

Family Handbook



2001 Special Olympics world winter games ♦ Alaska

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Welcome!

Dear Family Members:

Welcome to the 2001 Special Olympics World Winter Games • Alaska! The Family Services Committee has worked hard to make these Games an event you and your athletes will cherish forever. We look forward to meeting you at the various venues and sharing the pride you have in your athlete.

There is much to take in while you are here. In addition to the seven sports competitions, there are family centered workshops, a parents' reception, evening entertainment, and a global family forum moderated by Dr. Timothy Shriver on Thursday, March 8, 2001. You will find a family lounge at each of the competition venues where you can enjoy refreshments and hospitality of local "sourdoughs"—longtime Alaskans.

It is our sincere privilege to host the 2001 World Games. Families are the heart, spirit and backbone of Special Olympics. Today, family members are serving as members of management committees, coaches, and referees and we appreciate the family involvement at these Games and in Special Olympics worldwide!

Thank you for joining us for the 2001 World Games. For all you do, seen and unseen, you truly INSPIRE GREATNESS! It is our sincere wish that you will find these World Games an experience of a lifetime!

Warmest wishes,



Doug Ferry
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Fast facts 2001 special Olympics world winter games • alaska



General Fact Sheet
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FACT SHEET

2001 SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD WINTER GAMES •ALASKA

March 4 – 11, 2001

“Proud to Play”

Positioning:

The 7th Special Olympics World Winter Games will be the largest international sporting event ever to be staged in Alaska and the first large-scale event held in the state in the Millennium.

Games Organizing Committee Mission Statement:

To provide a memorable athletic, social and educational experience for athletes, families, volunteers and sponsors that will leave a legacy for future Special Olympics Alaska programs.

2001 Special Olympics World Winter Games •Alaska

March 4 – 11, 2001:

- More than 2,750 athletes and coaches expected for competition.
- Approximately 80 nations attending.
- More than 7,000 family members, coaches, and supporters expected.
- More than 5,500 volunteers will be recruited.
- Opening Ceremony, March 4, 2001, Sullivan Arena.
- Closing Ceremony, March 11, 2001, Sullivan Arena.
- 13 Athlete Villages (Housing Sites).
- Special Olympics Town, Sponsor Festival and Healthy Athletes Program – Egan Center.
- Welcome Center – Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport.
- Media Center – Hilton Anchorage.

2001 World Winter Games Official Sports:

“Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.” Special Olympics oath

Sport	Athletes	Location
• Alpine Skiing	289 athletes	Alyeska Resort, Girdwood
• Cross Country Skiing	258 athletes	Kincaid Park, Anchorage
• Figure Skating	152 athletes	Tesoro Sports Centre, Anchorage
• Floor Hockey	682 athletes	Federal Express Hangar, Anchorage
• Snowboarding	23 athletes	Hilltop Ski Area, Anchorage
• Snowshoeing	112 athletes	Kincaid Park, Anchorage
• Speed Skating	179 athletes	Harry J. McDonald Memorial Center, Eagle River

participating nations



Participating Nations
Updated December 29, 2000

FACT SHEET

PARTICIPATING NATIONS

2001 Special Olympics World Winter Games •Alaska

"Proud to Play"

Positioning:

The 2001 Special Olympics World Winter Games Alaska plays a crucial role in the fulfillment of the Special Olympics Mission: To provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults, eight years of age and older, with mental retardation. This gives athletes continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience the joy of sports, and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

Total Competing Nations: 80 (to date)

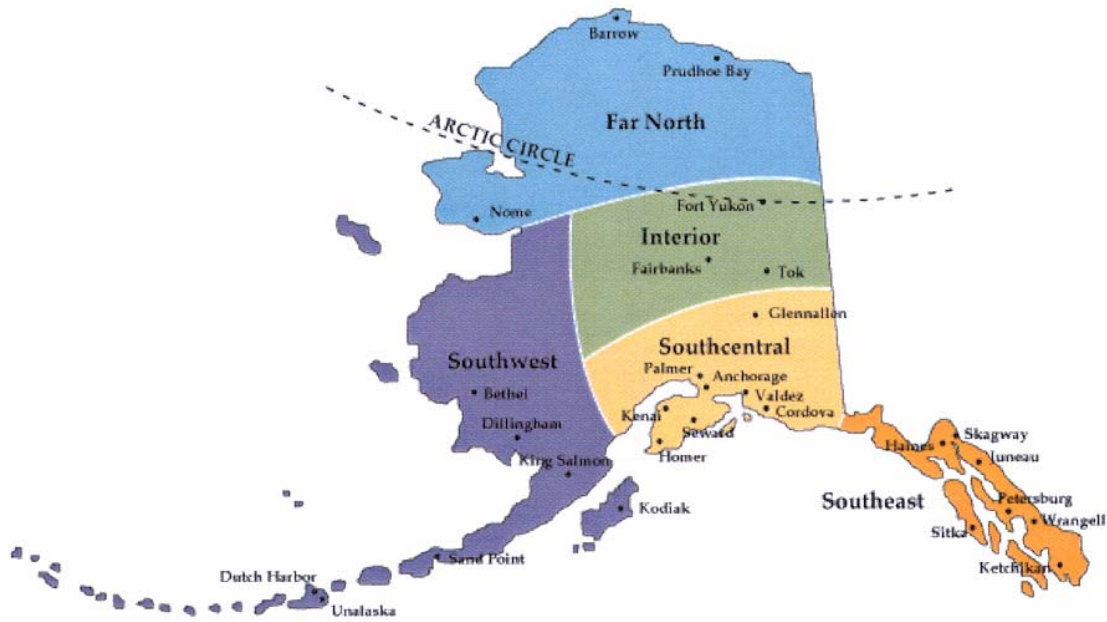
Total Delegations (Athletes and Coaches): 2,394 (to date)

"Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt," Special Olympics Oath

Country	# per Delegation	Country	# per Delegation	Country	# per Delegation
Andorra	5	Gibraltar	17	Netherlands	25
Argentina	67	Greece	43	New Zealand	5
Austria	71	Honduras	17	Norway	25
Azerbaijan	18	Hong Kong	23	Panama	18
Belarus	19	Hungary	29	Peru	21
Belgium	16	India	20	Poland	48
Brazil	47	Ireland	11	Russia	69
Canada	99	Isle of Man	21	Slovakia	34
Chile	12	Italy	12	Slovenia	24
China	24	Jamaica	27	South Africa	20
Chinese Taipei	52	Japan	16	Spain	64
Croatia	9	Jordan	22	Sweden	21
Cyprus	26	Kazakhstan	34	Switzerland	37
Czech Republic	43	Korea	16	Trinidad/Tobago	22
Dominican Republic	17	Kuwait	19	Turkmenistan	14
Egypt	28	Lebanon	21	Ukraine	28
El Salvador	16	Liechtenstein	6	United Kingdom	18
Estonia	12	Luxembourg	10	Uruguay	24
France Atlantique	12	MENA Select	27	USA	673
Georgia	8	Mexico	45	Venezuela	35
Germany	94	Monaco	38		

introduction to Alaska

Map courtesy of the State of Alaska,
Division of Community and Business Development



Alaska:

