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### **BC Games Society Celebrates Volunteers**

In over 100 communities across the province, BC Games volunteers are working tirelessly to provide the opportunity for BC's best developing athletes to compete at the BC Summer and BC Winter Games. The BC Games Society is proud to recognize the efforts of these volunteers during National Volunteer Week, April 23-29.

Since 1978 the BC Summer and BC Winter Games have been staged in over 35 communities in BC. Through the years the BC Games have evolved, grown, and changed, but what has remained constant is the commitment and dedication of volunteers. The BC Games Society relies on volunteers in every facet of its operation. Volunteers make up the Society's community-based Board of Directors, while others hold positions as Sport Provincial Advisors and Zone Representatives, providing ongoing direction and support to the Society.

You may know a BC Games Provincial Advisor or Zone Representative in your community. They are community leaders and champions for their sport. They contribute time and energy not only to the BC Games, but also to their sport clubs, teams, and community.

Volunteers also work directly on the Games in Host Communities, as Directors of the Host Community Boards and as Games time volunteers who perform various functions from reporting results, to running sport events, to serving food to participants.

BC Games volunteers ensure that citizens come together in a community celebration of pride and enthusiasm, that athletes have a quality multi-sport experience that will assist them as they continue through their development, and that coaches and officials gain experience and opportunities that will further develop sport in our province. Simply put, volunteers are essential to the BC Games and contribute greatly to the successes of the organization.

Coming up next is the Kamloops 2006 BC Summer Games, July 27-30. Athletes across BC are currently competing in qualification events to earn their place at the Games. To mark the countdown to the Games, a Torchlighting Ceremony will be held tonight at 6:30 pm at the Interior Savings Centre in Kamloops.

If you would like to profile a BC Games volunteer in your community contact the BC Games Society for more information.

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