

The Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame & Museum Sports Heritage Education Program

The Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame & Museum is a wonderful educational resource for teachers and students of all grade levels. Located at 219 May Street South, in downtown Thunder Bay South, our facility includes a sports museum featuring exhibits on a variety of different sports, a hall of fame honouring our citizens and a reference library and archives for research purposes. Our education programs have been created to provide northwestern Ontario students the opportunity to learn about their rich and proud sports heritage.

On-site programming opportunities, geared to different grade levels, are available for educators and their students. **An excursion to the Sports Hall of Fame** to participate in a structured program allow students to learn about their local history, view artifacts and photographs from the past and develop a sense of community pride. Located in close proximity to the Brodie Street Library, City Hall and the Thunder Bay Museum, a visit to the Sports Hall of Fame can be combined with another excursion.

In addition to our on-site education programs, we are also pleased to have available for educators a variety of **Sports Heritage Education Resource Materials**. These resource materials have been designed to follow the Ontario curriculum expectations, to assist teachers with the delivery of sports history education, and to build pride in citizenship among the youth of our communities. These resource materials provide Lesson Plan ideas for such subjects as Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, Physical Education, Art, History and Geography and are divided into grade levels including Grades 1-2; 3-4; 5-6, 7-8 and 9-12.

The lessons include both individual and group activities, and individual and group work projects. With Canada hosting the 2010 Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver, the Olympic theme has been included in our educational programming for the 2009/10 academic year. Students visiting the Sports Hall of Fame will learn about the contributions made by the citizens of northwestern Ontario to our proud Olympic history and see artifacts from the Olympic Games dating back to the 1930s.

We hope that our Sports Heritage Education Resource materials will be of assistance to you in the classroom and we encourage you to consider combining these activities with an excursion to the Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame. To request a copy of the sports heritage resource materials for your grade level (available in either electronic or hard copy) or to book a class excursion to the Sports Hall of Fame call 622-2852 or email us at nwosport@tbaytel.net.

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