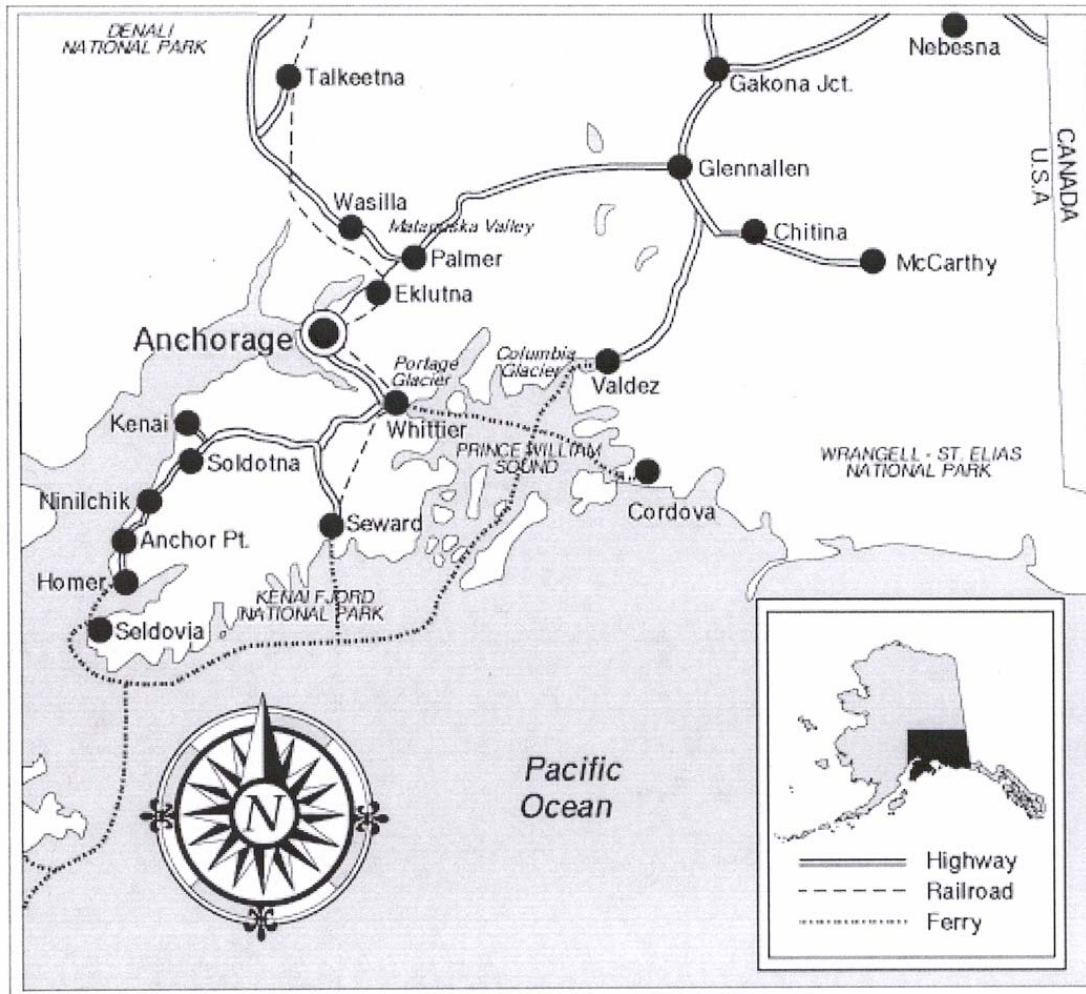
- Area: 586,412 square miles, one-fifth the size of the continental U.S.
- Population: 625,000 residents; Anchorage population: 260,000 residents.
- State flower: Forget-Me-Not.
- State bird: Willow Ptarmigan.
- State gem: Jade.
- Highest point in North America: Mt. McKinley 20,320 feet.
- There are more than 100,000 glaciers and more than 3,000,000 lakes.
- 33,000,000 reindeer.
- Produces 20% of the nation's domestic oil.

Often referred to as the *Last Frontier*, Alaska offers visitors a wilderness experience within minutes from all metropolitan areas. Alaska holds an allure for adventurers worldwide with its majestic arctic vastness, variety of wildlife, magnificent scenery, and extraordinary activities. Visitors to Alaska may drive to nearby glaciers, embark on day cruises, take flight-seeing trips, experience gourmet dining, attend a professional hockey game, or choose activities from a host of uniquely Alaskan adventures.

The municipality of Anchorage is located in Southcentral Alaska and serves as a financial, communications, and transportation hub for the entire state. It is consistently ranked among one of the best places in America to live and it is considered one of the most desirable tourist destinations.

southcentral alaska

Map courtesy of the State of Alaska,
Division of Community and Business Development



Southcentral is Alaska's most easily accessible region. More than half of Alaska's residents live here, a recreational paradise of glaciers, fjords, roadside lakes, clamming beaches, and salmon streams. Here, visitors may enjoy a beautiful scenery and abundant wildlife.

The area encompasses farmlands, fishing towns, national parklands, ski resorts, and a modern city. It is served by all the state's major highways, the Alaska Railroad, and the Alaska Marine Highway (ferry) System.

Anchorage is the hub of a busy transportation network linking large areas of the state. Kenai Peninsula, a scenic and fly-fishing paradise, and Kenai Fjords National Park lie southwest. Wrangell-St. Elias National Park, to the west, contains nine of the 16 highest peaks in the U.S.

Anchorage,AK

Alaska's largest city offers all the modern amenities you expect yet it's like no city you've ever seen. Anchorage is a contemporary town where you may sample global cuisine, sleep in luxurious hotels and wander in museums and fine shops.

Beauty and adventure surround Anchorage. From downtown, you can often spot Mt. McKinley, North America's highest peak, on the horizon. Moose wander through neighborhoods, and the Northern Lights can magically make appearances at any time on a clear night. You may wish to experience many of Alaska's unique visitor attractions during your stay: such as a flight seeing trip, a dog sled ride, a snow machine outing or tour the extensive 100-mile trail system surrounding the city. Once in Anchorage, visitors are never far from pristine wilderness and beauty.

Anchorage offers a lengthy list of cultural attractions. You can explore the State's fascinating Native cultures or step back into 10,000 years of Alaska history at various museums. In addition, Anchorage attracts top names in the performing arts, and it is the starting point for the world famous Iditarod Sled Dog Race.

Eagle River,AK

Nestled between two major river valleys, Eagle River is surrounded by beautiful Alaskan wilderness. The community is known statewide as the gateway to Chugach State Park, 495 acres of rugged untouched terrain, and home to brown and black bear, moose, wolves, wolverine, lynx, fox, porcupine, beaver, spawning salmon, and a wide variety of birds including the majestic Bald Eagle.

Downtown Eagle River has a variety of shops providing all of the necessary amenities for a quality lifestyle. The extensive State and Municipal parklands in Eagle River offer excellent outdoor recreational opportunities.

Girdwood,AK

Expect year-round adventure in Girdwood. Nestled between the breathtaking Turnagain Arm and spectacular Mt. Alyeska, Girdwood has evolved from a gold mining town into Alaska's only year-round resort community. The community of Girdwood is the host town of Alyeska Ski Resort, which offers skiers and spectators many natural wonders in a fabulous alpine setting.

The drive along Turnagain Arm is considered one of the most scenic drives in the world. Travelers along this route may spot moose, eagles, Dall sheep and Beluga whales. Turnagain Arm is also famous for viewing the Bore tides that sweep up Cook Inlet. These tides produce a wall of water that moves rapidly down the Arm in heights of 1 to 6 feet. Turnagain Arm is on one of the main highway systems in Alaska and is the road link to Whittier, Seward, and other communities on the Kenai Peninsula.

Things to do and see

The Bear Tooth Theatre Pub

1230 W. 27th Avenue – 1(907) 276-4200

\$2 movies, Fresh Southwestern cuisine, stone-baked pizzas, homemade desserts, live music.

Century Theatres

301 E. 36th Avenue – 929-3456

Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum

Planes from 1924-1960. Pioneer aviator stories.

Location: S Shore Lake Hook, International Airport 248-5325

Alaska Museum of Natural History

Fossils, dinosaurs, minerals and Ice Age people

Location: 11723 Old Glenn Highway 694-0819

Alaska Native Heritage Center

Come meet Alaska's first people!

Location: 8800 Heritage Center Drive 1(800) 315-6608 or 330-8000

Anchorage Museum of History and Art

121 W Seventh Avenue 343-4326

Heritage Library Museum

Free. Alaska art, native culture, library.

