speed Skating</u> - 6 athletes & 2 Coaches were involved in 2006, 2008, &/or 2010, 3 athletes & 2 coaches participated in 2008 & 2010 Arctic Winter games <u>Volleyball, Men</u> - Daniel Doiron (Coach) '10 & Adam Maisonneuve (Coach) '10 & '08 participated as an athlete <u>Volleyball, Women</u> - Kirsten Rodacker (Athlete) '08 Summer in synchronized swimming <u>Wrestling</u> - Jordan D'or - '10</p>
<p>AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:</p> <p><u>Biathlon</u> - Sam West Silver 2010 Arctic Winter Games, Marc Girouard Silver in 2010 Alberta Games, Davis Alton Bronze 2010 Arctic Winter Games <u>Judo</u> - Jordan Adams 4 provincial golds and male judopa of the year, Brendan Wilson 2 provincial golds</p>

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INTERESTING STORIES:

Cross Country team most athletes finishing top 10 in Alberta, Nicholas Bardak is ranked 5th Nationally, AB champ 2 years in a row in his category, Ranked 3rd in Western Canada in older category in Jan. 2012, wins/finishes top 5 in most races if racing up a category or 1st in his own category

Curling, Female – all athletes also competing in 2012 Arctic Winter Games

Fencing – Elizabeth Gustafson participated in 5 AB Games as a coach and athlete in sports of Fencing & Shooting, she has also participated in 7 Arctic Winter Games as a coach and athlete in Arctic Sports & Snowshoeing, she has also participated in the 2007 Universiade, the 1995 & 1999 Canada Games.

Figure Skating – 3 athletes, Carly Dyrkach, Cassidy Stromberg & Brooke Yanishewski will be competing in the 2012 Arctic Winter Games

Gymnastics - Katherine Watson will be competing in 2012 Arctic Winter Games in Arctic Sports, Christina Shantz & Austen – competing in 2012 AWG in the sport of Gymnastics

Hockey, Women – Sutton Foster has a brother that plays for Vancouver Giants, another brother plays with the Oil Kings and a sister at Warner school in JWHL.

Judo – Darcy Adams (Coach) 2 daughters & son participated in many AB Games & a Canada Games

Snowboarding – Kennedi Deck will be competing in the 2012 Arctic Winter Games

Speed Skating – Teneea Schoorlemmer is the 5th of 6 siblings to compete in Speed Skating at AB & Arctic Games, Kara & Katrina Friesen are twins on the team

Volleyball, Women – Kristina Koersen-deBoer is currently playing on 6 teams, will be going to Arctic Winter Games for Indoor Soccer

POTENTIAL INTERVIEW CANDIDATES:

Archery - Dylan Upshall & Zack Young (Athletes)

Biathlon – Sam West (Athlete) & Davis Alton (Coach)

Cross Country – Nicholas Bardak & Megan Hopkins (Athletes)

Curling, Female - Courtney Rossing (Athlete)

Curling, Male – Alex Wolfe & Dustyn Wozny (Athletes)

Figure Skating – Nicole Sunde (Athlete)

Freestyle Skiing – James Scarth, Chase Bell & Sarah Kerestes

Gymnastics – Katherine Watson & Christina Shantz (Athletes)

Hockey, Men (Sexsmith Team) – Eric Fry & Levi Vader (Athletes)

Hockey, Women – Corbin Welsh

Judo – Jordan Adams & Isaiah Bedard (Athletes)

Snowboarding – Kennedi Deck & Joshua LeBrun (Athletes)

Speed Skating – Bryce McLennan, Hailey Winnickey-Lewis, Kara & Katrina Friesen (Athletes)

Squash – Alexei Walisser & Emilie Laroche (Athletes)

Volleyball, Male – Jordy Thibert & Riley Klassen (Athletes)

Volleyball, Female – Quinn Pelland & Sam Breault (Athletes)

Wrestling – Trinity Jones & Jenna Brace (Athletes)

OTHER:

- All 4 squash athletes are francophones.
- Volleyball, Women – 2 coaches Zone 8 (John Slauenwhite) & Zone 4 (Josh Hebb) good friends growing up and played V-ball together now they go head to head and coach against each other

Banner Carriers

Male – Deven Dion (Badminton) – Deven's first games, he is in Grade 11 in a Francophone school Ecole Heritage in Falher, also is an avid hockey player.

Female – Shaylene Lunam (Archery) – Very positive, outgoing and is a strong leader, new to the sport and participating in first games.

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