



2018 Wood Buffalo Alberta Winter Games

About the 2018 Wood Buffalo Alberta Winter Games:

The 2018 Wood Buffalo Alberta Winter Games will be held in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo from February 16th – 19th, 2018. The Games will bring together close to 3000 athletes, coaches and officials, and will require upwards of 2000 volunteers for event implementation. The expected attendance of parents, family and fans visiting the region is estimated at 5000+. The Alberta Winter Games is one of Alberta's premier sporting events and will host athletes ranging in age from 11 – 17.

MISSION:

Through honouring the spirit of the Games, we will enrich the lives of the athletes, participants and volunteers by promoting personal excellence and by creating a legacy within the Wood Buffalo region.

VISION:

In sharing the energy of our great northern community, we will create a memorable experience and a sense of accomplishment for local and visiting participants.

Over four days we will host 22 events in 20 different sports:

Alpine Skiing	Fencing	Snowboarding
Archery	Figure Skating	Speed Skating
Artistic Gymnastics	Freestyle Skiing	Squash
Biathlon	Hockey (Women's & Men's)	Synchronized Swimming
Boxing	Judo	Volleyball (Women's & Men's)
Cross Country Skiing	Ringette	Wrestling
Curling		

The Volunteer Opportunities:

Multiple portfolios are responsible for managing this multi-sport event. To ensure that all aspects of the weekend are successful, we will recruit volunteers through each portfolio. The knowledge and enthusiasm of our volunteers will ensure that our guests and our community have a great experience.

Below are a list of the 2018 Wood Buffalo Alberta Winter Games portfolio descriptions along with some of the opportunities that will be available. *Please note that these are general descriptions and specific volunteer roles will be finalized with each portfolio as we get closer to the Games.*

- Athlete Villages & Food Services - This portfolio is responsible for planning and setting up accommodations for all athletes, coaches and chaperones. Potential volunteer opportunities: food services support, village setup and takedown, athlete luggage transport.



- Culture, Ceremonies & Protocol - This portfolio develops a cultural plan of events and activities to complement the Games. The cultural plan recognizes the unique culture of our region and highlights our local artists and performers. We are also responsible for planning and executing the opening and closing ceremonies, the torch relay, and the entertainment for athletes. Potential volunteer opportunities: cultural activity support, ceremony services including ushers and athlete marshalling, event setup and takedown, and crowd control/road safety.
- Facilities - This portfolio manages the necessary spaces and equipment for the Games. Potential volunteer opportunities: warehouse staffing, equipment distribution, and directional signage installation.
- Information Technology & Communication - Participant accreditation and registration is managed through this portfolio. Potential volunteer opportunities: registration package setup, athlete arrival safety and ushering, registration material organization and distribution, and registration event setup and takedown.
- Safety & Security - This portfolio is entrusted in providing a safe and secure environment where participants and spectators can enjoy the Games. Potential volunteer opportunities: parking attendees, road safety, and access security.
- Sport - The Sport Portfolio is responsible for all activities within the “field of play”. They ensure all facility, equipment, and service needs are met for each of the sport competitions. While most sport volunteers will be recruited through local sport Chairs, some opportunities for assisting at the sports venues will exist.
- Tourism & Visitor Experience - This portfolio is responsible for providing friendly hospitality and information to participants, guests, media, and the public to ensure their maximum participation and enjoyment in the Games. Potential volunteer opportunities: event support, ambassadors, and ushers.
- Transportation & Cartage - The transportation of all participants and their equipment is managed through this portfolio. Potential volunteer opportunities: bus drop off/pick up zones, courtesy vehicle drivers, and equipment delivery.
- Volunteer Workforce - This portfolio assists all other portfolios in registering the volunteer workforce, orienting volunteers, and appreciating volunteers. Potential volunteer opportunities: event support for the volunteer rally, registration support, volunteer lounge management, event setup and event takedown.