Location: C Street and Northern Lights Blvd 265-2834

Imaginarium Science Discovery Center

Hands-on science discovery for children and families. Alaskan marine tanks, planetarium; aurora borealis; arctic ecology; bubble lab; daily demos; reptiles.

737 W Fifth Avenue 276-3179

Eagle River Nature Center

Wildlife viewing, self-guided hike/ski trails, public use cabins and yurts

32750 Eagle River Road 694-2108

The Alaska Zoo

4731 O'Malley Road

Anchorage, Alaska 346-3242

Shopping

Shopping Centers

Anchorage Fifth Avenue Mall

320 W. Fifth Avenue – 1(907) 258-5535
Nordstrom, JC Penney, Eddie Bauer, Downtown Co-Op, and > 50 specialty shops.

Dimond Center

800 E. Dimond Blvd – 1(907) 344-2581
140 stores, restaurants, 9 movie theaters and ice-skating rink.

University Center

3901 Old Seward Hwy – 1(907) 562-0347
Unique gift shops, apparel, art, books, music, jewelry, pets, and restaurants.

Mall at Sears

600 E. Northern Lights Blvd – 1(907) 564-2424
Sears, specialty shops, restaurants.

Northway Mall

3101 Penland Pkwy – 1(907) 276-5520
Near the Glenn Highway. Easy access and parking.

4th Avenue Theatre & Gifts

630 W. Fourth Avenue – 1(907) 257-5650
Art Deco-style Landmark that survived the 1964 Good Friday Earthquake. Inside are shops and the theatre's original floor-to-ceiling bronze murals.

Cold-Weather Wear

REI

1200 West Northern Lights Blvd 272-4565
Travel gear. Outdoor winter wear. Rental equipment for wintertime sports.

6th Avenue Outfitters

524 West 6th Avenue 276-0233
Wide selection of outdoor winter wear, thermal and undergarments including gloves, mittens, boots, and arctic gear.

Great Outdoor Clothing Company

1200 West Northern Lights Blvd 277-6664
Outlet store. Various selection of cold-weather wear.

...more shopping

Specialty Shops

Cabin Fever

650 W. 4th Ave. – 1(907) 278-3522

Ulu Factory

298 E. Ship Creek Ave. – 1(907) 276-3119

Alaska Native Arts and Crafts

333 W. Fourth Avenue – 1(907) 274-2932

Fine artwork representing the animals, plants and peoples of Alaska created from natural materials.

All Alaskan Arts & Gifts

427 W. Fifth Avenue – 1(907) 272-4010

All Alaskan handmade products.

Tundra Arts

425 D Street – 1(907) 276-0190

Alaska gifts by 40 Alaskan artists, co-op style.

Up North

929 W. Fifth Avenue, Suite S -- 1(907) 278-3521

Specializing in the works of Alaskan artists.

Alaska Wild Berry Products

5225 Juneau Street – 1(907) 562-8858

View a real chocolate waterfall and wild Alaska berry factory. Variety of candies.

Remember Alaska

Dimond Center, 5th Avenue Mall, Hilton Hotel

Grocery

CarrSafeway Quality Centers

Aurora Village – Eastgate Shopping Center – Eagle River Shopping Center – 1340 Gambell St. – 1501 Huffman Rd. – Jewell Lake Shopping Center (4000 W. Dimond Blvd.) – Muldoon & (7731) Northern Lights Blvd– Old Seward & (901) Dimond Blvd – Mall at Sears (600 E. Northern Lights Blvd.)

Official retailer for 2001 Special Olympics World Winter Games merchandise.

New Sagaya

3700 Old Seward Highway.

New Sagaya's City Market

Walking distance from downtown and the Inlet Tower Suites Hotel.

900 W 13th Avenue 274-6173

family Highlights

Who is considered a family member?

Family Services will provide hospitality, registration and credentialing services to family members of athletes competing in the 2001 World Games. The following defines a *family* for the 2001 World Winter Games:

- † husband, wife and/or child of the athlete
- † blood relative of the athlete (mother, father, sister, brother, grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, including those related through marriage)
- † athlete's legal guardian or foster parent

Athletes Participating in Family Activities

Credentialed athletes are welcome at all Family Lounges, Family Service Centers and in reserved family seating at Competition Venues. During all other family specific activities, athletes will already be participating in activities pre-planned for them and their delegations.

Families Welcome!

Registered family members will have access to a Family Service Center, located at the Inlet Tower Suites. The center will be available for families to:

- Receive family credentials and a Family Welcome Packet
- Pick-up competition and event schedules,
- Relax and enjoy beverages and light refreshments,
- Inquire about tourist activities and general information about Alaska,
- Pick up their family 2001 World Games Gift Bag,
- Choose to attend family specific workshops, a family forum, Special Olympics Town, a Parents' Only Reception, and evening entertainment
- Enjoy the hospitality and support of local volunteers!

Family Lounges / Seating / Awards

Family Lounges are located at each of the six sports venues. Each offers the warmth and hospitality of local volunteers, a place to rest, wintertime beverages and light refreshments.

Reserved seating is available to credentialed family members for competition viewing at five of the six sports Competition Venues. Special viewing areas are available at all awards areas for credentialed family members to take pictures of athletes during awards presentations.

Accessibility enhancements are available at most sports competitions including viewing platforms at the Harry J. McDonald Memorial Center and Tesoro Sports Centre. At outdoor venues and where possible, snow-top pathways are available. Preventative measures will also be taken to minimize winter-time hazards such as ice. Family members and individuals needing assistance during the 2001 World Games are encouraged to share their needs with the Family Services Coordinator or any Games' staff.

Athletes are welcome to accompany family members in the Family Centers as long as the family member(s) are credentialed appropriately.

Navigating Family Issues

Family workshops may include topics on disability law, special education, health and nutrition, estate/financial planning for athlete's future and athlete leadership programs. Check with Family Services volunteers for topics and dates.

Family Ambassador Program

The Family Ambassador Program is a program to provide interactive, cultural exchange between local Alaska families and visiting families from all over the U.S. and the world. The program allows families to spend time together exploring the Games and Alaska. It is a great opportunity for visiting families to see Alaska and the surrounding area through the eyes of their host family.

This program is unique in that it is not an in-home stay program. It is simply an opportunity to partner with a local host family. All families traveling to Anchorage, Alaska, will be responsible for reserving their own housing during the Games and their local host will provide a touch of Alaskan hospitality.

Activities to foster this relationship might consist of a sightseeing outing, a tour of the city, cheering athletes at sports competition, and perhaps exchanging customs and practices--all for the goal of learning more about other cultures and Special Olympics around the world!

Family Transportation Shuttle System

All credentialed family members may utilize the *People Mover Public Bus System* (www.peoplemover.org) in the Municipality of Anchorage free. *People Mover* in conjunction with a Games-time shuttle, will access all sports Competition Venues. The family credential will serve as your ticket to board the buses. There are many bus stops throughout the Anchorage area, most located within close proximity to the hotels and common destinations. Please see Family Transportation, page 28 of this Family Handbook.



Family events (for registered family members)

**Friday, February 28
0700 – 1900**

Family Welcome Center opens
Location: Inlet Tower Suites Hotel.

**Sunday, March 4, 2001
1930 - 2130**

Opening Ceremony at George M. Sullivan Arena
Up to two (2) tickets per family are guaranteed each family registered by October 31, 2000.

**Monday, March 5, or
Wednesday, March 7**

Family Seminars
Family workshops are being developed and may include topics on disability law, special education, health and nutrition, estate/financial planning for athlete's future and athlete leadership programs. Please check schedule at any family lounge, welcome center or family services desk.

