

Make a bobsled for Countdown to 2010

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One could argue that the awarding of the 2010 Olympics to British Columbia was the biggest event to impact the Province in the last ten years. With 2010 a mere four years away, the local Spirit of BC Committee, and the Comox Valley at large, are catching Olympic fever.

On Saturday, February 11, the Spirit of BC Committee will host the annual Countdown to 2010 event in Downtown Courtenay. The celebration will embody all that is the Olympics with activities like the Parade of Flags, terrific entertainment, and the wild and crazy Sprit Bobsled Race.

"The Countdown to 2010 event allows us to celebrate the coming of this once-in-a-life-time experience of the Olympics being held in BC and the Comox Valley has a special relationship to the winter games," says Randy Wiwchar, member of the Comox Valley Spirit of BC Committee, "With Mount Washington in our backyard, we are all proud to be the only community on the Island with such amazing and accessible winter product."

The event will also feature a Pancake Breakfast by the Evergreen Seniors, a Four-H Club Petting Zoo and Face Painting, free cake from Strand Bakery, and hot dogs and hot chocolate from Thrifty Foods, and much more.

One of the best ways to get involved is to strike a team of four and registered for the zany Spirit Bobsled Race. The race will see teams build a bobsled on wheels to race around a track course at Simms Millennium Park. Each team will be designated a specific country (including a Jamaican Team), and consist of 4 "Bobbbers"; 2 teammates on the sled and 2 teammates to push the sled around the track.

"The sleds can be made out of any type of material; aluminum, plastic, recycled material, and paper. All you need is your imagination!!!" says Liz Tribe, one of the race organizers.

The entry fee for each team is \$50. A portion of the entry fees will be donated to support the Vancouver Island Mountain Sports Society, to assist young local athletes in pursuit of their athletic dreams. The remainder will be awarded to the fastest bobbbers and the best decorated team and sled.

For more information about the Spirit Bobsled Race

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