



Canadian Adaptive Snowsports – National Capital Division
Sports de Glisse Adaptés Canada (CADS) – Division de la Capitale Nationale

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In February 2024, the Canadian Adaptive Snowsports - National Capital Division will be hosting our 12th Annual Winter Sports Clinic (WSC) for injured Canadian soldiers and veterans. The WSC includes adaptive skiing and snowboarding providing rehabilitation through adaptive sports.

We are hosting the 2024 clinic at Calabogie Peaks February 3 - 9, 2024. We anticipate hosting 30 Canadian injured soldiers and veterans. While smaller than previous years' number, this reflects input provided by participants to provide a meaningful and supportive rehabilitation environment. Testimonials from previous participants included stating the clinic "changed their lives". A participant that I had the pleasure of instructing shared with me that his adult daughter saw a picture of him at the clinic that he had left on his car seat. With tears in her eyes, she said it was the first time she could remember seeing her father smiling. He went from a reclusive lifestyle to becoming a yogi, who mentors others in the field. These accomplishments have come through the support of our volunteers and the generosity of our sponsors. We enjoy welcoming former participants to participate on the organizing committee.

The Legions have been generous supporters of our efforts. We believe the clinic is a great fit for the Legion and are again asking the Branches to consider sponsoring the 2024 clinic. Our event budget for the 30 Canadian participants and spouses or caregivers along with 30 instructors and support volunteers for meals, lift tickets, equipment rental and accommodation will exceed \$115,000. As a corporate sponsor, the Legion is spotlighted in our promotional material and on the hill during the clinic as well as the opportunity to meet the brave men and women who accept the challenge of this clinic.

Rehabilitation is vital to our injured Canadian soldiers and veterans, and one of the best ways to regain confidence after injury is through sports and camaraderie. On behalf of the Canadian Adaptive Snowsports – National Capital Division and the Winter Sports Clinic participants and volunteers, we thank you for your time and consideration. We will continue to keep you informed of the 2022 Winter Sports Clinic. For further information please have a look at www.cads-ncd.ca under the "Winter Sports Clinic" link on the left or contact me at 613 862-8386 or m.stagg@live.com.

Sincerely,
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