

SPORT VENUES

Sport	Venue
Alpine Skiing Snowboarding	Mount Sima
Arctic Sports Gymnastics	Vanier Secondary School
Badminton	Porter Creek Secondary School
Biathlon - Ski	Grey Mountain
Cross Country Ski	Mount McIntyre
Culture	Various Venues
Curling, Men & Women	Mount McIntyre Curling Club
Dene Games	Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre & Shipyards Park
Figure Skating Speed Skating	Canada Games Centre - ATCO Ice
Hockey, Men & Women	Canada Games Centre & Takhini Arena
Snowshoeing	Riverfront Trail
Soccer, Men & Women	Canada Games Centre - Field House
Volleyball, Men	Canada Games Centre - Flexihall
Wrestling	Yukon College

TICKETS

A variety of tickets and passes are available for purchase in person at the Games Store - Sportslife in Hougén Centre located at 305 Main Street, Whitehorse or the 2012 AWG Games Office by phone 1-888-707-2012.

Super Pass Good for all sport events with exception of Gold Medal Hockey games, Opening & Closing Ceremonies & Cultural Galas.	Adult / Child or Senior \$30.00 / \$25.00
Day Sport Pass Good for all sport events and medal rounds for that day, except for Gold Medal Hockey.	\$15.00 / \$10.00
Opening & Closing Ceremonies	\$40.00 / \$35.00
Concerts Circumpolar Landscape - March 5 Cold Spell: How We Winter - March 6	\$35.00 / \$30.00
Cultural Galas March 8 or 9 Cultural Gala tickets are also sold at the Yukon Arts Centre, 867-667-8574 or online at www.yukonartscentre.com .	\$35.00 / \$30.00
Hockey Gold Medal March 9 & 10	\$15.00 / \$10.00



CEREMONIES

Opening Ceremonies
Sunday, March 4, 2012
Canada Games Arena
6:00 - 7:00 pm
(Doors open at 5:00 pm)

Closing Ceremonies
Saturday, March 10, 2012
Canada Games Arena
6:00 - 7:00 pm
(Doors open at 5:00 pm)

APPRECIATION EVENT

Hosted by the Province of Alberta, the Team Alberta North Appreciation event is to recognize the tireless efforts of parents, coaches, chaperones and Provincial Sport Association board or staff members, in helping our athletes achieve their dreams. Sorry, athletes are not invited to this event.



Tuesday, March 6, 2012
8:30 pm - 11:00 pm
Whitehorse Westmark Hotel
Westmark Ballroom
201 Wood Street



SUPPORTERS ACCOMMODATION

Parents or family members are you in need of accommodation?

Please call or email the Whitehorse Visitor Information Centre, to get updated information on availability.

Visitor Information: 1-800-661-0494

E-Mail: vacation@gov.yk.ca



AWG SOUVENIRS

The 2012 Arctic Winter Games Host Society is pleased to announce the addition of trendy and classic active wear in a wide selection of colours and sizes.

Check out the Host Society games gear at the Games store, Sportslife in Hougén Centre located at 305 Main Street.

GAMES MASCOT - BOREALIS



Story of how Borealis became the official mascot for the 2012 Arctic Winter Games.

During the last few moments of the 2007 Canada Winter Games when the cauldron was extinguished, the children of the North lit lanterns from the embers and sent them into the Northern sky. At that moment Borealis was born! It is in Borealis that the friendship and excellence in sport live on.

RESULTS

Team Alberta North results, photos and team news will be available on our website www.teamalberta.org and Facebook page www.facebook.com/TeamAB

Full Games coverage on all the contingents can be found on www.awg2012.org

ALBERTA NORTH

TEAM TALK

Edition 1

STAGING NEWSLETTER

February 2012

WELCOME TEAM AB NORTH

Jerry George, Team Alberta North Chef de Mission



Congratulations on being named to Team Alberta North for the 2012 Arctic Winter Games. Your hard work, commitment and talent has earned you a well deserved spot as part of Team Alberta North. You should be extremely proud for being selected to compete against the best athletes from across the circumpolar region.

Whitehorse is excited for your arrival and the information presented at the staging events in Grande Prairie and Fort McMurray will give you an idea of what to expect at the Games and help prepare you for the magnitude of an international multi-sport event. You will also meet some of the other athletes, coaches, cultural participants and mission staff on Team Alberta North. We hope you begin to realize just how special of an experience you will have at the Games.

Keep training hard over the next several weeks and stay healthy as you prepare for a tremendous performance in the Yukon! If you have any questions or need help leading up to or during the Games, remember your Team Alberta North Mission Staff will be there for you.

See you in Whitehorse!

