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### Maple Ridge 2024 BC Summer Games Society Celebrates Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week, happening April 14-20, is a time to celebrate the integral contributions that volunteers make to the well-being of our communities. The 2024 theme ‘*Every Moment Matters*’ highlights exactly that sentiment, from the moment a volunteer commits their time, to all they do - every moment they give to an organization makes a difference.

“From July 17 to 21, 2024, Maple Ridge will host 2,782 athletes, 566 coaches and 375 officials from across BC. The motto for the Maple Ridge 2024 BC Summer Games is ‘Celebrating Competition & Community’ reflecting the over 2,500 volunteers that we’re recruiting to deliver an exceptional Games experience for our guests this Summer,” said Laura Butler, President of the Games.

She continues, “Maple Ridge’s volunteers bring their skills, expertise, and passion to every aspect of life in our community. From sports to the arts, faith organizations, service clubs and charity organizations, there’s no one in our community that’s not enriched by the investment in time that local volunteers make in Maple Ridge. On behalf of our Society, we’d like to say thank you to all the volunteers in our community for making Maple Ridge great.”

The Maple Ridge 2024 BC Summer Games Society volunteer recruitment drive is now live at [www.bcsummergames.ca](http://www.bcsummergames.ca) for both games time and planning positions. Sports enthusiast? Community advocate? Just looking for fun things to do? Whatever your skill set, if you're interested in volunteering, we have a spot for you!

“There is a huge variety of roles that we need to fill to create ‘Team Maple Ridge’. From food service to accommodation, transportation, warehousing to events and marketing, there’s a place for all ages and abilities to bring your passion to this incredible event,” said Heidi Einhorn, the Games Director of Participant & Volunteer Services.





“One of the things that we saw during our visit to the Lhtako Quesnel 2024 BC Winter Games was the sense of community pride among the volunteers that we interacted with over the days of the competition. That’s the inspiration behind our Games slogan – ‘Celebrating Competition & Community.’ For five days in July, all of us who are volunteers will surround the athletes, coaches and officials to ensure that they have an incredible athletic competition and that when they head home, they remember the kindness and hospitality of all the volunteers,” said Heidi.

If you are interested in being a volunteer for the Maple Ridge 2024 BC Summer Games you can go to [www.bcsommernames.ca](http://www.bcsommernames.ca) and follow the links to the online sign up. Once you register, your name will be sent out to Directorate teams in your preferred area, and they will reach out to you to confirm what your availability is before and during the BC Summer Games. Athletes, coaches, and Games officials will be arriving on July 17 and the competitions and special events will run from July 18 to 21.

Look for Games recruitment out in the community over the next couple of months including at the 2024 Ridge Meadows Home Show on May 3, 4 and 5 where the Games will be co-located with the City of Maple Ridge. You can sign up on location at this event.

“A volunteer recognition event will be held on Sunday, July 21 once our guests have departed back to their homes across BC,” said Laura Butler. “I know, from personal experience, the tight bond that’s formed when you come together with neighbours to put on an event like the BC Summer Games. I think that ‘Team Maple Ridge’ will be one of the great legacies of this event. As we celebrate National Volunteer Week, please join us in delivering an incredible Maple Ridge 2024 BC Summer Games experience.”

For more information go to [www.bcsommernames.com](http://www.bcsommernames.com).

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