



NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Winter Games seeking volunteers, sponsors

For immediate release (Dec. 12, 2013) – The 2014 Ontario Winter Games are coming to Orillia in less than three months and organizers are actively seeking volunteers and sponsors.

“The City of Orillia is honoured to host two premiere events for the upcoming Ontario Winter Games,” said Mayor Angelo Orsi. “I encourage residents young and old to volunteer for this great opportunity and support our athletes in any way they can.”

Hosted by Muskoka from Feb. 27 to March 2, 2014, the Ontario Winter Games is a unique multi-sport event that provides young athletes with development and competitive opportunities that prepare them for national and international competitions. Orillia is pleased to host the figure skating and curling events, and will also be directly impacted by the skiing and snowboard events at Mount St. Louis Moonstone and the squash event at the Barrie Athletic Club. Approximately 4,000 athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers will travel to the region for the Games, along with 5,000 spectators.

There are ample volunteer opportunities available, including venue greeter, ticket and merchandise, minor officials, scorekeepers, sales and security. It is important to register early as a volunteer because a vulnerable sector check, which enables volunteers to work with children, is required.

“We need volunteers for every aspect of the events. Like everything else in Orillia, it is the volunteers that make Orillia shine,” said Doug Downey, Orillia Chair for the Ontario Winter Games Organizing Committee.

The Games are sponsored in part by the City of Orillia as a host community, but also rely on local sponsorships to help fund events. Volunteers can sign up online at www.ontariowintergames.com, and potential sponsors are encouraged to contact Downey at ddowney@greatlaw.ca or 705-327-2600.

People can also support the Games through an online silent auction available from Dec. 1 – 22, 2013 at www.ontariowintergames.com. The auction includes sporting activities, ski passes, gift passes and numerous resort packages.

The City of Orillia is a city of 30,586 people in the heart of Central Ontario on the shores of Lake Couchiching and Lake Simcoe. Visit our website at orillia.ca.

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