**Tuesday, March 6, 2001
1900 - 2100**

Parents' Reception
Alaska Center for the Performing Arts
Clipped Wings, a group of former, retired and current United and Capital Airlines flight attendants, is hosting and sponsoring this reception for parents of athletes competing in the Games.

This event is by invitation only. Invitations are included in the Family Welcome packet.

**Wednesday, March 7 and
Friday, March 9, 2001
1930 – 2045**

Family/Athlete Entertainment
Alaska Center for the Performing Arts
Credentialed family members will be able to attend one performance, based on available seating each night. Leading talent and costumed human "dolls" from around the world are a sample of the evening's line-up.

**Thursday, March 8, 2001
1630 – 2100**

Global Family Forum
Alaska Center for the Performing Arts
Co-sponsored by Special Olympics, Inc. and the 2001 Special Olympics World Winter Games • Alaska

**March 11, 2001
1930 – 2100**

Closing Ceremony at George M. Sullivan Arena
Up to two (2) tickets per family are guaranteed each family registered by October 31, 2000.



Athlete visitation

2001 special Olympics world winter games • Alaska
athlete/family visitation request form

Date of Request

Date: _____

Day of the Week: _____

Athlete Information

First Name _____ Last Name: _____

Athlete's Home Country _____ Athlete Sport _____

Family Information

Name of Person Requesting the Visit: _____
(first name) (surname)

Relationship to Athlete: _____

Family member's housing location during the Games _____

Telephone Number at Family Housing Location _____

Cell phone/pager or other contact number: _____

Signature _____

Visit Information

Date of Proposed Visit _____ Day of the Week _____

Time of Pick-up _____ a.m. p.m. Location Pick-Up _____
(circle one)

Time of return: _____ a.m. p.m. Location of Return _____
(circle one)

Please tell us where you plan to visit? (Will you travel out of town? Where will you go? Will you meet for lunch/dinner, etc.) _____

Response:

Head of Delegation/Head Coach Response:

Visitation **approved** as requested

Visitation **declined**

If visitation is not approved, please explain: _____

Name of Head of Delegation/Head Coach: _____

(please print)

Signature of Delegation/Head Coach: _____

Guidelines: family Visits with Athletes

Families are oftentimes the backbone to an athletes' year-round training program. While we understand a family's desire to visit with athletes, some "housekeeping" parameters must be instituted to ensure the safety and security of all during the 2001 World Games.

Each Head of Delegation (HOD) is considered the final decision maker on Athlete/Family visitation during the 2001 World Games. Heads of Delegations will also subscribe to the following parameters when considering visitation requests:

- NO family member(s) will be permitted in any athlete residence hall or hotel room. Therefore, this will not be a place where families and athletes can meet. If visitation with athletes is desired, families must complete an *Athlete/Family Visitation Request Form* or families may consider spending time together at Special Olympics Town during the days that Special Olympics Town is open to the public.
- Families will not have access to the field-of-play at competition venues; therefore, families should not consider competition venues as a place to visit with their athletes. However, families and athletes may choose to visit in the family lounge or sit together in family seating at competition venues.
- Families must submit a written request for visitation by 1500 (3:00 p.m.) the **day prior** to desired visitation date(s). For example: A family member would like to meet her daughter, a Special Olympics athlete for dinner on Thursday, March 8. The family member must submit a request for visitation no later than Wednesday, March 7, by 1500.
- Family members may obtain the visitation request forms at the Family Service Center, Family Lounges or at Information Service desks located throughout the 2001 World Games Venues. Requests will be forwarded to the Village where the athlete is residing for the Games. HODs will be requested to approve or disapprove the request and return it to Delegation Services prior to 2000h the day the request is received. Families will be notified as soon as a decision is made or no later than 0800 (8:00 a.m.) the day after the request is received. Families will be notified to pick up and return athletes at specified times in the Delegation Services area of each Athlete Village. All athlete visits will be coordinated through Delegation Services.

Host Team Program and Family Members

This program is a unique opportunity for schools and community groups of Anchorage to host visiting athlete delegations. This program is not offered to visiting family delegations but rather an opportunity for the hosting organizations and athletes to learn about different countries, cultures and sports.

Specialized services

Information Services

Information Services desks will be located at competition, auxiliary and village venues. Information Services attendants will provide updated materials to keep families and spectators informed about sporting events, special events, community information and attractions. Information Services will also be the contact point for lost and found, directions to venues and transportation systems, as well as general questions regarding Special Olympics, the 2001 World Games and Alaska. Hours of operation are:

Competition Venues: Open one hour before competition begins and remain open until the venue closes.

Special Olympics Town: Open throughout Special Olympics Town festivities.

Opening and Closing Ceremonies: Open one hour before Ceremonies begin and remain open until the venue closes.

Ted Stevens International Airport: Open when delegations' flights arrive.

Villages Information Desks: Open from 0530 until 2200. Several Village Information Desks will close mid-day when athletes and coaches are at Competition Venues. You may also obtain information at the two official family hotels. Hours are:

Hampton Inn	February 28 – March 12	0600 - 2000
Inlet Tower Suites	February 28 – March 12	0600 - 2000

Language Services

Volunteer interpreters will be available at all venues to help people who need language assistance. They will be easily recognized wearing bright pink armbands. If you are unable to locate a volunteer interpreter and have an emergency, please seek a uniformed volunteer or Games staff person; they will contact language services for assistance.

Recycling

During the 2001 World Games, we will be recycling thousands of cans, bottles and paper products. There will be recycle bins at all venues and the dining halls. Your contribution in making this event an environmentally friendly one is greatly appreciated.

Spectator Services

1. Restrooms, concession stands and telephones for spectators will be provided at every venue.
2. Information services will be available when the venue is open to spectators.
3. Spectator services include:
 - General information concerning the 2001 World Games sport competition and events schedules
 - Venue information (policies, directional information, parking and handicap accessibility)
 - Program information (schedules for Games-related events)
 - Locations and availability of licensed merchandise for sale
 - Transportation information (travel routes and public transportation to the venues)
 - Emergency services information (where and how to locate medical, fire, and security personnel, and the location of nearby hospitals)

4. Each venue will have one Information Services area. In addition to its primary functions, this area will serve as the primary “lost and found” and “lost person” area.
5. Only publications approved by the 2001 Games will be distributed inside the venues.
6. Non-venue-related paging over the public address system is prohibited except in cases of medical emergency. Paging must be approved by the venue coordinator or GOC management.
7. No messages, videos, etc. will be placed on scoreboards.
8. Reasonable efforts will be made to contact spectators in the event of medical emergencies.
9. There will be no Games-provided spectator bus/transportation services—only properly credentialed participants may utilize Games transportation.

2001 World Games Merchandise

2001 World Games Merchandise will be available at all Sport Venues and Special Olympics Town. Proceeds from the sale of the official logo merchandise helps support the 2001 World Games. The Merchandise Order Form (see Family Welcome Packet) lists all products available for sale, to date. You may also view and purchase merchandise on the 2001 World Games web site (www.2001worldgames.org).



Community events calendar

February 1-March 31



"Alaska the Greatland" & "Alaska Earthquake Exhibit"

Location: The Alaska Experience Theatre **Open 1130 – 1900**
Phone: 907-276-3730

Tour inter-active displays, feel the ground shake & rumble under your feet, and enjoy the majesty of Alaska's wildlife and scenery in an Omni theatre

February 1-25



"Wrapped in Pride: Ghanaian Kente and African American

Location: Anchorage Museum of History & Art
Phone: 907-343-4326 **(Tues-Sat. 1000 – 1800 / Sun 1300 - 1700)**

Explores the rich variety of traditional Asante and Ewe kente, how it is woven, the ways it is traditionally worn, and the meaning attached

February 1-March 25



"Earth, Fire and Fibre"

Location: Anchorage Museum of History & Art
Phone: 907-343-4326 **(Tues-Sat. 1000 – 1800 / Sun 1300 - 1700)**

Biennial statewide craft exhibition which attracts entries from all around the state.

