



COWICHAN 2008 NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS GAMES

GAMES AT A GLANCE

The Cowichan 2008 North American Indigenous Games will be hosted in the Cowichan Valley, British Columbia, from August 3-10, 2008, with three days of senior team competitions preceding the event. These Games will be the largest of its kind in North America.

Highlights will include:

- ❖ 6,000 participants in the 16 contemporary and traditional sporting events
- ❖ 3,000 Indigenous participants in the cultural components of the Games
- ❖ 3,000 community volunteers
- ❖ Estimated 20,000 participants and spectators combined
- ❖ Largest-ever Tribal Journeys Canoe Voyage
- ❖ Cultural Village with international, contemporary and traditional entertainment, VIP activities, artisans, merchandise, and symposiums
- ❖ Estimated contribution of \$26 million to the local and provincial economy
- ❖ The first-ever Indigenous Games to be organized in direct association with a First Nation (Cowichan Tribes), in full partnership with the federal and provincial governments and the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD)

Goals of Cowichan 2008 NAIG

Using the power of sport and culture, the Cowichan 2008 North American Indigenous Games Society will gather Indigenous Nations for a celebration of youth, excellence and pride. Our primary goals are to foster and promote pride in Indigenous cultures, to offer a memorable experience to all visitors, and to build a legacy of new and lasting relationships in our community.

Cowichan 2008 NAIG Event Profile

Participants: 5,000 Junior Athletes (ages 13-19) and Team Officials
 1,000 Senior Athletes (ages 20 and over)
 13 Provincial/Territorial Teams from Canada, 20+ State Teams from the U.S.
 3,000 Cultural participants

Volunteers: 3,000

Activities:	July 19-August 2	Tribal Journeys
	July 30-August 1	Senior Team Competitions
	July 31-August 1	NAIG Education Symposium
	August 2	Coast Salish Welcome (Tribal Journeys)
	August 3	Opening Ceremonies
	August 4-9	Cultural Village
	August 4-10	Junior Sport Competitions
	August 10	Closing Ceremonies

16 Sporting Events: 3-D Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Boxing, Canoeing, Golf, Lacrosse, Rifle Shooting, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Taekwondo, Volleyball, Wrestling

