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## **Best of luck to Team Yukon at the 2015 Western Canada Summer Games**

WHITEHORSE—Team Yukon kicked off the 2015 Western Canada Summer Games on August 3 with a pep rally held at Shipyards Park. Approximately 140 youth from across the territory will travel to Wood Buffalo, Alberta, this week to compete in the games.

"We wish the very best to all of the athletes competing at the 2015 games," Minister of Tourism and Culture Elaine Taylor said at the rally. "This is an amazing opportunity for our Yukon athletes to showcase their skills, further their athletic development, and compete against some of Canada's best athletes."

The Western Canada Summer Games, held every four years, were established in 1975 to provide development opportunities for amateur athletes from the four western provinces and three territories.

"Team Yukon is supported by a wide range of people including family, coaches, mission staff, and volunteers and staff at our Sport and Recreation branch," Minister of Community Services Currie Dixon said. "Major games like these are vital to athletic development and I would like to thank everybody involved for their hard work and dedication."

This year's Team Yukon includes athletes competing in 12 events including soccer, basketball, judo, and beach volleyball.

"We are proud of each and every athlete representing Yukon. I would like to thank everybody who helps give these athletes the opportunity to participate in this memorable event," Team Yukon chef de mission Trevor Twardochleb said.

The Government of Yukon provided \$325,000 to support Team Yukon's attendance at the Western Canada Summer Games, which will run from August 7 to 16.

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