February 18-April 1



"No Boundaries X" Exhibit

Location: Anchorage Museum of History & Art
Phone: 907-343-4326 (Tues-Sat. 1000 – 1800 / Sun 1300 - 1700)

Traveling exhibition showcasing artwork by Northwest artists with disabilities.

March 2



"Iditarod...A Far Distant Place"

Location: Anchorage Museum of History & Art
Phone: 907-343-4326 Time: 1900

A journey of challenge and courage, 3 mushers brave arctic temperatures, exhaustion, and difficult terrain to find purpose and self-knowledge.

Community events calendar

March 2

"Iditarod...A Far Distant Place"

Location: Anchorage Museum of History & Art

Phone: 907-343-4326 Time: 1900

A journey of challenge and courage, 3 mushers brave arctic temperatures, exhaustion, and difficult terrain to find purpose and self-knowledge.



March 3

The Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race Time: 1000

Location: In downtown Anchorage on 4th Avenue.

Contact: <http://iditarod.com> Phone: 907-376-5155

"The Last Great Race" - the musher's ultimate challenge. Teams will race through the heart of Alaska's wilderness, a 1,049 mile course.



March 3 & 4

Alaska Native Arts and Crafts Spring Bazaar

Alaska Native Arts and Crafts Time: 1000 – 1800

Spring Bazaar



March 9 & 10

Semi-Professional Hockey:

Tacoma vs. Anchorage Aces

Location: Sullivan Arena Game time: 1900

Phone: 907-258-2237 Web Site: www.anchorageaces.com



March 11

Native Film Series presents "Second Sunday Cinema"

Location: Alaska Native Heritage Center

Phone: 907-330-8000 Time: 1430



Competition venues



Alpine Skiing
1000 Arlberg Road
Girdwood, Alaska

Alyeska Resort



Cross Country Skiing
6401 Raspberry Road
Anchorage, Alaska

Kincaid Park



Figure Skating
11111 O'Malley Centre Drive
Anchorage, Alaska

Tesoro Sports Centre



Floor Hockey
5800 Lockheed
Anchorage, Alaska

Federal Express Hangar



Snowboarding
7015 Abbott Road
Anchorage, Alaska

Hilltop Ski Area



SnowShoeing
6401 Raspberry Road
Anchorage, Alaska

Kincaid Park



Speed Skating
13701 Old Glenn Highway
Eagle River, Alaska

Harry J. McDonald Memorial Center

Family village information

Inlet Tower Suites

1200 L Street
Anchorage, Alaska

Official Family Hotel
Family Welcome Center

Telephone: 1 (907) 276-0110

Fax: 1 (907) 258-4914

Family members who pre-registered for the 2001 Special Olympics World Winter Games may pick-up official credentials and obtain family specific information. Additionally, families desiring to attend special events may sign up here.

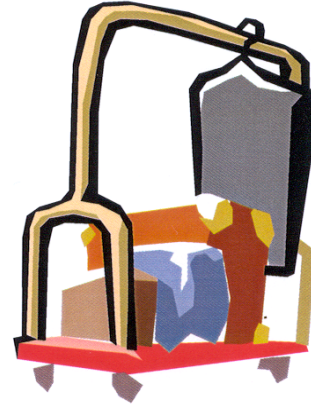
The Inlet Tower Suites offers complimentary shuttles to/from the Ted Stevens International Airport and to the Egan Center. Please consult with hotel staff for schedules and reservations. As a guest, you may choose to enjoy the lounge and restaurant conveniently located on the main floor. The hotel offers coin-operated laundry services located on basement level, pick-up dry cleaning, microwave, coffee makers and refrigerators in rooms, free local phone calls and complimentary continental breakfast.

Hampton Inn

4301 Credit Union Drive
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Telephone: 1 (907) 550-7000

Fax: 1 (907) 561-7330



The Hampton Inn is conveniently located in midtown Anchorage, minutes from the Ted Stevens International Airport, shopping and restaurants. Guest services include: complimentary continental breakfast, 24-hour shuttle service to and from the airport, and as available—shuttle service to local businesses. The hotel features a pool, spa, and fitness center, a guest laundry facility, dry-clean pick up service and a business center. Guest rooms contain a refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker, hair dryer, iron and ironing board, and color cable TV.

Non-competition venue information

Venue

Alaska Center for the Performing Arts
621 West Sixth Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska

George M. Sullivan Arena
1600 Gambol Street
Anchorage, Alaska

William A. Egan Center
555 West Fifth Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska

Events

Parents' Reception
Family/Athlete Entertainment
Global Family Forum

Opening Ceremony
Closing Ceremony

Special Olympics Town



Special programs

Airport Operations

All international travelers arriving and departing the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport are expected to adhere to United States Customs Service Regulations. Please contact your airline or U.S. Consulate Customs Information Office for further inquiries.

All passengers on international flights departing from Anchorage, Alaska, are required to process luggage and goods within U.S. Customs Service Regulations before departure. The 2001 World Games recommends that all passengers on international flights arrive at the airport **three hours** before scheduled departure time to allow for processing of all luggage and goods. Passengers on flights departing from Anchorage, Alaska, to another gateway city in the U.S. are expected to transfer through U.S. Customs Service at the gateway city before continuing travel back to their country of residence.

The average processing time of International Customs Service can range from ten 10 minutes to 45 minutes. Please allow for ample time to clear Custom Service Regulations.

Ceremonies

While the core of 2001 World Games is athletic competition, two important events will frame the Games. Opening and Closing Ceremonies celebrate the athletes and their achievements with entertainment and pageantry on a scale suited to such a world-class event. The ceremonies will be staged in the George M. Sullivan Arena.

Host Team Program

The 2001 World Games Host Team Program is designed to enable athletes and their coaches to experience Alaskan culture and to take advantage of sports training opportunities in Alaskan conditions. Forty seven nations have chosen to participate in the 2001 World Games Host Team Program (HTP). Host Teams are comprised of students, educators and community organizations who will learn have an opportunity to interact with individuals with different abilities from different backgrounds. The host teams will also lead their school and community organizations in Special Olympics activities and will form Spectator Teams to attend competitions and cheer for their delegation's athletes and teams.

Law Enforcement Torch Run: Final Leg

The Law Enforcement Torch Run "Final Leg," is the world's largest grassroots fundraiser and benefits Special Olympics. The torch's "Flame of Hope" symbolizes hope, accomplishments and brotherhood of competition. It will be lit in ancient Olympic tradition by rays of sun opposite the Acropolis in Athens, Greece. The Flame will then travel to the Alaskan Frontier. Protected by nearly 100 Law Enforcement Officers and 10 Special Olympics athletes running as "Guardians of the Flame," the excitement of the event will continue to grow until the Flame reaches its final destination in Anchorage, Alaska. There, an officer and a Special Olympics athlete together will light the cauldron at the 2001 World Games Opening Ceremony on March 4, 2001. Lighting the cauldron will signal the official opening of competition for the 2001 World Games.


Special Olympics Town


Egan Civic & Convention Center, 555 W. Fifth Avenue, Downtown Anchorage:

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A variety of interactive activities and learning opportunities are available for athletes including gold panning, arts and crafts, a climbing wall, Iditarod photo arch, karaoke, arcade games, flight simulators, virtual fishing, Bird Treatment & Learning Center demonstrations and a variety of entertainment. Special Olympics Town will be an important place for athletes to make friends, learn and relax while not competing.

 **Worldfest**
2001 World Games sponsors will host a variety of booths throughout the Egan Center that offer interactive activities, information and mementos for visiting participants. Worldfest will be open to the general public during limited hours.

 **Healthy Athletes**
A variety of medical screenings will be offered to athletes at Special Olympics Town free of charge. The goal is to reach a higher percentage of athletes in Alaska than at any other World Games.