CONTACTS & WEBSITES

	Office	Cell
Chef de Mission, Jerry George	780-415-9714	780-238-1800
Ass't Chef de Mission, Cam Berwald	780-422-7109	780-265-0303
Service Alberta (Toll Free)	310-0000 (to reach Jerry or Cam)	
Alberta North Mission Office	867-393-5502 (March 3-10)	
Alberta North Email	teamalbertanorth@gov.ab.ca	
Alberta North Website	www.teamalberta.org	
Alberta North Facebook	www.facebook.com/TeamAB	
Host Society Website	www.awg2012.org	
AWG International Committee	www.arcticwintergames.org	

ARCTIC GAMES BACKGROUND

The Arctic Winter Games is an international sport festival bringing together athletes from the Northwest Territories, Yukon, Nunavut, Alaska, Greenland, Yamal (Russia), Nunavik (Northern Quebec), Sampi (the indigenous people of Norway, Sweden and Finland) and Northern Alberta.

The concept of the Arctic Winter Games was developed as a direct result of the experiences of Northern athletes at the 1967 Canada Winter Games. Representatives of the Yukon and Northwest Territories realized that their teams were at a disadvantage due to relatively small athletic pools, lack of facilities and infrequent training opportunities. Therefore, the concept of an event specifically designed for northern athletes was born.

The first Games were staged in 1970 in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories and these Games have occurred every two years since, alternating among participating contingents. Team Alberta North joined the Arctic Winter Games in 1986 and Alberta has hosted the Games in 1994 in Slave Lake, in 2004 in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo and 2010 in Grande Prairie.

GAMES LOGOS

The Arctic Winter Games International Committee Logo



The international logo consists of three interlocking and unbroken cones, which reflect the continuing commitment to the social exchange, cultural demonstration and athletic competition of the people making up the circumpolar regions. The background of these interlocking cones is the unique wave seen

in the aurora borealis, (often seen in this region during the month of March, while the Games are in progress) called the Northern Lights. The aurora is also a representative of the unique qualities in the people and games of this circumpolar region.

2012 Arctic Winter Games Host

Whitehorse, Yukon is host of the 22nd Arctic Winter Games. Whitehorse is an enthusiastic and experienced host as they have hosted the Arctic Winter Games on five previous occasions, most recent in 2000. They also hosted the 2007 Canada Winter Games.



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TRAVEL TO & FROM THE GAMES

Team Alberta North participants will fly out of two locations, Grande Prairie and Fort McMurray Airports (main terminal). The Fort McMurray plane will make a stop in Grande Prairie. Air North will be the carrier for Team Alberta North.

Participants MUST be at the airport 90 minutes prior to departure to receive luggage tags, check in, check luggage and go through security.

DEPARTURE - SATURDAY, MARCH 3rd

#	Flight TO Whitehorse	Departure Time	Arrival Time
1	Fort McMurray / Grande Prairie	8:25 am (FM) 9:55 am (GP)	9:25 am (arrive GP) 10:55 am (arrive Whitehorse)
	Grande Prairie	9:00 am (GP)	10:00 am (arrive Whitehorse)

RETURN - SATURDAY, MARCH 10th

#	Flight FROM Whitehorse	Departure Time	Arrival Time
1	Grande Prairie / Fort McMurray	9:00 pm (Whitehorse) 12:30 am (GP - Mar. 11)	12:00 am (arrive GP - Mar. 11) 1:25 am (arrive FM - Mar. 11)
	Grande Prairie	9:30 pm (Whitehorse)	12:30 am (arrive GP - Mar. 11)

TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION

You must bring **ORIGINAL** travel documentation to be able to board the plane to Whitehorse. This includes:

- All passengers 18 years or older must have **ONE** piece of valid government issued **Photo ID** that shows name, birth date and gender:
 - i.e., Passport or Driver's License or Treaty Card

NOTE: Passengers younger than 18 years are not legally required to carry an ID, but it is a good practice to have a copy of the birth certificate in case it is required for a special circumstance (e.g. if a person looks to be 18 years old and an ID is requested).

WHAT TO BRING

- Team Alberta North gear
- Sport competition clothing and equipment
- Personal medications & Alberta Health Care card
- Calling card, camera, batteries and spending money
- Pillow, towel, shower sandals and personal toiletries
- Watch/alarm clock



The Host Society will provide a sleeping bag and water bottle to every athlete, coach and cultural participant.

**Please leave electronics and valuables at home.
If you don't need it, don't bring it!**

LUGGAGE

CARRY ON LUGGAGE

Security is strict on what you can and cannot bring on the plane. Be careful what you pack. Individuals are permitted to bring liquids, gels and aerosols in their carry on provided that the items are packaged in containers and do not exceed 100 ml / 100 grams (3.4 oz), and that the containers fit in one clear, closed and re-sealable plastic bag no larger than one litre.

LUGGAGE TAGS

Team Alberta North participants will receive Games luggage tags at the airport in Grande Prairie & Fort McMurray. Luggage tags will be identified by colour and related to accommodation locations. There will also be specific sport equipment tags.

Remember to clearly label all personal belongings and luggage. Put your address inside your bags as well in case the tag is torn off.

Luggage limit per person: One checked bag, one carry-on and one sport equipment bag (if applicable).

