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## Call for Volunteers!

The community is being reminded that the 2010 Ontario Winter Games being hosted in Muskoka on March 4 - 7, 2010 is actively recruiting volunteers. Assistance is needed to help with all aspects of hosting these games, from venue set-up and taken down, to food and beverage services, to medical and security, and even ticket and souvenir sales. Volunteers can register through the Games Website [www.2010ontariowintergames.ca](http://www.2010ontariowintergames.ca) or by obtaining an application form at municipal offices and Chambers of Commerce throughout Muskoka. A registration deadline has been set for December 20, 2009.

According to Myke Malone, the Games General Manager, "The array of tasks available for volunteers to become involved with the games is numerous. Whatever your skills or interests, there is sure to be something that appeals to everyone".

"Beyond the obvious benefit of being involved in an incredible event for our region, volunteers will receive a volunteer t-shirt, meal vouchers and an invitation to the games wrap up celebration party", said Scott Aitchison, Chair of the Games Organizing Committee. "Every volunteer is being asked to commit to helping for 8 hours over the course of preparation and staging of the event and our Organizing Committee will host orientation sessions hosted prior to the games to give the volunteers the necessary training to ensure their experience is a rewarding one," Aitchison added.

In order to make sure volunteers are properly assigned and oriented, the deadline to register has been set for December 20, 2009. More information on the 2010 Ontario Winter Games can be found at [www.2010ontariowintergames.ca](http://www.2010ontariowintergames.ca) or by calling the games office at 1-705-646-5646. So don't delay, sign up today, and help the games committee produce the best Ontario Winter Games the province has ever seen.

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. The event is scheduled for March 4-7, 2010. The majority of the events will be held in Muskoka with some of the competitions – 5 pin bowling, diving, speed skating and squash – being held in Sudbury. Approximately 3,300 athletes, coaches, officials and 1,100 volunteers and are expected to converge on the region during the games. It is estimated that the games will generate between \$3 and \$4 million in economic benefits for the local economy. The Ontario Games is a program of the Ministry of Health Promotion and delivered by the Sport Alliance of Ontario.

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