Medical screenings will be conducted by several hundred health professionals, 100 of whom will be trained in Anchorage as clinical directors so that they can return to their home Special Olympics programs and implement Healthy Athlete screenings on an annual basis. Services available will include dental screenings, nutrition and dietetics education (Healthy Smiles), eye tests, new eyeglasses and athletic lenses (Healthy Eyes); and, audio tests (Healthy Hearing). Athletes will also have access to physical therapy (Fun Fitness), Dermatology and Orthopedics. A Health Promotion Center, which advocates physical fitness, good diet, plenty of sleep and other behavioral-based health considerations, will debut at the 2001 World Games in Anchorage.

Athletes receive a report card on their health status and what, if any, follow-up care is needed. They also receive health education on how to prevent disease and improve their health as part of improved athletic potential. They will receive preventative health services, such as mouth guards and protective sports eyewear, as well as glasses and hearing aids, as needed. Athletes also receive preventative supplies such as toothbrushes and floss. Gifts are provided to athletes as a thank you for participating in the Healthy Athletes program.

Healthy Athletes started in 1989 when an optometrist proposed offering vision screening to Special Olympics athletes. An oral health program was added in the 1990s. Healthy Athletes became a regular part of Special Olympics in 1996. It was needed to help Special Olympics athletes improve their health and fitness, which leads to an enhanced sports experience and improved well-being. It also allows the gathering of data on the health status and needs of athletes, which is important for planning, programs, gaining support and improving policies.

Special Olympics Town Hours:

March 1	Special Olympics Alaska Day	0900 - 1500
March 2	Host Team Day	0900 - 1500
March 3	General Public	1100 - 1800
March 4	General Public	1100 - 1600
March 5 & 6	Athletes Only	1400 - 2100
March 7	General Public	1400 - 2100
March 8	Athletes Only	1400 - 2100
March 9	General Public	1400 - 2100
March 10	Families and General Public	1400 - 2100

Decorative Themes:

Special Olympics Town will be decorated to depict a variety of eras in Alaska's history including:

- Gold Rush Days
- Boomtown
- Alaska 3000

School Enrichment Program

The 2001 World Games School Enrichment Program Curriculum (SEP) is an instructional tool developed by educators throughout Alaska. It is intended to provide opportunities for students to be involved in the 2001 World Games, as well as educate youth about abilities and strengths of people with special needs and the advantages of recognizing personal diversity.

By implementing the School Enrichment Program in classrooms, students are provided instructional and authentic experiences that teach skills to be used when transitioning to adulthood as well as promoting the spirit of sportsmanship, as well as physical, social, psychosocial, intellectual and spiritual development of Special Olympics athletes.

The School Enrichment Program has a web-based component that places the printed curriculum materials on the website, where they can be reached by teachers and students around Alaska and around the world. This component is called the Online School Enrichment Network (OSEN) and can be located via the 2001 World Games website at www.2001worldgames.org. In addition to having access to the curriculum materials, students and teachers will be able to interact with friends around the world via Discussion Boards and Chat Rooms.

The 2001 World Games School Enrichment Program provides students many opportunities to learn about people with special needs and celebrating diversity. Inform us of the exciting activities you are doing in your classroom by contacting the School Enrichment Program at 1-907-277-2465 or 1-888-262-2220.

Spectator Team Program

2001 World Games Spectator Teams are excited about the teams' arrivals and are preparing to attend competitions and cheer their hearts out for athletes! Athletes from visiting delegations will be supported at all competitive events by members of an Alaskan Spectator Team.

A Spectator Team consists of at least five individuals who will participate in the 2001 World Games as a cheering squad for athletes or teams from visiting nations. Spectator Teams may be businesses, schools, classrooms, families, church groups, community organizations - or just a group of friends who want to share the experience of the 2001 World Games.

Accessibility Features

The 2001 World Games recognizes people have different ability levels and has, where possible, designed sports venues to accommodate different needs. Some of the features include snow-top pathways, viewing platforms, bathrooms, and transition pieces at doorways. All family lounges at sports venues, with the exception of the Federal Express Hanger, are accessible to individuals using wheelchairs and/or assistive devices. Assistance will be provided where access is not feasible or safe for an individual. Should you need assistance at any time during the Games, please contact a volunteer.

Tentative sports schedule

2001 Special Olympics World Winter Games Alaska Games Wide Schedule

AK Cnt for Perf Arts	Alyeska Skiing	Del. Wel. Center	Egan Cnt SOT/DSC	Fed Ex Fl. Hcky	Family Center	Hon. Gst. Center	Hilltop Snowboard	Kincaid XC - SSH	McDonald Sp Skating	Main Media Center	Reception	Ceremonies	Tesoro Fig Skate	Vol Serv Center
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family Transportation

The Transportation Department of the 2001 Special Olympics World Winter Games • Alaska, Organizing Committee has identified and facilitated the most efficient means by which families may travel to and from official 2001 World Games Venues and functions.

The following means of Transportation are encouraged when traveling to a 2001 World Games Venue:

- Special Olympics Transit Network
- Park and Ride Lots
- Carpool
- Direct Shuttles

Special Olympics Transit Network

The Special Olympics Transit Network is centered on the local Anchorage Public Transit system, better known as *People Mover*. All accredited 2001 World Games participants, including family members, will gain free access to People Mover transit buses from February 20 - March 13, 2001. *People Mover* routes will deliver passengers directly to most 2001 World Games Venues. Some locations may require a transfer (see *Shuttle Information* in this section). *People Mover* service is not available to Alyeska Resort in Girdwood, however, the 2001 GOC will provide limited shuttle services from the Diamond Center shopping plaza via Laidlaw School Buses.

People Mover operates as early as 0600 hours and as late as 2000 hours. (Exceptions may apply to specific *People Mover* Routes).

Route schedules may be obtained from *People Mover* by calling the Rideline at (907) 343-6543. Schedules will also be published in the 2001 World Games Shuttle Guide available in February 2001. Also, don't forget to pick up your official 2001 World Games map from the Information Services desk at your hotel.

Shuttle Information

Transportation will be provided from Dimond Transit Center to Alyeska Ski Resort on a daily basis between the dates of March 4 through March 11, 2001. Three shuttle buses will be available transport family members.

You must present your 2001 World Games credential to board shuttles. Vacant seats will be at a **minimum**. Please review the Shuttle Transport Schedule. Each shuttle will display the appropriate signage for your traveling purpose. Families may ride on Shuttles D, E or F per the schedule below:

Shuttle Transport Schedule

March 4

<u>From Dimond</u>		<u>From Alyeska</u>	
Shuttle D & E	0830		
Shuttle F	1100	Shuttle D, E & F	1400

March 5-10

<u>From Dimond</u>		<u>From Alyeska</u>	
Shuttle D & E	0830		
Shuttle F	1100	Shuttle D, E & F	1600

Park and Ride Lots

Park and Ride lots are another vital link to the Special Olympics Transit Network. Park & Ride Lots can provide a central location for carpooling to 2001 World Games Venues. These lots are located in strategic public areas to provide safety and convenience to accredited 2001 World Games participants. Park & Ride Lots will be available between the dates of February 28 - March 13, 2001 during the hours of 0545 to 2300 hours, unless otherwise specified.

Carpool

For those families who have rented a vehicle while here in Anchorage, carpooling is a final means by which you are encouraged to travel to 2001 World Games Venues. Check with other family members at your hotel to see if they might be willing to “buddy-up” and ride together. Arranging a carpool system between a few people traveling to the same location will aid in reducing roadway congestion during the 2001 World Games.

For special events such as Opening and Closing Ceremonies, buses will transport families directly from official family hotels. Please refer to the 2001 World Games Shuttle Guide in the section titled “Receptions and Special Events” for shuttle schedules. Public parking is not available at George M. Sullivan Arena for either the Opening or Closing Ceremonies.

