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Team Yukon takes off to Greenland for 2016 Arctic Winter Games

WHITEHORSE—More than 320 members of Team Yukon are travelling to Nuuk, Greenland to represent the territory at the 2016 Arctic Winter Games. The games kicked off last night with a pep rally at the Yukon Arts Centre.

"The Government of Yukon is committed to developing Yukon athletes and is pleased to support Team Yukon as it competes in Greenland," Minister of Community Services Currie Dixon said. "The Arctic Winter Games are an exciting opportunity for Yukon athletes and cultural participants to meet their peers, further their athletic development and have fun."

Team Yukon will compete in 14 events, including basketball, Dene Games, futsal and volleyball. Six performing artists will also represent the territory as Team Yukon's cultural contingent. The athletes and artists will be joined by mission staff, coaches and officials.

The Government of Yukon provided more than \$1 million to support Team Yukon at the Arctic Winter Games, which will be held from March 6-11.

"More than a sporting event, the Arctic Winter Games are an important opportunity for Yukon youth to see different places and meet people from across the North," Team Yukon chef de mission Trevor Twardochleb said. "We are proud of each and every athlete and cultural participant representing Yukon and we would like to thank everybody who helped these youth take part in this once-in-a-lifetime event."

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