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Re: 2023 Southern Alberta Summer Games

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On behalf of the Southern Alberta Recreation Association (SARA), we regret to inform our regions that the Southern Alberta Summer Games will not be held this summer. Impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic have placed difficulty on our regions and communities, and as such we were not able to secure a host community for the 2023 Games.

The SARA Board is working with a community and is planning to host the Southern Alberta Summer Games in 2024. This announcement will be made in the following months. In addition, we have released a letter asking regions and communities to consider hosting these Games into 2025 and 2026.

“We recognize that these grass roots Games are important to our communities and residents and we are looking forward to working with our 2024 host to bring the Games back after a four year hiatus,” says Kara Brake, Chair of the Southern Alberta Summer Games. “We appreciate the communities that considered hosting in 2023 and look forward to their continued interest in future Games.”

The last time the games were held in Pincher Creek in 2019, for the 50th Anniversary SASG where over 2,000 athletes attended the 4 day festival. Our newly updated website can be accessed at <https://www.southernalbertasummernames.ca/>

The SARA Board is currently looking for members who are passionate about recreation in Southern Alberta, please reach out if you would like to be part of this longstanding organization.

The Southern Alberta Summer Games have been occurring annually since 1970, making it the longest, consecutively-running, multi-sport event in Western Canada, celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2019 in Pincher Creek. It is the purpose of the Southern Alberta Summer Games to provide a vehicle by which all communities have the opportunity to become involved in a meaningful sports program, which, through mass participation is dedicated to the development of the individual and encourages sportsmanlike conduct.

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