Free parking is available at all 2001 World Games Competition Venues for families with their own vehicles. Please check with the Information Services desk at your hotel for directions to all locations or go to our web site at www.2001worldgames.org.

In addition, the following transportation systems are offering free or reduced-price rides for credentialed family members:

Taxicabs

Alaska Cab & Handicap Dispatch, Inc.	1-907-563-5353 1-907-258-3434
Alaska Shuttle	1-907-274-2222
Alaska Travel Shuttle	1-907-248-3566
Anchorage Checker Cab	1-907-276-1234
Anchorage Taxicab	1-907-245-2207
Anchorage Yellow Cab	1-907-272-2422 1-907-278-8000
Borealis Shuttle	1-907-276-3600
Denali Taxi Service	1-907-683-2504
Knik Kab	1-907-376-8250

Anchorage Public Transportation

The People Mover	1-907-343-6543
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Airport Shuttles

Alaska Shuttle	1-907-274-2222
Alaska Travel Shuttle	1-907-248-3566
Borealis Shuttle	1-907-276-3600

Airline information

The 2001 Special Olympics World Winter Games• Alaska and US Travel of Anchorage, Alaska are partners in providing services for families and friends traveling to Alaska. For assistance with airline, care rental or tour packages, please call:

1 (888) 841-9383	Toll free in the continental United States
1 (907) 562-8108	Locally or international calls
1 (907) 563-0981	FAX

Airlines carriers servicing Anchorage or ports of entry in the United States:

Alaska Airlines	1 (800) 426-0333
Asiana Airlines	1 (800) 227-4262
Balair	1 (800) 322-5247
China Airlines	1 (907) 248-3603
Condor Airlines	1 (800) 524-6975
Continental Airlines	1 (800) 525-0280
Delta Airlines	1 (800) 221-1212
ERA Aviation	1 (800) 866-8394
Japan Airlines	1 (800) 525-3663
Korean Airlines	1 (800) 438-5000
LTU International Airways	1 (800) 888-0200
Omni Air	1 (888) 225-5658
Northwest Airlines	1 (800) 225-2525
TWA	1 (800) 221-2000
United Airlines	1 (800) 541-6522



Financial services

The American currency is decimal with the dollar as the basic unit (100 cents equals one dollar). Notes come in \$100, \$50, \$20, \$10, \$5 and \$1 denominations. Commonly, coins are exchanged in \$.01 cent, \$.05 cent, \$.10 cent, \$.25 cent and sometimes \$.50 cents and \$1.

There are many financial institutions available to accommodate your banking needs. National Bank of Alaska, a Wells Fargo Company, spans the municipality with 19 branches, many convenient to Games' venues and activities. The financial institution can exchange most foreign currencies at its 5th Avenue Branch conveniently located near most athlete housing and Special Olympics Town. It is found on the ground floor of the 5th Avenue Mall, 320 W. 5th Avenue. The bank is open from 1000 to 1800 Monday- Saturday.

Most U.S. and Alaska businesses readily accept traveler's checks, Visa, MasterCard, JCB and other major credit cards and bank debit cards. ATMS can be found at most branches, grocery stores and gas and convenience stores. ATMS are accessible 24-hours per/day, 7-days per/week. Many are affiliated with the PLUS and CIRRUS networks. Service fees may apply.

Religious centers

Religious Services and Places of Worship

Anchorage is a diverse community represented by individuals of many religious beliefs and preferences. For services befitting your religious preference and customs, please inquire at any of the Information Services desks located at all competitions and family hotels.

postal services

Postal Facilities

There are more than 20 United States Postal Stations in the Municipality of Anchorage. For your convenience, you will find a postal kiosk located at 555 West 5th Avenue, outside the main entrance of Special Olympics Town (The Egan Center). The kiosk will provide international packaging, postage and drop off service. The postal kiosk's services are available to 2001 World Games participants and the general public.

Other convenient locations include:

Anchorage: Postal Store, *Third floor of the 5th Ave Mall by JC Pennies*
Downtown Station, *344 W 3rd Ave in the Postal Mall*
Midtown Station, *3720 Barrow St*

Airport: Main Office (open 7 days/week, 24hours/day)
4141 Postmark Dr, Anchorage

Eagle River: 11471 Business Blvd. by CARRS grocery store, Eagle River

Girdwood: High Tower Road (near the Chair 5 Restaurant)

medical, public safety and emergency procedures

Medical Services

The Medical Committee for the 2001 Special Olympics World Winter Games will provide emergency medical care services for all Delegation Members, Officials, Staff and Volunteers attending the event. This committee has designed several levels and areas of care to ensure for the proper provision of emergency medical services to all constituents. Please keep the following guidelines in highest regard while preparing for your stay.

Medical Support

A complete range of emergency medical services (EMS) will be available to all injured family members at each of the official 2001 World Games venue sites. A designated medical support facility will be available at all competition venues and select non-competition sites. These venue stations will be staffed by licensed and certified medical personnel and equipped with the necessary medical supplies and provisions. The medical personnel will be able to treat minor incidents; all other incidents will be treated at the Poly Clinic or referred to Anchorage EMS.

In the event that a family member needs medical attention, initial treatment may be offered by the on-site medical team; however, situations requiring more definitive treatment at a local medical facility will be at the expense of the individual.

Hotels

Some hotels will be serviced by teams of medical personnel who will be available on site on a 24-hour basis. The medical personnel are located at the hotel to treat any medical emergency that occurs, including responding to a family member's room to assess and treat an individual. If it is not an emergency situation, the medical personnel will treat minor incidents at the hotels and have transportation arranged for individuals who need to go to the Poly Clinic, if necessary. If the medical personnel at the Poly Clinic decide the individual requires additional treatment at a hospital in a non-emergency situation, transportation will be arranged to take them to the hospital. If the incident is serious or life threatening, (whether it occurs at a hotel or Poly Clinic), an ambulance will be dispatched for emergency transportation to the closest hospital. Information to contact this medical care system will be available upon arrival at the front desk and/or Information Services at each hotel (also see 9-1-1 System below).

Poly Clinic

A Poly Clinic is located at HEALTHSOUTH at 4001 Lake Otis Parkway, Anchorage, Alaska, to provide for a dedicated medical care system for all Delegation Members. The Poly Clinic will be able to perform more extensive services to our delegates than the medical operations located throughout the venues. Such services would include, but not limited to, follow-up examinations, administration of pharmaceuticals as needed, x-ray capabilities, casting for fractures and other services too extensive to list. All medical stations at the venues and hotels will have immediate contact with the Poly Clinic when necessary. The Poly Clinic will be available from February 27th - March 12, 2001. Those delegation members requiring medical services before or after those dates should utilize the health care services available to the general public.

Hospitals

In the event that a family member becomes ill or injured, there are several local medical facilities available for treatment:

Providence Alaska Medical Center
3200 Providence Drive
Anchorage, Alaska
Telephone: 562-2211

Alaska Regional Hospital
2801 DeBarr Road
Anchorage, Alaska
Telephone: 276-1131

HEALTHSOUTH (Walk-in Clinic)
3500 LaTouche Street
Anchorage, Alaska
562-1234

HEALTHSOUTH (Walk-in Clinic)
12350 Industry Way
Anchorage, Alaska
345-4343

Girdwood Clinic
10928 Eagle River Road, Suite 150
Eagle River, Alaska
694-7223

HEALTHSOUTH
Hightower Road
Girdwood, Alaska
783-1355

Medical treatment will be the financial responsibility of the individual receiving treatment and will not be provided by 2001 World Games unless the injury occurs at one of the 2001 World Games official venues.

