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City of Toronto to host the 2012 Ontario Summer Games

The countdown to the 2012 Ontario Summer Games began today at Toronto City Hall with the official launch celebration of the year-away milestone. The City of Toronto will host the Games from August 16 to 19, 2012, in partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport, the Sport Alliance of Ontario, the Toronto Sports Council and Tourism Toronto. Today's launch also served as a call for volunteers to register to assist in hosting the Games.

"The Ontario Summer Games are a great example of how the McGuinty government is supporting the development of amateur sport. These Games will provide excellent competition experience and a chance for young athletes to compete in world class facilities. I am confident the City of Toronto will do an exceptional job making this a memorable event – Torontonians and visitors alike will look forward to cheering for our young athletes in August, 2012," said Margaret Best, Minister of Health Promotion and Sport.

"The City of Toronto is pleased to host the 2012 Ontario Summer Games," said Deputy City Manager Brenda Patterson. "We welcome to Toronto the thousands of young athletes who will participate, as well as volunteers, spectators and tourists. The 2012 Ontario Summer Games provide the City of Toronto with an opportunity to promote the positive development of youth through sport."

"Hosting the Ontario Summer Games is a tremendous opportunity for the City of Toronto" said Rahul Bhardwaj, Chair of the Organizing Committee for the Games. "The Toronto region is going through an incredible transformation in its support of amateur sport. The Ontario Summer Games represent an opportunity to engage the city in a time of support and celebration for young athletes particularly through volunteerism."

The Games will bring together almost 2,500 athletes competing in 28 sports in multiple venues across Toronto and surrounding regions, as well as coaches, managers and officials from across the Province. The Games are a unique opportunity for many young athletes, as the multi-sport competition serves as a stepping stone to many national and international competitions.

To register as a volunteer at the Ontario Summer Games, visit www.2012ontariosummernames.ca

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