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2007 Western Canada Summer Games "Hubs"

The facilities in Strathcona County that will be used for the 2007 Western Canada Summer Games have been grouped into three main "hubs" for easier recognition that will hopefully draw a large number of spectators.

The main hub that will be used during the Games is called the **Broadmoor Lake Park Hub**. Facilities that are included in this hub are Archbishop Jordan High School which will be the female residences for both phases, Broadmoor Tennis Park (Tennis – phase 1), Broadmoor Lake Park which will host the opening and closing ceremonies as well as medal presentations, Broadmoor Junior High

School will host the Mission Staff offices, Festival Place (cultural and various events), Kinsmen Leisure Centre (diving – phase 2), Salisbury Composite High School will be the male residences for both phases, and Sherwood Park Area and Sports Centre (athlete entertainment and food centre).

Millennium Place Hub will be the main sports hub in Strathcona County. Facilities that are included in this hub are Centennial Park (softball – phase 1, baseball – phase 2), Millennium Place which is a recreation facility that includes Celenese Centre (badminton – phase 1, wrestling – phase 2), Powerade Arena (basketball – phase 1, volleyball – phase 2), and a pool (swimming – phase

1), and finally Millennium Fields (soccer – phase 1).

The final hub is the **Strathcona Athletic Park (SAP)**. Strathcona Athletic Park includes the track for athletics (phase 2) and the field for field hockey (phase 2). Bev Facey Community High School is also located here and will be the area that will host anything that has to do with registration and results.

There are a few sports that will be hosted outside of the main hubs. Canoe/kayak and rowing will be held at Telford Lake Park in Leduc County, Rugby will be held at the Druid's Rugby Club, Cycling Road Race is going to be held in Ardrossan and the Mountain Bike will be held at the Strathcona Science Park.

Chef Ted's Plate

Summer 2007 is coming fast! Shawnee (Assistant Chef de Mission) and I have just come back from a visit to Sherwood Park, Alberta. They are going full speed getting ready to host the Games this August. They have already completed all the facilities, hosted 10 test events, and have fund raised over \$750,000. They are fully prepared to host the most fantastic Western Canada Summer Games ever!

ARE YOU READY? This is going to be an unforgettable experience and your training now will maximize your opportunity to produce a best ever performance at the Games. This is tough to visualize now with the snow and temperatures falling. As former Canada Games coach, Cliff Wurtac once said, "**Never get to the end of a games and say, I wish I would have...**". Leave no stone unturned, the hard work you put into

your preparations now will pay off big time in August.



Chef Ted says "245 days until Games start... ARE YOU READY?"

Where the heck is Sherwood Park anyway?

Sherwood Park is a unique community located in Strathcona County, a 5-minute drive east of Edmonton. From Winnipeg, it is approximately 1,330 kilometers to Sherwood Park (you can figure out how long of a drive that is on your own!!). The community has a number of great facilities that will be used during the 2007 Western Canada Summer Games. Included in these is Millennium Place that includes an aquatic centre complete

with wave pool, sauna, whirlpool, steamroom and a 10-lane, 25-meter competition pool. The facility also includes a year round indoor leisure ice surface for recreational skating, and indoor three-lane 235-meter track, a wellness centre complete with state of the art exercise equipment, a gymnasium and an Entertainment Centre complete with a 10' climbing wall for kids. Other facilities found in the area include the Glen Allan Recreation Complex which houses a

curling rink and racquet courts, and also the Kinsmen Leisure Centre which has a waterslide, 25-metre salt-water pool and a dive pool. New to Strathcona County is an awesome 1,300 square meter skateboard park complete with 20 different activities, permanent ramps, jumps and rails.

Follow the link below to check out a map of Sherwood Park
<http://www.strathconacounty.com/maps/pdfs/UrbanPrintable.pdf>

Sport Updates

SOFTBALL (MALE) – Coach Howard Kitchen has been very busy traveling around Manitoba trying to identify potential athletes for the 2007 Western Canada Summer Games in Strathcona County. At the end of August Coach Kitchen was in Cross Lake hosting a skills camp and looking at potential Team Toba players. In early September Coach Kitchen was next off to Pelican Rapids to host a combination of skills and ID camp. Coach Kitchen and his staff have been very impressed with the level of talent that he has seen so far. Additional camps have been hosted in Peguis, Winkler and Swan River with the intent of having a list of prospects completed by the end of September. Team Toba would like to acknowledge Coach Kitchen and Don Klym, E.D. of the Manitoba Softball Association for all the hard

work and traveling they have done so far. Keep it going guys!

SOFTBALL (FEMALE) – Coach Bev Neufeld and her staff have also been working hard during the summer months trying to ID potential Team Manitoba athletes. ID and development camps were held in Portage la Prairie and Brandon. The current ID roster sits at 52 potential athletes with that roster being trimmed to 26 players by the end of October. Throughout the winter months this practice roster will be holding development practices every second Sunday to build skills as well as team chemistry. In July 2007 the final roster will be selected to attend a tournament in Fargo, N.D. and then the 2007 Western Canada Summer Games in Alberta. Keep up the hard work team and we look forward to watching your success.

DIVING – Head Coach Jim Lambie is currently work hard with his athletes preparing them for the upcoming Western Canada Summer Games next August. Unfortunately the team lost one of their top coaches, Dallas Ludwick, but are working hard with Fin Temple who has stepped up to temporarily help Coach Lambie prepare the team for a successful Games. Fin is a former national team member who has competed at the Pan Am Games and the World Championships. Our young team will be anchored by Cyrena Couvier for the woman and Cam McLean (National Boys A Champion) for the males. Competitions for the team will begin in January for 2007. Currently all members of the team are working hard on lists of dives that will improve their competitiveness for the Games. Great work and good luck divers!

IMPORTANT DATES

Here are a few dates for Team Toba to remember when preparing for the 2007 Western Canada Summer Games in Strathcona County, Alberta.

July 4, 2007 – Uniform distribution day

Late July 2007 – Team Manitoba Pep Rally

August 1 or 2, 2007 – Approximate departure date for Team Manitoba's phase 1 sports

Friday August 3, 2007 – Opening Ceremonies at Broadmoor Lake Park and beginning of most phase 1 competitions

Monday August 6, 2007 – Approximate departure date for Team Manitoba's phase 2 sports

Tuesday August 7, 2007 – Turnaround day. Goodbye to phase 1 athletes, welcome to phase 2 athletes.

Saturday August 11, 2007 – Closing Ceremonies at Broadmoor Lake Park. Depart for home following ceremonies.

Keep an eye out for future updates as we get closer to the Games.