9-1-1 System

For emergency situations, the Municipality of Anchorage utilizes the public access telephone number “9-1-1.” If police, fire department or ambulance is needed for an emergency situation, simply pick up a telephone and dial 9-1-1. This is for serious situations only; please advise your delegation members not to test the 9-1-1 system to make sure it works....it does work!!! Some hotel telephones require that you dial “0” to summon help in an emergency situation. Please check with the hotel staff to determine if your telephone can dial 9-1-1 directly. Remember, if you dial 9-1-1 for a medical emergency, there is medical staff available within the hotel that can quickly respond and begin treatment before the arrival of the ambulance.

Safety

Security personnel will be posted at all Villages, Competition and Non-Competition Venues, special events and other locations where deemed necessary. Security personnel will be identifiable wearing military uniforms and blue armbands or official World Games volunteer uniforms with the word “security” imprinted on the shirt.

Attendees of the 2001 World Games should adhere to the following safety tips:

- Wear your credential at all times and be prepared to show it at all controlled access points. Your credential identifies you as being part of the Special Olympics community and will provide you access to specified athletic venues and non-competition sites. Report all lost credentials to security or the Accreditation Department immediately.
- Keep your belongings in a secure place. Do not leave personal items where they could be accessed easily. Do not leave backpacks, satchels or other containers unattended as they may be seized and searched by security personnel.

- Always let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return. Alaska winters can be very inhospitable so dress appropriately. The weather can change from mild to severe in a very short period of time. Be prepared.
- Report all suspicious persons and incidents to law enforcement or the Security Department. In case of emergency, from a telephone, dial 9-1-1 or the emergency telephone numbers provided.

Telephones

Telephone numbers in the United States have an area code plus seven digits. The area code for Alaska is 907. Calls made within the city of Anchorage require only a 7-digit code. Most local calls are free of charge, unless you are using a pay phone, which costs \$0.25 US. Hotels may apply a surcharge for local calls. Details on specific Hotel surcharges will be available at their front desk. If you are dialing to a community outside the Anchorage-area and to the continuous United States, you will be required to dial 1 followed by the area code and seven digits.

When making an international phone call, you must first dial “011” (the international access code), then dial the country/city code, followed by the local number.

If at anytime you need operator assistance, simply dial “0”.

Be Aware

In the state of Alaska, as with the entire United States, the legal drinking age is 21. Be prepared to show photograph identification with evidence of date of birth when purchasing alcoholic beverages.

A smoking law recently enacted in the municipality of Anchorage disallows smoking in all public facilities, including restaurants and government buildings. There are some exclusions to this law so always check first with representatives of the facility for smoking areas.

When traveling south on the New Seward Highway, all vehicles must travel with headlights on, even during daylight hours. Winter conditions on the New Seward Highway can vary with the day’s temperatures. Avalanches are not uncommon during this time of year. The rule of thumb is to stay back two car lengths when traversing traveling on ice and snow. Consider appropriate winter gear, including appropriate winter coats and boots when traveling out of town. Weather can and does vary greatly from one community to another.

Did you feel the earth tremble? It’s not your imagination! Earthquakes are a phenomena common to Alaska. In the event of any emergency, please follow the instructions of Safety and Security personnel.



Prohibited items

The following items and activities are strictly prohibited in or at all 2001 World Games Venues:

- Alcoholic beverages
- Tobacco products
- Controlled Substances
- Food (except for medical purposes)
- Glass Bottles/Cans
- Laser devices
- Cell phones may be restricted
- Profanity
- Mechanical air horns
- Coolers/ice chests
- Weapons of any kind, including lawfully concealed
- Incendiary devices or explosives
- Animals of any kind except service animals
- No national flags shall be displayed by athletes or any members of any Accredited Program's Official Delegation at any Games event.

Prior to taking pictures or videotaping, please check with each venue regarding the use of flash photography and video equipment.

All patrons are subject to inspection of their person and any bags, containers or clothing capable of concealing prohibited items. You may refuse to be inspected, in which case management retains the right to deny entry.

The unauthorized removal of signage or festive look of the 2001 World Games is a theft. Violators will be prosecuted.

The administration and adjustment of these items is subject to conditions as determined by the 2001 World Games.



Glossary of terms

Glossary of 2001 World Games Terms

2001 Special Olympics World Winter Games □ Alaska

Accessible seating– Seating accommodations for individuals who experience a disability.

Accreditation – Written authorization to conduct Special Olympics activities at the local chapter level; organization united agree to abide by the rules and policies established by SOI and/or chapter; required annually.

Accreditation badge – A credential in the form of a badge containing an individual’s name, affiliation and access privileges.

Athlete – One who participates in a sport; minimum age for Special Olympics is 8 years, with no upper age limit.

Closing Ceremonies – The final ceremony conducted at the end of competition to signify the end of the 2001 World Games. It is scheduled for March 11 at the George M. Sullivan Arena.

Constituents – Someone who is directly or indirectly affected by the 2001 World Games. (This includes athletes, officials, staff, volunteers, coaches, delegation administration, VIP’s, honored guests, media and spectators.)

Delay – If competition does not start within 15 minutes of its scheduled time and is held within two and a half hours of the originally scheduled time.

Delegation – Includes athletes, coaches, official delegates and delegation hosts.

Delegation assistant leader (DAL)– A volunteer who is assigned to a delegation in a non-coaching capacity but with specific responsibilities for athletes outside of competition.

Family Services – Service to assist family members of 2001 World Games’ athletes.

Family Seating- Designated seating for credentialed family members to view competition.

Family Ambassador Program– Matching host families of Anchorage, Eagle River and Girdwood with family members from visiting nations. This is not an in-home stay or billeting program.

Sargent Shriver Global Messenger Program – A program that helps develop the communication skills of athletes. Graduates of the program go on to speak to civic groups, corporate leaders and other community organizations about Special Olympic.

Global Messenger – Special Olympics athletes trained to speak to the public about Special Olympics.

GOC: Games Organizing Committee.

Honored guest – Individuals including the sponsors, special guests, Special Olympics program leadership and celebrities who attend the 2001 World Games.

Information Services – Information desks strategically placed throughout the venues providing information for media, honored guests, families, coaches, athletes and spectators.

Interpretation - Communication in the spoken form, from one language into another (i.e., conversations, speeches).

Language Services –Functional area that provides interpretation services and simultaneous translation when needed for the international delegations.

“Look of the Games” - A design program to create a festive appearance for the 2001 World Winter Games. It appears on all banners, collateral material, decorations and signage.

Medical team – A pre-designated group of medical volunteers are trained to respond to medical situations including a life-threatening incident or emergencies.

Mission Statement– The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for people 8 years of age and older with mental retardation giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

Special Olympics Villages – Participating athlete delegations will be housed in one of four villages:

North Village	South Village	East Village	West Village
Kenai Dorms #1	BW Barratt Inn	Days Inn	Captain Cook
Kenai Dorms #2	WestCoast Int'l	Holiday Inn	Hawthorn Suites
Kenai Dorms #3		Sheraton	Hilton
Matanuska Hall			

Opening Ceremony – Nationally televised ceremony that symbolizes the beginning of the 2001 Special Olympics World Winter Games • Alaska. It is scheduled for Sunday, March 4 at George M. Sullivan Arena.

Postponement – When a competition cannot take place in the scheduled time session, it will be rescheduled to another day and/or time session.

Prohibited items – Items that are not permitted into a venue.

Signage – Visual method to identify locations and way-finding within venue; also banners used to recognize a sponsor.

Simultaneous interpretation – Real-time interpretation by use of headsets on receiver.

Unified Sports® - Competition in which Special Olympics athletes are partnered with non-disabled individuals of the same ability level.

Uniform – Articles of clothing that showcase a team identity.

Venue – A self-sustained unit where either a sporting event is conducted (competition), or another 2001 World Games activity, unrelated to a sporting event, is conducted. (non-competition venue)

Volunteer – Invaluable individual dedicated to the Special Olympics movement responsible for contributing countless hours of effort, energy and enthusiasm



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