Put your name and address inside your luggage too!

ALBERTA NORTH UNIFORM

**Walkout Jacket, Snow Pants, Hoodie,
Long Sleeve Shirt and Toque**

A few things to remember about your Team Alberta North gear:

- Do NOT wear team clothing until Games departure day.
- Must wear the Team Alberta North jacket when arriving in Whitehorse.
- Put your name on the inside of your clothing as there will be many others like yours.

FOOD SERVICES

The food centre is located in the cafeteria of Yukon College.

A variety of fruit, vegetables, breads, meats, fish, poultry and beverages will be available. Coaching staff are encouraged to accompany their respective teams in the dining areas.

Hours of Operation: 6:00 am - 11:00 pm (Daily)

Hot Meal Times:
 Breakfast 6:00 am - 10:00 am
 Lunch 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
 Dinner 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm



A grazing style buffet system will be in effect during non specific meal times.

Water

All participants will be provided with stainless steel water bottles upon arrival. Water stations will be located outside the cafeteria and at all Sport venues.

ATHLETES' ACCOMMODATIONS

All participants will be housed in five schools throughout the City. Participants will be grouped by gender, sport and contingent. Bedding will consist of a bunk bed or inflatable bed and a sleeping bag. Existing washrooms and showers as well as portable showers will be available. Some sports will be required to shower at their sport venue.

Accreditation tags are needed to enter the athletes' accommodations.

Porter Creek Secondary	Badminton, Biathlon, Cross Country Skiing, Culture, Dene Games, Figure Skating
FH Collins Secondary	Alpine Skiing, Arctic Sports, Culture, Snowboarding, Snowshoeing
Vanier Secondary	Curling, Gymnastics, Hockey
Takhini Elementary	Speed Skating, Wrestling
Jack Hulland Elementary	Indoor Soccer, Volleyball

Security is on site 24 hours / day

- Quiet time is 11:00 pm. Curfew is 12:00 midnight. Coaches may set earlier curfews for their teams.
- Cleaning services will be provided to common areas only. Please keep your room clean.
- Food is allowed only in designated areas.
- Tobacco, Drugs and Alcohol are prohibited within the accommodations or school grounds at ALL times.
- Damages to any room will be reported to Mission Staff and charged to the respective Provincial Sport Association or sport team.
- Participants are reminded to be courteous to other athletes who will need rest in order to compete.

ALL Team Alberta North participants MUST stay in the athletes' accommodations for the duration of the Games.

MEDICAL SERVICES

The Polyclinic is located at Yukon College.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 am–10:00 pm



The Polyclinic will be staffed for therapeutic purposes by physicians, nurses and therapists. The Polyclinic will also provide contact information for dentists and optometrists. Medical advice will be available from 10:00 pm - 8:00 am.

A coach must accompany a participant to the Polyclinic for their first visit.

No preventative taping will be provided at the Polyclinic or sport venues. Each team will be responsible for taping their own athletes.

Medical Liaison

Dave Hurta is Team Alberta North's Medical Liaison. He is the link between the Host Society and Team Alberta North. Although Dave will not be allowed to treat athletes, he will offer expertise and observe athletes if necessary. Injured athletes, however, should proceed to the Polyclinic.

MISSION STAFF

Alberta North Mission Staff act as a liaison between their assigned sports, the Host Society and Team Alberta North. Mission Staff members also assist with other Team Alberta North events and duties before, during and after the Games.

The following is a list of Mission Staff and their sport responsibilities at the Games.

Mission Staff	Sport Responsibility
Jerry George	Chef de Mission
Cam Berwald	Assistant Chef de Mission, Culture
Shane Bird	Arctic Sports, Indoor Soccer (M)
Christina Dauphinee	Biathlon - Ski, Wrestling
Scott Fraser	Indoor Soccer (F), Media Liaison
Monty Haughian	Hockey (M), Speed Skating
Karl Hill	Snowboarding, Snowshoeing
Dave Hurta	Medical Liaison
Dawn Kuz	Cross Country Skiing, Volleyball (M)
Pat Lechelt	Curling (M/F)
Sean McConnell	Alpine Skiing, Dene Games
Katie Watson	Figure Skating, Gymnastics
Charity Wiley	Badminton, Hockey (F)

MISSION OFFICE

Open from 7:00 am to 12:30 am daily, the Team Alberta North mission office will be the place where parents and well wishers can call or e-mail. Be sure to leave this number and contact information with your family.

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ALBERTA NORTH BACKER GEAR!



\$30.00 / Jacket

Women's: XS, S, M, L, XL
 Men's: M, L, XL, XXL*

*2XL varies slightly compared to other sizes.

Men's and Women's Full Zip Microfleece Jacket. 100% Polyester Anti Pill Microfleece. Contrast underarm panels and inner collar. Features front pockets with zipper tunnels, shock cord drawstring at hem, fused stretch pocket for compact audio device. Lake Blue and Fossil Grey with Alberta North embroidered on left chest.