

The Excitement of the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics Experience Continues in Calgary

Calgary continues to celebrate the Olympics, and build the excitement leading to the Vancouver 2010 Paralympics Games being held Feb 12 – 28th in Vancouver. This Saturday, March 13, 2010 Calgarians can take part in an exciting Sledge Hockey demonstration event at Henry Viney Arena.

Canada is the reigning Paralympic champion in sledge hockey and will be defending its title against seven other teams in Vancouver. The hope of this event is to bring awareness of and generate interest in the sport, and have Calgarians follow the outcomes of the sledge hockey play off games and the Gold medal sledge hockey game in Vancouver to help cheer Canada to victory.

Sledge Hockey is the Paralympics version of ice hockey. Seated in sleds or sledges, which sit atop modified skate blades, players propel themselves around the ice surface using a pair of modified hockey sticks with picks affixed to the butt ends. The players use a stick in each hand for manoeuvring as well as stick handling, passing and shooting.

This event is open and free to the public. People will see a demonstration by the Calgary Sledge Hockey Club of how the sport is played and then have an opportunity to get out on the ice and experience it.

Date: Saturday, March 13, 2010

Time: 6:30 – 8:00PM

Place: Stew Hendry Arena, 815 13 Ave NE

Promoting active living and spreading the message of the importance of building active, healthy and strong communities for all Calgarians through participation in sport is fundamental to the event. Promotional material and information will be available for people interested in learning more about sport for people with disabilities.