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Team Nunavut heading to Regina for 2014 North American Indigenous Games

IQALUIT, NU (July 4, 2014) – More than 70 of Nunavut’s best and brightest youth athletes, mission staff and cultural performers make up Team Nunavut for the 2014 North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) in Regina, Saskatchewan during the week of July 20-26, 2014.

Athletes are competing in badminton, volleyball and basketball, and a small group of cultural performers are showcasing their talents at the opening ceremonies and cultural village. Rounding out Team Nunavut are five adult mission staff and eight coaches.

“I want to thank the territorial sport organizations, especially the coaches and volunteers who devote countless hours to provide youth with the opportunity to participate in sport,” said Tom Sammurtoq, Minister of Community and Government Services. “I wish our Team Nunavut athletes the best of luck as they head to the 2014 North American Indigenous Games.”

The NAIG were established in 1990 to provide indigenous youth from across Canada and the United States (U.S.) with an opportunity to showcase their heritage, history and culture through a variety of sport and cultural events. The NAIG is the largest multi-sport competition for young indigenous athletes, representing 23 regions throughout Canada and the U.S. A total of 4,500 athletes are competing in 13 different sporting events this year.

This is Team Nunavut’s fourth time participating in the NAIG, having competed at Games in Winnipeg, Manitoba (2003), Denver, Colorado (2006) and Cowichan, British Columbia (2008).

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Backgrounder

Name of Participant	Community	Position	Sport
Sappa Cookie	Sanikiluak	Athlete	Badminton
Brad Mainse	Baker Lake	Coach	Badminton
Chesley Haqpi	Baker Lake	Athlete	Badminton
Jayko Akeeagok	Grise Fiord	Athlete	Badminton
Jospeh Atchealak	Grise Fiord	Athlete	Badminton
Jenny Mosesie	Qikiqtarjuaq	Athlete	Badminton
Karen Kooneeloosie	Qikiqtarjuaq	Athlete	Badminton
Megan Dialla	Iqaluit	Athlete	Badminton
Mina Mannuk	Sanikiluak	Athlete	Badminton
Tina Chen	Qikiqtarjuaq	Coach	Badminton
John Legate	Iqaluit	Coach	Volleyball
Devin Aviugana	Iqaluit	Coach	Volleyball
Brandon Mark Oolayou	Iqaluit	Athlete	Volleyball
Matt Gardner	Iqaluit	Athlete	Volleyball
Brandon Kreelak	Baker Lake	Athlete	Volleyball
Tristen Dias	Rankin Inlet	Athlete	Volleyball
Peter Inootik	Pond Inlet	Athlete	Volleyball
Simon Quviq Inootik	Pond Inlet	Athlete	Volleyball
Jassi Simonee	Pond Inlet	Athlete	Volleyball
Ikey Bolt	Kugluktuk	Athlete	Volleyball
Joey Nowyuk	Pangnirtung	Athlete	Volleyball
Joanassie Dialla	Pangnirtung	Athlete	Volleyball
Brett Tuktudjuk	Repulse Bay	Athlete	Volleyball
Romeyn Stevenson	Iqaluit	Coach	Volleyball
Kimberly Harding	Iqaluit	Manager	Volleyball
Sheneil Quqshuun	Gjoa Haven	Athlete	Volleyball
Annie Neevee Buscemi	Iqaluit	Athlete	Volleyball
Sarah Arreak	Pond Inlet	Athlete	Volleyball
Sheema Ishulutak	Pangnirtung	Athlete	Volleyball
Cassandra Coman	Iqaluit	Athlete	Volleyball
Aislyn Bolt	Kugluktuk	Athlete	Volleyball
Mary Kelly Attaguyuk	Pangnirtung	Athlete	Volleyball
Nessa Anne Sallerina	Gjoa Haven	Athlete	Volleyball
Jillian Kaviok	Arviat	Athlete	Volleyball
Alayna Ningneonan	Rankin Inlet	Athlete	Volleyball
Alukie Korgak	Iqaluit	Athlete	Volleyball
Rita Claire Mike	Iqaluit	Athlete	Volleyball
Sunday Thomas	Iqaluit	Coach	Basketball
Tyrone Maktar	Pond Inlet	Athlete	Basketball
Tyson Angnetsiak	Pond Inlet	Athlete	Basketball

