

700 applications needed ? Volunteer for the 2015 Pan Am Games

The 2015 Pan Am Games will need at least 700 enthusiastic and passionate people, age 16 years and older, to be Games-time volunteers.

Selected volunteers will be based in Caledon when the town hosts the top equestrian athletes in dressage and jumping from the Americas and Caribbean in the summer of 2015 at the newly upgraded Caledon Pan Am Equestrian Park. Positions range from anti-doping and medical services, to ticketing and venue management.

“Caledon is a great town, filled with proud, civic-minded residents who can't wait for the world to come and visit us in July 2015,” said Mayor Marolyn Morrison. “That's why I'm encouraging residents to volunteer.”

It takes just 20 minutes to apply for a shot at the experience of a lifetime. Interviews start this month. The volunteer recruitment drive is presented by Chevrolet.

“As a high performance athlete and National Team member, I was always conscious and appreciative of the massive volunteer effort and commitment that was required to run the large multi-sport competitions I was privileged to participate in,” said Erin Woodley, Olympic silver medal winner on the Canadian synchronized swimming team at the 1996 Games in Atlanta. “I attended my first Pan Am Games in Cuba in 1991 as a member of the Canadian National B Team. Those Games were my first major multi-sport competition. Participating in them inspired me to set my sights on the 1996 Olympics and gave me a taste for what a thrill and honour it is to compete for Canada on the world stage.”

All Games-time volunteers will obtain access to exclusive promotions and events, including discounts on merchandise, as well as receive a keepsake uniform, training for their positions and a volunteer certificate from the Province of Ontario to help them stand out in today's job market.

For more information on the Games and volunteering, visit TORONTO2015.org/volunteer